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News in brief

Traffic, visa fines payment available on 'Sahel' app

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Interior launched new e-services through the 'Sahel' app, including payment of traffic, residency and visit visas' fines. The new services also include paying for deportees' travel tickets and obtaining medical test results for expatriates. In addition, the services include renewal and transfer of temporary visa (article 14) for expatriate residents. The new services come as per instructions of First Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and as part of efforts to make the ministry's services more accessible to the public through use of the latest technology and online methods, the ministry said in a statement.

Earth farthest from sun Monday

KUWAIT: The Earth will be farthest away from the sun next Monday morning in an annual phenomenon known as the Aphelion, said Al-Ojairi Scientific Center for Research in Astronomy Thursday. Head of Public Relations at the center Khaled Al-Jam'an indicated that the distance between the sun and the earth would be 152,096,150 kilometers. He noted that the average distance between the two celestial bodies was at 149,600,000 kilometers, adding that opposite to the Aphelion was the Perihelion, where the earth is nearest to the sun by 147,099,590 kilometers. The next Perihelion will occur in January of 2023, Jam'an revealed. Despite the Aphelion occurring, the temperature in Kuwait and the northern hemisphere this time of the year remain high, he pointed out, adding that was due to the 82-degree angle of the sunrays reaching the earth.

Kuwait deplores Yemen attack

KUWAIT: Kuwait on Wednesday condemned a car bomb attack on the convoy of a Yemeni military official in the southern city of Aden, which left scores of people either dead or injured. Kuwait will always remain vehemently opposed to "all forms of violence and terrorism," a foreign ministry statement underlined, wishing a speedy recovery for those wounded in the attack.

Kuwait oil down to \$116.91 pb

KUWAIT: The price of Kuwaiti oil went down by 55 cents to reach \$116.91 per barrel on Wednesday, compared with \$117.46 pb a day earlier, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) said on Thursday. Globally, Brent crude futures dropped by \$1.72 to \$116.26 pb, as the West Texas Intermediate crude fell by \$1.98 to \$109.78 pb.

Kuwait's May crude oil exports to Japan up 2.2%

TOKYO: Kuwait's crude oil exports to Japan in May rose 2.2 percent from a year earlier to 5.55 million barrels, or 179,000 barrels per day (bpd), up for the third month in a row, government data showed Thursday. As Japan's fourth-biggest oil provider, Kuwait supplied 6.9 percent of the Asian nation's total crude imports, the Japanese Natural Resources and Energy Agency said in a preliminary report. Japan's overall imports of crude oil grew 7.7 percent year-on-year to 2.60 million bpd, up for the 10th straight month. Shipments from the Middle East accounted for 94.5 percent of the total, up 1.6 percentage points from the year before. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) returned to be Japan's No.1 oil supplier, with imports from the country jumping 24.0 percent from a year earlier to 1.17 million bpd, followed by Saudi Arabia with 873,000 bpd, up 5.8 percent. Qatar ranked third with 179,100 bpd and Ecuador fifth with 66,000 bpd, respectively. Japan is the world's-third biggest oil consumer after China and the US. —KUNA

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: A view of the sunset from Kuwait City. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Kuwait backs UN efforts to transform global education

Minister participates in UNESCO-hosted summit in Paris

PARIS: Kuwait on Wednesday said it supports the mission of the United Nations' (UN) cultural agency UNESCO to transform the education sector around the world, citing classroom development as a national priority. The bulk of Kuwait's national development plans often revolves around the goal of educational development, the country's education minister Dr Ali Al-Mudhaf told a UNESCO-hosted summit in the French capital Paris, highlighting such gatherings as a valuable opportunity to hammer out joint plans on the matter. More than 140 of his counterparts from around the world, he said his country plans to set in motion a raft of education

reforms aiming to build an all-inclusive and complete education system, one that caters to the needs of students of all levels and capabilities, he underlined. Describing education as the "greatest tool" to boost human capital, UN chief Antonio Guterres threw his weight behind the talks and UNESCO's mission to achieve quality universal education by the year 2030. Echoing the UN chief's remarks, UNESCO Director General Audrey Azoulay emphasized that the world should strive for exemplary education given the challenges in today's world, saying that that the right to learn should be inalienable for everybody. —KUNA



PARIS: Kuwait's education minister Dr Ali Al-Mudhaf speaks during a UNESCO-hosted summit in Paris, France. —KUNA

Zain launches free Hajj roaming promotion

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, launches its special promotion for customers traveling to perform Hajj this year. The promotion allows postpaid and prepaid customers to keep in touch with their loved ones by using Internet and voice calls at no cost at Hajj locations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Zain launches this special promotion every year to keep customers who travel to the Sacred House connected to each other and to their loved ones for free during Hajj season without any cost from their part. The company is keen on being close to its customers every year by sharing this spiritual occasion with them.

Zain now offers FREE roaming service to its customers performing Hajj only when subscribing to

one of the following packages: the all-new weekly postpaid roaming PLUS package (KD 13) that includes 30 local minutes and 30 minutes to Kuwait during the week, and 3 GBs of daily Internet (fair usage policy applies), weekly postpaid Internet roaming package (KD 7), as well as the weekly prepaid eeZee roaming package (KD 9) that includes 25 local roaming minutes, 25 SMS messages, and 5 GBs of Internet weekly.

Upon their arrival to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, customers can simply manually select Zain KSA as their preferred network and then activate one of the above packages through the Zain app or send ROAM to 99990 for postpaid customers or send 9 to 99990 for prepaid customers. The limited time offer starts from July 1 and continues until July 16 and is only valid at Hajj ritual locations.

Zain continuously offers services that are tailored to match its customers' expectations and needs during their travels, and to keep them connected to their loved ones and businesses with more convenience and around the clock.

By launching this exciting offer, Zain continues to reinforce its leadership position and its pledge in



offering the best services and offers to meet customers' professional and personal telecommunications needs.



KUWAIT: The National Library of Kuwait hosted a workshop to teach children how to build their own libraries. Twenty five kids aged between six and 14 years participated in the workshop, held as part of the library's 'Future Architects' series. —KUNA photos