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72.5% of MoE faculty members Kuwaitis, 27.5% non-Kuwaitis

KUWAIT: New hirings in Kuwait by the ministry of education will increase the number of its faculty members from around 88,000 (63,900 Kuwaitis and 24,300 non-Kuwaitis) to around 90,000, mostly in teaching or managerial positions, maintaining the percentage of employees as determined by the Civil Service Bureau at 27.5 percent for non-Kuwaitis and 72.5 percent for Kuwaitis.

Local hirings of faculty members exceeded 167 teachers until last week, which is less than the 1,000 teachers stipulated to be recruited. Foreign contracts are expected to decrease due to prospective employees declining appointments, with the ministry hiring 80 to 90 Jordanian teachers. All new hirings have been done for specific specializations which the ministry lacks.

The administrative sector at the ministry has completed its duties over the preparation for the new academic year. To make up the shortfall in employees, it plans to hire around 790 local and foreign teachers according to the needs of public education. Out of 170 teachers who were interviewed, contracts have been signed with 129 teachers, who will gradually join from October.

An administrative team has been formed to complete procedures regarding new teachers at the health and interior ministries in coordination with Kuwait airport to receive them as soon as approval from the Civil Service Commission is received. The committee appointed to hire teachers from Palestine has contracted around 500 teachers specializing in Physics and Mathematics to make up for the shortage of contracts with Jordanian teachers, which was supposed to reach 280 teachers, as previously the ministry had planned to only contract 365 Palestinian teachers.

Undersecretary resigns

Meanwhile, Education Minister Ali Al-Mudhaf has accepted the resignation of his undersecretary for private education Abdulmehsen Al-Huwaila, effective from Sept 28. Meanwhile, the head of the public service department at the ministry Feras Kurtch, said the department has reinforced some educational areas with more than 940 assistants, as procedures with five cleaning contracts have been completed and five other contracts for security have been finalized. Some will start their services in October and others in January. Kurtch appreciated the efforts of all workers in the ministry, and wished them the best for the upcoming school year.

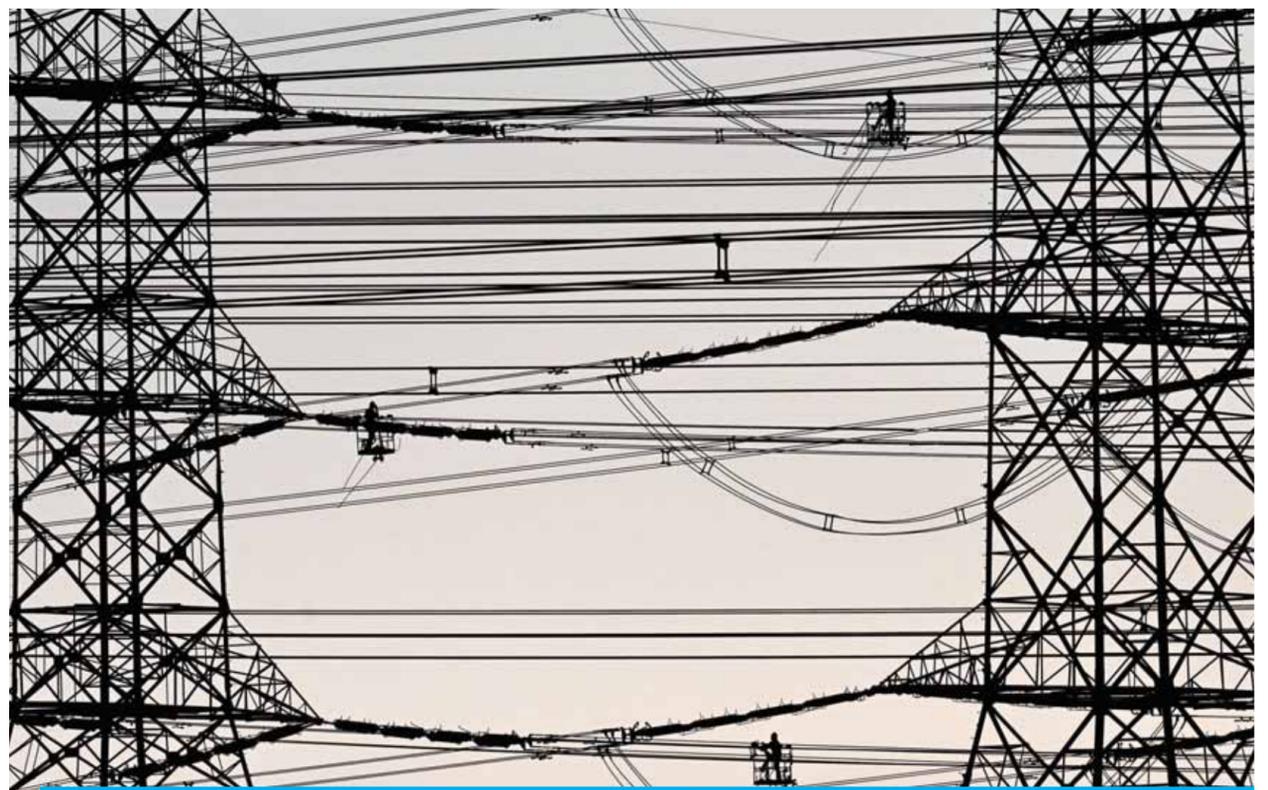
MoI to receive 60 schools for upcoming polls

KUWAIT: The Cabinet will hold a meeting on Monday to review government preparations for the National Assembly elections on Thursday, which will be a national holiday to facilitate the polling process. "The meeting will look at the education ministry's preparation of 60 schools across all governorates for the interior ministry next week, and the Municipality will take over the handing over process, which will ensure their cleanliness before and after the elections. After ensuring the security of election panels, the judicial authority will begin its management of the election with more than a 1,000 judges and prosecutors who will be heading election panels and supervising the election," government sources told Kuwait Times.

The interior ministry has provided service-men to secure election locations and organize movement in nearby streets. "The meeting will ensure the transparency of the election process. The international media will be covering the election at the invitation of the information ministry, who provided them with an information center that is planned to open next week, which will include all communication devices that will facilitate their media mission. Also in attendance will be organizations that will ensure transparent elections to empower democracies around the world," the sources said.

"The Cabinet will meet after the elections for constitutional procedures to officially resign, after which His Highness the Amir will form a new government, which is expected to be led by Sheikh Ahmad Al-Nawaf or someone else after the first meeting of the new Assembly," the sources added.

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: Workers maintain power lines in Jahra governorate. — Xinhua

Spotlight on Kuwaiti movie 'Bas Ya Bahr' at UAE forum



SHARJAH: Actors of the Kuwaiti movie "Bas Ya Bahr" at the Sharjah Narrator Forum. — KUNA

SHARJAH: Eminent Kuwaiti artists have shed light on the Kuwaiti movie "Bas Ya Bahr" during their participation in the 22nd edition of the Sharjah International Narrator's Forum. During a seminar on "sea stories", veteran Kuwaiti actor Saad Al-Faraj spoke about the epic Kuwaiti cinematic film "Bas Ya Bahar", revealing that this movie that had won international awards paved his path to becoming a professional actor.

Faraj also recalled when he used to weep

when his father would go on a diving journey at sea, revealing that the emotions expressed in the film were sincere and mirrored his bitter personal childhood experience. His peer, the equally renowned Hayat Al-Fahad, said she was elated with the honoring of the film's actors, noting that it is also an honoring of the ancestors who earned their bread from venturing into the sea in the olden times.

Actor Mohammad Al-Mansour recalled his late



Sharjah Institute for Heritage honors the actors of "Bas Ya Bahr".

fellow Khaled Al-Sideeq, who played a major role in "Bas Ya Bahr", describing it as a major documentary for Kuwait and the Gulf for shedding light on the perils the ancestors had to endure while seeking to make a living. In another seminar held within the framework of the forum, Kuwaiti writer Talal Al-Rumaidhi addressed attendees with a document on diving heritage in Kuwait, namely diving for pearls. Most natives of the Gulf, in the olden times, used to live by pearl diving, he affirmed. — KUNA

Royal Enfield One Ride 2022: More exciting and engaging

KUWAIT: Kuwait Automotive Imports Co (Al Shaya & Al Sagar), the official Dealers for Royal Enfield, organized the 11th edition of the One Ride event for Royal Enfield enthusiasts in Kuwait. In April 2011, 11 years ago, the first One Ride kick-started, which has now transformed into one of the largest, calendared, annual celebratory ride of Royal Enfield enthusiasts.

With a specific route and destination in mind, some on their own, others with friends - ride freely - purely for the pleasure of motorcycling on their Royal Enfields, a world greatly changed, a world that needs each one of us to be more mindful. We are shifting gears from a ride of just pure pleasure to riding for awareness around responsible travel. A change that will enable us to continue discovering the spaces in which we find energy, beauty, solace, and ourselves. This One ride, the community of Royal Enfield riders, can mobilize their strength to lead this change towards responsible travel by doing their little bit to #LeaveEveryPlaceBetter.

Ashish Tandon, General Manager of KAICO Al Shaya & Al Sagar, said: "We are glad to be associated with a premium brand like Royal Enfield. Through this event, we express the unity that brings together all Royal Enfield riders and encourage the rider community." He announced a special offer of a two-year free service package for new Royal Enfield owners. Vinu Kumar, Sr Divisional Manager (Fleet & Leasing) at KAICO Al Shaya & Al Sagar, a passionate rider himself, said: "It's a great initiative taken to interact with the rider community and address their issues and challenges, providing an amicable solution."



Issa Abdallah, Marketing Manager of KAICO Al Shaya & Al Sagar added: "It was a pleasure to host Royal Enfield enthusiasts in Kuwait. Getting in touch with the riders again on the occasion of One Ride 2022 was a timely opportunity to encourage them to become change agents while they are sensitized about the local ecosystem, community and challenges to ensure that they do their bit".

KAICO team's Shaik Badiur Rahman and Mohamed Ali Koudhai were also present at the event to socialize and communicate with the riders, welcoming them for a check-up of their motorcycles at the dealership. The global adventure touring has successfully established itself as a genuinely worldwide motorcycle and has been among the most sought-after bike for Royal Enfield across several geographies.

The Himalayan 410cc, the event's star, is available at an exceptional price. Developed in 2016,

Himalayan was a category first and a very versatile and accessible motorcycle. Over the years, together with feedback from our riding community, we have consistently evolved the Himalayan design and functionality and improved the overall ride experience. This has resonated very well with millions of adventure enthusiasts worldwide, who now have new variants to choose from. The new Royal Enfield Himalayan will be available in three new colourways - the new Granite Grey, Mirage Silver, and Pine Green.

Inspired by the newly launched motorcycle, Royal Enfield has also bought a new range of apparel. The collection also has a lifestyle apparel range, consisting of a lightweight jersey with armor pockets on shoulders and elbows and a curated range of t-shirts, sweatshirts, and headgear. These will be available across the Royal Enfield dealerships in Kuwait.