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News in brief

1,900 alcohol bottles
seized at Shuwaikh Port

KUWAIT: Kuwait Customs seized 1,900 bottles of alcohol hidden in a container of ceramics that arrived from an Asian country. "The 40-ft container arrived from an Asian country and was not collected for 90 days. So customs followed procedures by sending the container for public auction, where inspectors found the bottles hidden inside," the customs announced.

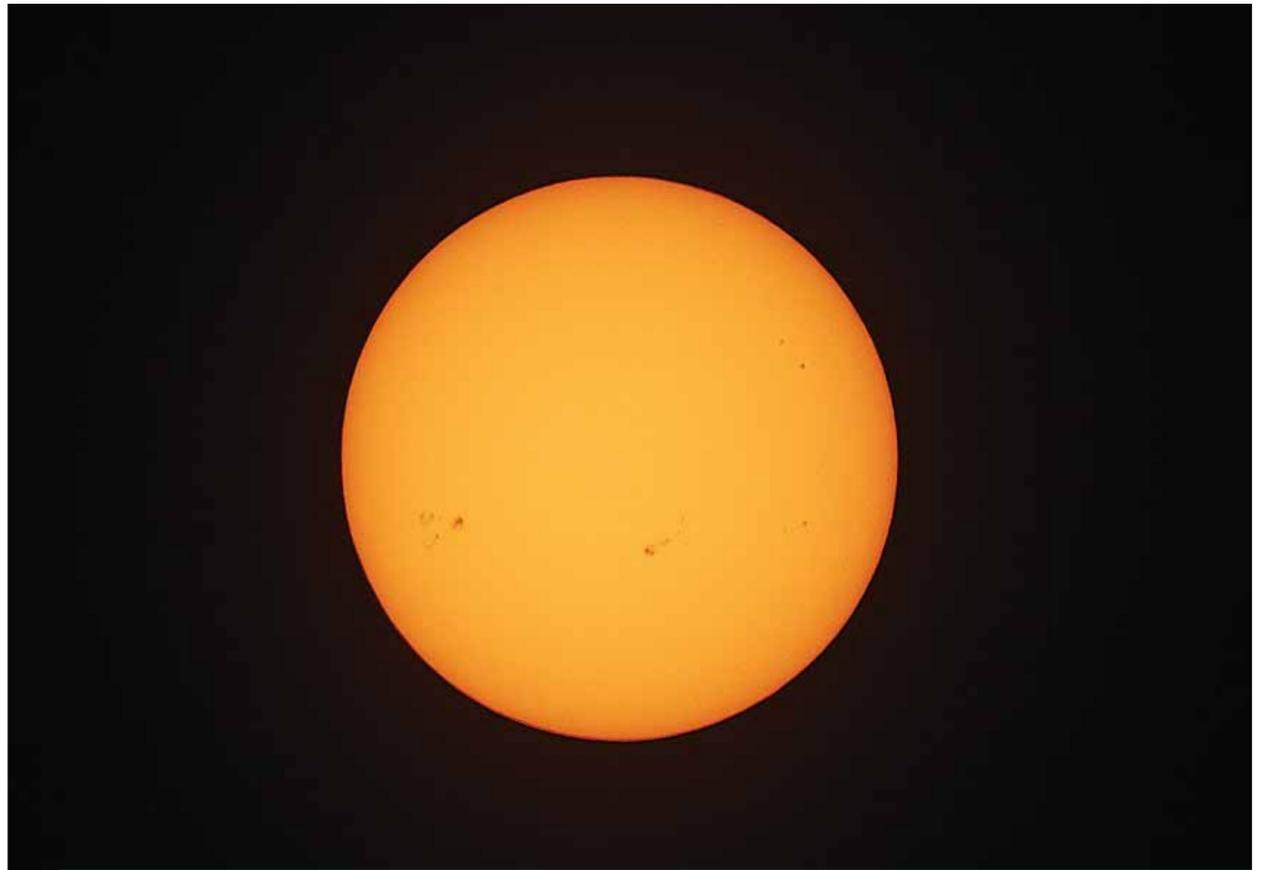
KPS: Pharmacists deserve
allowance for overtime

KUWAIT: Kuwait Pharmaceutical Society insisted pharmacists deserve allowances including overtime and training during off days to be equitable with their colleagues in other medical professions. The Civil Service Commission asked to not allow these allowances as well as to add a decision which allows the health minister to practice all authorities given to the CSC. "The minister showed his understanding for the request and promised to discuss the issue, as the CSC has been contacted to discuss the cadre," the society announced.

Kuwait dinar remains
stable against dollar

KUWAIT: The exchange rate of the US dollar against the Kuwaiti dinar Sunday remained stable at KD 0.306, and the Euro went up by 0.30 percent to KD 0.325, compared with Thursday, said the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK). CBK added in its daily bulletin that the British Pound Sterling went up by 0.43 percent to reach KD 0.370, the Swiss Franc by 0.18 percent to reach KD 0.330 and the Japanese Yen remained stable at KD 0.002. The currency exchange rates as declared by CBK reflect average rates, not actual trade. —KUNA

Photo of the day



KUWAIT: This picture taken on January 8, 2023, from Kuwait City shows a view of the sun and the sunspot regions, AR3182, AR3181 and AR3183 (left) and AR3180 (right).
—Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Growing number of road accidents linked to drug use: Kuwaiti surgeon

Stiffened penalties for law breakers may help rein in traffic accidents

KUWAIT: There is an increasing relationship between narcotic abuse and injuries caused by traffic accidents in Kuwait, said an orthopedic surgeon on Sunday. In an exclusive interview with KUNA, Consultant and head of the orthopedic ward at Al-Razi Hospital Dr Mishal Al-Hadhoud said that driving under the influence of drugs was becoming more predominant in recent years.

Some illicit drugs increase violent tendencies and having that on the road was extremely hazardous, he affirmed,

noting that injuries caused by traffic accidents related to drug abuse were horrific.

Despite no clear-cut correlation between drug abuse and traffic accidents, there were an increasing number of accidents due to driving under the influence in Kuwait, indicating the doctor who gave a rough estimate. In this context, the Kuwaiti doctor pointed out that it is uneasy to check patients' drug use since this matter requires necessary pieces of legislation and laws.

He noted that some countries have stiffened penalties for traffic law-breakers as a successful approach for reining in recklessness and over-speed in a bid to ensure the safety of people, given rapidly rising car accidents. The physician called for establishing a registry to state the cause of accidents in Kuwait to have a better picture of the situation and determine what was needed in terms of laws and preventative measures to curb the number of accidents caused by drug abuse. —KUNA



Dr Mishal Al-Hadhoud



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Burgan Bank takes part in Kuwait's largest job fair: Watheefti

KUWAIT: In a major recruitment initiative, Burgan Bank recently participated in Watheefti, the largest career fair of its kind in the country, which took place at The Arena Kuwait. This event served as an important initiative with which Burgan Bank kicked off the new year: once again reaffirming its commitment to human capital development and the investment in national talents.

Considered one of the biggest recruitment gatherings in Kuwait, Watheefti witnessed remarkable participation from some of the biggest names and brands, from both the public and private sectors. These companies were on hand to help aspiring young professionals explore the available job opportunities in the market. Workshops were also organized throughout the duration of the exhibition, featuring a large number of experts across various fields, including employment, work relations, communication and internal cultures.

In a move highlighting Burgan's commitment to ESG, the Bank's entire recruitment process at the booth was paperless, with applications fully done digitally. Booth visitors also received special giveaways which included small plants, symbolizing growth and the Bank's dedication to sustainability. Moreover, the booth showcased the Burgan Sidra; the Bank's overarching philosophy and community initiative which seeks to celebrate and foster Kuwaiti talents - from customers, to employees, to trailblazers across every sector, all the way to the community at large.

Halah El Sherbini, Group Chief Human

Resources and Development Officer at Burgan Bank, spoke of the Bank's participation in this mega event, saying: "Burgan Bank is excited to begin the new year with a renewed commitment to investing in people and talents. We continue to be focused on our efforts to support, nurture, and develop young Kuwaitis - helping them achieve career success. We are proud to say that we have always been market leaders and early adopters when it comes to human resources. Our investment in talent is long-term and mutual. We seek to attract and acquire the best talent our Kuwaiti market has to offer; by providing exciting, rewarding and exciting career opportunities with a clear path of growth and development."

On the other hand, Abdulwahab Abdullaheem, Senior Recruitment Manager at Burgan Bank, said: "We spare no effort when it comes to supporting Kuwaiti talents. This includes actively participating in all forums, exhibitions and events that contribute to the development of our future generation of business and community leaders. Our participation in Watheefti underlines our whole-hearted commitment to talent acquisition in the long-run. This exhibition was a great opportunity for young men and women who are getting ready to begin their careers to openly explore the job market - and understand what it has to offer. This interactive and engaging platform allowed for a more transparent, informed and empowered recruitment process, ultimately leading to better career choices and better hiring choices." It should be noted that Burgan Bank continues to support and nurture young Kuwaiti talents with a comprehensive program of activities and initiatives. The bank is always keen on creating excellent job opportunities, which contributes to the long-term, sustainable development of the banking sector on the one hand, and the national economy on the other.