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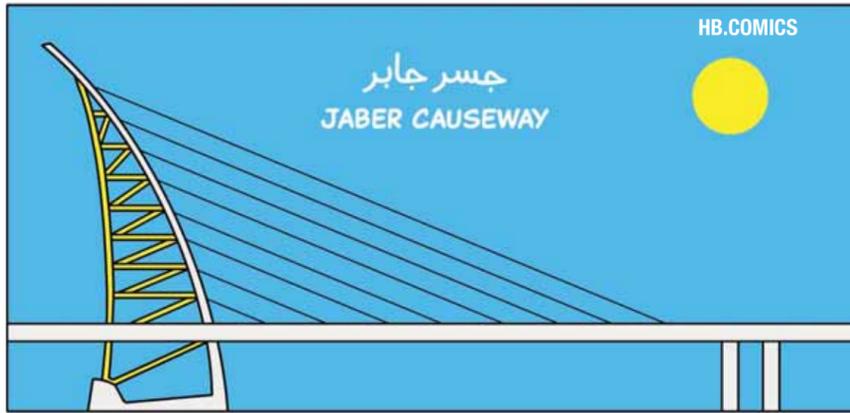
KUWAIT: Mansour Al-Otaibi receives Lisa M Buttenheim. —KUNA

Deputy FM meets
UN official

KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi received on Sunday Lisa M Buttenheim, the Assistant UN Secretary-General for Field Support, Department of Field Support. The two sides discussed means of enhancing relations between the State of Kuwait and the United Nations. —KUNA

Kuwait Navy to hold naval
exercises from Tuesday

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti Navy will carry out a naval exercise using live ammunition at a sea shooting range from 7 am until 6 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, the army said in a statement on Sunday. The shooting range is located 16.5 nautical miles east of Ras Al-Jlaiaa, stretching to Garo island, six nautical miles east of Ras Al-Zor and extending to Umm Al-Maradem island. It called upon sea goers to refrain from approaching the drill region. —KUNA

Global action needed to fight viruses
spread through illegal practices: MoH

Dr Al-Awadhi opens 13th international conference of IOMS

KUWAIT: Minister of Health Dr Ahmad Al-Awadhi said that international action is required to face viruses transmitted through illegal practices, while the western society is fighting to legitimize those forbidden relations. This came during the speech of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah's representative, Dr Ahmad Al-Awadhi, during the opening ceremony of the 13th international conference of The Islamic Organization for Medical Science (IOMS). Dr Al-Awadhi stressed that the conference is being held during a period where many people are suffering from viruses and pandemics, old and new.

Head of the Islamic Organization for Medical Science Dr Mohammad Al-Jarallah said in his speech that IOMS was formed to fill a need to clarify the Islamic point of view of certain medical practices, to collect Islamic medical heritage and to determine how to apply it to modern day medical practice. President of Al-Azhar University and Chairman of the conference's advisory committee Dr Salama Dawoud said in

his speech that the more the civilized world advances scientifically, the worse and degrading it becomes. Director General of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) Dr Khaled Al-Fadhel referred in his speech that Kuwait is known for its support in launching distinguished scientific research initiatives, pointing out that KFAS has always supported science, technology and innovation to contribute to development.

For his part, Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashed Al-Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences Board of Trustees member, Mirza Al-Sayegh said in his speech that the cooperation between the award and the organization has authentic roots, adding that a memorandum of understanding was signed to achieve desired goals and support the activities of the organization.

Representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Kuwait Dr Asad Hafeez said in his speech that the conference discusses various important issues, pointing out that the aim of the conference is to have an impact in preventing the spread of

Kuwait wins case
against foreign
consortium

KUWAIT: The Fatwa and Legislation Department on Sunday declared that a verdict in favor of Kuwait had been issued regarding the international arbitration presented by a consortium of Italian and Spanish companies. The consortium is a party of the contract for construction and maintenance of Jamal Abdunnasser Street, against the Kuwaiti government, represented by the Ministry of Public Works in front of the international arbitration center for settling investment disputes—affiliated to the World Bank.

The Kuwaiti legislation department said in a statement that the consortium sought a compensation totaling \$264 million for purported violations on part of Kuwait, namely alleged irregular fees, as these companies claim, in addition to interests and arbitration costs. Moreover, the consortium claims that the State of Kuwait breached a number of terms in the bilateral agreements with Italy and Spain on protecting and encouraging investments. The local department also said in a statement that Kuwait challenged the claims, noting that the arbitration authority was not specialized in cross-examining disputes because it was related to a commercial contract and not investments in the sense that places it under the category of protection as enshrined in international conventions.

Kuwait had also challenged capacity of the litigators, and responded in details to their claims for compensations. The case had dragged on for six years, during which the two parties exchanged defense, documents and proofs where the Kuwaiti legal team succeeded in persuading the arbitrators that the other party had no right to ask for reclamation. The hearings were held between September 27, 2021 and October 8, 2021 in front of the arbitration authority of the WB. The assigned Kuwaiti legal team had attended the sessions non-physically. In conclusion, the claims were overruled and the other party would be compelled to pay costs incurred by Kuwait for the proceedings—thus they would pay up to \$12 million to Kuwait. —KUNA



Minister of Health Dr Ahmad Al-Awadhi

diseases. He also added that adhering to the Islamic principles is necessary as it naturally combats the spread of diseases, pointing out that Kuwait has an excellent health care system, but needs more focus on preventing the spread of viruses and diseases. —KUNA



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KUWAIT: The inspection team of the audit and follow-up department at the Ahmadi Municipality.



KUWAIT: Officials of the Commerce and Industry Ministry shuts down centers of oil change services.

10 Fahaheel shops
served notices; 7 oil
change centers shut

KUWAIT: The inspection team of the audit and follow-up department at the Ahmadi Municipality concluded an inspection campaign on commercial shops in the industrial area in Fahaheel which resulted in issuing 10 violations that were related to the placement of advertisements without licensing.

Head of the department Saad Al-Shiba has reiterated that stores must follow rules and regulations

stipulated by the Municipality in place, as inspection campaigns will continue on stores and adjacent stores throughout the day and night to proceed with legal procedures against any violators.

In other related news, the Commerce and Industry Ministry has shut down seven centers of oil change services for selling counterfeit oil in violation of the law. It also causes harm to consumers' vehicles and threatens the safety of passengers.

The violations have been recorded after a dense campaign launched by the commerce ministry on oil replacement shops in Omayriah, Salmiya, Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh, Al-Naeem, Bayan, Adan and Qusoor areas. The commercial supervision team proceeded with legal action against violators following the raid.