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## News in brief

Kuwait Foreign Minister  
in quarantine

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah confirmed that he has tested negative for COVID-19. He added in statements to Al-Rai Arabic daily that he and his delegation are currently in quarantine after returning from Pakistan. This follows the news of Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan testing positive to the virus.

## Vaccine mobile clinics

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Health plans to launch this week a mobile clinic service across Kuwait to offer COVID-19 vaccines in order to speed up the vaccination process, according to a report published by Al-Jarida Arabic daily yesterday.

## Eight children a day

KUWAIT: An average of eight children enter the COVID-19 wards at Jaber Hospital every day, up from one to two children in the past few months, health officials have warned in a report published by Al-Qabas Arabic daily yesterday.

## Dollar stable at KD 0.301

KUWAIT: The exchange rate of the US dollar was stable at KD 0.301, while the euro dropped to KD 0.359 yesterday, compared with Thursday's rates. According to the daily bulletin of the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK), the sterling went down to KD 0.419, Swiss franc dropped to KD 0.424 and the Japanese yen was stable at KD 0.003.

## Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: People shop at the Mubarakiya Market in the capital Kuwait city on March 20, 2021. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat



KUWAIT: Chief of the Kuwait Fire Force Lieutenant General Khaled Al-Mekrad meets with Pakistan's Ambassador to Kuwait Syed Sajjad Haider.

KFF chief discusses mutual issues  
with Pakistan ambassador

KUWAIT: Chief of the Kuwait Fire Force (KFF) Lieutenant General Khaled Al-Mekrad met in his office yesterday Pakistan's Ambassador to Kuwait Syed Sajjad Haider. The meeting discussed issues of common interest and ways to enhance bilateral

ties, KFF said in a statement to the press. Lt Gen Mekrad conveyed to Haider the greetings of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, it added. — KUNA

Kuwait Insurance  
Regulatory Unit  
issues regulations

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti Insurance Regulatory Unit has issued Decision (1/2021) for organizing the sector. The unit's head, Mohammad Al-Otaibi, said in a statement on Saturday that issuance of the regulations ushered a new phase with respect of supervision and organization, indicating that the rules could be revised in the future. He boasted that the regulations were worked out although the division was established not a long time ago. The division operates in light of the vision of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, calling for tangible achievements that meet citizens' aspirations. Meanwhile, the unit's deputy president, Abdullah Al-Senan, said the executive bylaws would be published in the official Gazette (edition 1527) — incorporating 340 articles. The laws regulate issuance of permits, registration of companies, commitments regarding required solvency, investment policies, arbitration and penalties. Senan has added that the executive bylaw is posted on the division official website: <https://bylaw.iru.gov.kw>. The insurance division, established according to Law 125/2019, is tasked with regulating the sector in a just, transparent and competitive manner. — KUNA

## FRONTLINE HEROES OF KUWAIT

## Student Art Competition 2021



It is our pleasure to welcome each and every youngster to our Student Art Competition. We hope that everyone is ready to create beautiful artworks and show support for our heroes of Kuwait! We're searching for great art – so get your paintbrushes, color pencils, crayons and markers ready. Let your talent flow and start painting. Good luck to our young artists!

- The competition is open to students aged 6-18 years with categories (6 - 8 years) (9 - 11 years) (12 - 14 years) (15 - 18 years) and special abilities students.
- The competition is open to all schools in Kuwait (government and private).
- Submissions are open from February 14, 2021 till March 31, 2021.
- 5 winners from each category will receive valuable prizes.
- All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation.
- All schools and individuals interested in participating in this competition are welcome.
- Participants in the ages 6 - 8 years may use marker colors only.
- You can use any drawing sheet, but of A3 size.
- All artwork must be hand drawn and not computer generated.
- All paintings should be submitted by email at [painting@kuwaittimes.net](mailto:painting@kuwaittimes.net) in PDF format ONLY.
- Participant must include on the bottom of the artwork the following: name, age, email address, phone number and school in legible font.

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Ooredoo Kuwait  
surprises mothers  
with burst of cheer

KUWAIT: It goes without saying that mothers influence us the most and their unwavering compassion impacts us deeply. In view of that, Ooredoo Telecom, the first to introduce innovative digital services in Kuwait, in collaboration with DOH, a local, artisanal, handcrafted donut line, recognized this year's Mother's Day and distributed DOH brunch trays with sentimental message to all the strong accomplished mothers and women in Kuwait.

The campaign came to ensure the fact that Ooredoo proudly embrace all mothers as a highly compassionate figures that not only care for their immediate families and children, but also to their communities and their nations as well.

Ooredoo is aware that this year's Mother's Day is different due to COVID-19, however, even such a global pandemic did not prevent Ooredoo to recognize mothers and celebrate their unconditional love and care for their children self-sacrificingly, their essential role in creating a stable and healthy family

environment, and looking after the whole family's wellbeing.

Mijbil Alayoub, Senior Director, Corporate Communications, Ooredoo Kuwait, said: "Mothers are extremely valuable in the sight of all societies. Not only do they protect their families and their children in particular, but they bear life and give warmth and care. This protection, validates the high premium mothers place on family centrality, an essential component of Kuwaiti womanism. Lovingly and responsibly, the Kuwaiti woman is the mother of all humankind, and thus, unquestionably the supreme mother nurturer."

Alayoub added: "Our collaboration with DOH goes in-line with Ooredoo's corporate social responsibility in supporting talented local businesses, youth and creative minds. And undoubtedly, DOH owns it all."

From her side, Fouz Al-Khonaini, CEO and Managing Partner, DOH, said: "Our shared vision of empowering local talents, and bringing the best experiences to customers and the public, is the goal. Our collaboration with Ooredoo Kuwait came to honor mothers and bring them a joyous experience."



Mijbil Alayoub

NAFO inaugurates  
online Kalolsavam 2021

KUWAIT: National Forum (NAFO) Kuwait, a leading non-profit, socio-cultural organization in the country, recently held the inauguration ceremony for its Online Kalolsavam 2021. The ceremony commenced with the prayer by Nivedita Anil Kumar. The inauguration of the online cultural competition schematized by the association was presided over by NAFO President C P Rajiv Menon. Renowned Mohiniyattam dancer Gopika Varma, a member of the Travancore Royal family in the Indian state of Kerala, inaugurated the function by lighting the traditional ceremonial lamp from her residence in Kowdiar Palace in Thiruvananthapuram, the capital of Kerala State.

The main attraction was the online interactive session with Varma in which she shared her inspirational thoughts and gave advice to upcoming young dancers of NAFO about Mohiniyattam, lifestyle in Royal Palace of Travancore and shared a few beautiful personal moments with NAFO members. Another highlight of the inaugural ceremony was congratulatory messages from Padmabhushan singer K S Chitra

and silver-screen actress Anjali Nair, who congratulated NAFO for the efforts taken in holding an online Kalolsavam amidst the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and the related health and safety restrictions. They conveyed their best wishes to all participants in the kalolsavam.

NAFO General Secretary Vijayakumar Menon welcomed the guests to the online inauguration of the Kalolsavam program and then handed the floor to Bhavana Menon, the compere for the evening. Advisory Board member Rajeev G Pillai delivered the felici-

ation address and wished all participants the best of luck in the competitions. Cultural program convener Unnikrishna Kurup presented the highlights of NAFO Kalolsavam 2021, and summarized the guidelines for all competitions. He noted that the competitions would be conducted in five categories with around 100 participants taking part in the various competitions that will be held from 18 to 21 March. NAFO Kids Nila Ajay, Nandakishore Girish entertained the online spectators with their melodious songs, which were scripted by the NAFO Ladies Wing officials. Around 100 NAFO families participated in the online inauguration, and the program concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Joint Treasurer Rajeev Nair.

