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Al-Jazeera Kuwait office holds vigil for Shireen Abu Akleh

Network commemorates journalist on 100th day since assassination



KUWAIT: Journalists raise pictures of Shireen Abu Akleh during a vigil at Al-Jazeera Media Network's office in Kuwait on August 18, 2022. —Photos by Fouad Al-Shaikh



Saad Al-Saeedi, Al-Jazeera Bureau Chief in Kuwait, speaks during the vigil.

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KUWAIT: Al-Jazeera Media Network organized on Thursday a solidarity vigil at its office in Kuwait in which dozens of journalists and activists participated, to commemorate one hundred days since the assassination of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh.

In a press statement, Saad Al-Saeedi, Al-Jazeera Bureau Chief in Kuwait, said, "A hundred days have passed since the assassination of our colleague Abu Akleh, the correspondent for Al-Jazeera channel, after the occupying regime's military killed her deliberately."

He added, "The bullet killed Shireen, but it did not kill the Palestinian case. Palestine will remain in

the hearts of Arabs. Al-Jazeera Network will continue to chase the killer until he is brought to justice. We spare no effort to take Shireen's right and follow up on the just cause. Shireen is the martyr of Al-Jazeera and the martyr of the Palestinian cause."

Saeedi quoted Al-Jazeera Network statement on this occasion, saying, "Al-Jazeera Media Network, as part of its global campaign to bring

justice to Shireen's soul and reveal the truth to her audience, will continue and through international legal experts to proceed with the procedures for submitting the case file to the Public Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court."

All international human rights and press freedom organizations, governments, journalists, and influencers are focusing their efforts on Thursday, August 18, by demanding

justice for Shireen and holding her killers accountable, he said.

Al-Jazeera described the killing of Abu Akleh as a "blatant murder" that violated "international laws and norms" and said that she was "assassinated in cold blood." The network pledged to file a case at the International Criminal Court in The Hague to investigate her murder.

Demonstrators in Kuwait have taken to Al-Jazeera's office to protest against the killing of veteran Al-Jazeera journalist Abu Akleh. Abu Akleh, 51, was fatally shot on May 11, 2022, when Zionist entity forces opened fire on journalists reporting on raids in the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank.



'Palestine will remain in the hearts of Arabs'

Moi campaigns continue in Mahboula, Jleeb and Khaitan

KUWAIT: For the sixth consecutive day, the Ministry of Interior continued campaigns against violators under the instruction of Acting Minister Sheikh Talal Khalid Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah; this time in Khaitan. "Based on the instructions of the minister and under the supervision of undersecretary Anwar Al-Barjas, the campaign throughout all departments in the ministry continues in order to ensure the security and control in all areas in Kuwait," the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Interior.

The Public Relations Department insists that it will continue its security efforts, specifically in Mahboula and Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh areas. The surprise inspection campaign in Khaitan resulted in arresting many Iqama violators and wanted criminals, it said. "The department urges all citizens to cooperate with the police to combat all negative aspects that occur in our society," it noted in the statement, insisting the importance of holding proper documentation and not harboring any violators.



KUWAIT: Officials during the meeting.

Kuwait sets new regulations for food delivery drivers

KUWAIT: A meeting which included undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, Assistant of Traffic and Operations Major General, Jamal Al-Sayegh and a number of officials from the Ministry of Commerce, Kuwait Municipality and the Public Authority for Food and Nutrition concluded with putting new regulations for food delivery companies.

These regulations include:

1. The driver must have a health certificate from the Ministry of Health.
2. A sticker must be put representing the com-

- pany on the delivery vehicle.
3. The Iqama of the deliveryman must be on the same company he works for.
4. A unified uniform must be assigned to all drivers.

The ministry insisted that all companies must follow all regulations, and legal procedures will be taken against those who violate those regulations starting from October 1.

Municipality shuts down 35 basements

KUWAIT: Kuwait Municipality announced Thursday that a total of 35 violating basements have been shut down in the second week of its inspection campaign on commercial estates. "The campaign with the cooperation of the Kuwaiti Fire Force aims to prohibit the use of basements as storage or stores in violation of licensing regulations," the municipality said in a press conference. "Throughout the second week, a total of 136 tickets and warnings have been issued, 13 basements have been emptied and 36 violating departments have been blocked," the municipality clarified. The municipality stressed the importance of increasing its inspections in all governorates in order to ensure no violations are occurring. — KUNA



Kuwait's PACI wins second ISO certificate

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) announced on Thursday that it had won for the second time, the (ISO/ IEC 27001:2013) certificate for information security management. In a statement, PACI said that this certificate, which is valid for three years, includes providing the highest international standers for all authority systems, especially in the data security, protection programs, facility security and safety. The authority added that this achievement is the result of efforts to protect its data and ensure its information security system. The PACI stated that fulfilling all the regulatory and security requirements for these systems is part of being an information bank that contains the data of all individuals and entities, boasting that its obtaining of this certificate since 2013, is "valuable and unique distinction for the authority." —KUNA

Expatriates' KU scholarships might be canceled

KUWAIT: After the start of Kuwait University's admission of expatriate students who will be studying on their own expense, the Ministry of Higher Education is now studying the cancellation of the scholarship program for 50 non-Kuwaiti high school graduates which the minister selects every year based on their grades.

"Scholarships for 50 students given by the Minister of Higher Education does not make sense and is not fair, given that other students are paying fees for their classes," sources told Kuwait Times. "The previous procedure included accepting expatriates based on vacancies after the acceptance of Kuwaitis and children of Kuwaiti mothers in order to reward high achieving expatriate students, especially since one of the factors that lower KU's rating is the lack of non-Kuwaiti students."

Even though many students have applied for this sponsorship this year, the plans for cancellation is very likely; if not for this year, it will be for the next academic year, according to the sources. "Kuwait University will not increase its sponsorship as many embassies have requested, as current vacancies cannot hold more students, especially since students studying on their own fees, have been accepted," the sources clarified after many embassies expressed its hopes to increase expat students eligible for scholarship.