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Civil Service Commission not pleased with Kuwaitization plans

GCC countries discuss Syria's participation in Arab Summit

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KUWAIT: The Civil Service Commission expressed displeasure with several government bodies and accused them of hindering plans to Kuwaitize ministries and authorities. "Appointing residents on rewards or special contracts systems in notable numbers is a circumvention of the state decision to implement the replacement policy and plans to correct the population structure," CSC said.

Instructions by CSC to concerned authorities indicated that many government bodies suffer from overemployment due to the presence of expats on the rewards system, while their jobs can be carried out by Kuwaiti employees, especially since the majority of the jobs on the rewards system are administrative and do not require special skills or rare degrees. "It is proven that the appointment of residents benefits them at the expense of state

funds, with the inability of administrations to distribute work duties and control employees so they perform their jobs without laxity," it added.

"Government bodies are required to dismiss expat workers on the reward system just like their colleagues who work according to employment grades, especially as the time for completing the Kuwaitization of the government sector is here and supposed to be at 100 percent," the CSC said. It said the appointments do not include service jobs such as office boys and janitors because of a lack of Kuwaiti candidates for such jobs.

Arab meeting

As Algeria is preparing for the Arab Summit to be held in November, and wishes to invite Syria to participate after more than 10 years of absence, high-ranking sources said GCC countries will discuss this issue during the meeting of their foreign ministers to agree on a unified stand on how to

participate, especially since some GCC countries are not ready to accept the return of the Syrian regime to Arab meetings despite the change in events and the resumption of relations between Syria and UAE and Oman.

Sources said Kuwait does not mind attending the summit at a high level, adding the Gulf discussions do not commit countries to participate at a certain level. "Saudi Arabia does think it is necessary for Syria to participate, though it is a sovereign matter for the summit host, especially since the meeting of the ministerial council of the Arab League did not decide whether Syria participates or not, so it is not expected for the Saudi presence to be at a high level and thought to be at the level of foreign minister," sources said. Arab foreign ministries decided earlier to hold the Arab Summit on Nov 1-2, which coincides with the 68th anniversary of the launch of the liberation revolution against French colonialism in 1954.



KUWAIT: The Civil Service Commission.

News in brief

Kuwait's Crown Prince meets top state officials

KUWAIT: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace on Sunday Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem. His Highness Sheikh Mishal also received His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. He also hosted Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Sheikh Talal Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Venezuelan President arrives in Kuwait Monday

KUWAIT: President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Nicolas Maduro arrives in Kuwait on Monday on an official visit, during which he will hold talks with His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

US Dollar stabilizes at KD 0.306

KUWAIT: The US Dollar stabilized on Sunday at KD 0.306, and the Euro dropped by 1.86 percent to KD 0.322 compared with Thursday's rate. The Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) said in its daily bulletin the British sterling pound was down by 1.63 percent to reach KD 0.377, and the Swiss franc by 0.88 to KD 0.310, as well as the Japanese Yen by 0.14 to KD 0.0022. The CBK publishes daily average exchange rates that do not necessarily reflect actual prices of the currencies' trade for the day.



KUWAIT: A doctor is awarded during the ceremony. —KUNA



The Minister of Health Dr Khaled Al-Saeed.



CEO of the Royal Canadian College Dr Susan Moffatt-Bruce.

Over 800 doctors benefited from Kuwaiti training program: Ministry

KUWAIT: The Minister of Health Dr Khaled Al-Saeed said on Sunday that the beneficiaries of the training program of Kuwait Institute for Medical Specializations (KIMS) amounted to over 800 doctors and trainees in various fields. In his speech at a ceremony to renew the institutional recognition of KIMS from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, he added that KIMS' training content included 25 training programs for doctors and an internship program for over 400 doctors currently registered. The COVID-19 pandemic emphasized the importance of Kuwaiti doctor graduates in adapting to the unprecedented

rapidly evolving needs of the health system and highlighted the role of doctors in combating the virus, he stated.

Meanwhile, Secretary General of KIMS Dr Fawaz Al-Refae said in his speech that the renewal of institutional recognition from the Royal Canadian College of Canada reflected KIMS' insistence on institutional excellence and ambition to keep pace with the latest global developments. This stems from the vision of the Board of Trustees and the family of the institute's employees on the importance of recognition and renewal to enhance the institute's performance, he added. In turn, CEO of the Royal Canadian College Dr Susan

Moffatt-Bruce commended in her speech the progress made and KIMS' achievements, pointing out the successful partnership with the institute. Improving postgraduate medical education in Kuwait, the Gulf region and Canada, has a common goal, which is the constant quest to prepare specialized doctors to meet the ever-changing health care needs of patients.

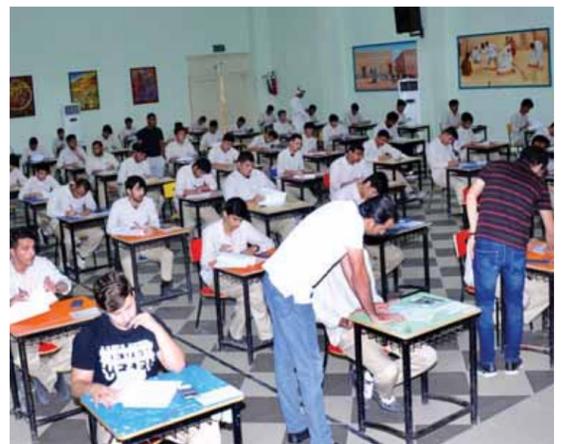
At the end of the event, Refae indicated in statements to reporters that there was communication with some countries to send doctors to them soon, including Sweden, Australia and Singapore. There are several agreements for completion soon, including



Secretary General of KIMS Dr Fawaz Al-Refae.

an agreement with the UK Royal College of General Practitioners and a similar agreement with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, he explained. The partnership with Canada is close, dating back to the eighties, he added, pointing out that there has been an increase in the number of scholarships for Kuwaiti doctors to Canada. —KUNA

Grade 12 final exams start in Kuwait



KUWAIT: Final exams of the second semester of the scholastic year 2021-2022 for the 12th grade students began on Sunday, amid a normal atmosphere. The Ministry of Education has taken all necessary measures for the final examinations for all classes and teaching levels. —Photos by Fouad Al-Shaikh and KUNA