

News in Brief

Court delays 'Interior hospitality' verdict

KUWAIT: The cassation court adjourned the final ruling of the "Interior Hospitality" case to June 18, it decided Sunday. Sunday's session was attended by all released and imprisoned defendants whose lawyers demanded that they be acquitted. Following the final verdict, the case will be closed after nearly 1,550 days have passed since the interior ministry referred the case to the Public Prosecution. The Court of Appeal had sentenced the first defendant, Adel Al-Hashash, to 15 years in prison, instead of 30 years, and fined him KD 113 million. It also ruled to cancel the 10-year imprisonment sentence against the defendants and sentenced them to two years' imprisonment with a stay of enforcement. The court decided to imprison Sheikh Ahmed Al-Khalifa for a period of two years with a bail of KD 20,000 to stop the enforcement. The ruling upheld previous convictions against other cases.

Fahaheel road development on hold

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Roads and Land Transport requested the withdrawal of the Fahaheel Expressway Development study from the Municipal Council. The request came in a letter directed by the Acting Director General of the Public Authority for Roads and Land Transport Rajaa Al-Moumen to the speaker of the Municipal Council Abdullah Al-Mehri. It urged the council to return the project to the authority to complete the study. The authority said the measure comes within the framework of the government's plan to "rationalize spending." The Fahaheel Expressway project, which was passed by the council last March, aims to build a road at a distance of 36 km from the capital to Al-Sabahiya. The project will include 22 multi-storey intersections and is estimated to cost KD 1.3 billion.

Photo of the day



KUWAIT: A bird is seen flying in front of the full moon on Friday, May 5, 2023. The photo was taken during the peak of the penumbral lunar eclipse, which occurs when the earth's outer shadow falls on the moon's face. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Kuwait to survey heart attack patients to improve services

Study first-of-its-kind in Gulf region: Heart foundation

KUWAIT: Scientific Research Ethics Committee at the health ministry approved a study, that Kuwait Heart Foundation (KHF) presented, which aims at conducting a field survey of all acute heart attack patients admitted to hospitals in six months. The study is named "Kuwait Heart Foundation Study of acute heart attacks syndrome" referred to as "KHF RACE".

KHF met with health ministry undersecretary Dr Mustafa Redha and briefed him in detail about the goal behind the study and its importance to Kuwait. The society said that it is trying hard to achieve Kuwait 2035 developmental vision and lauded health

ministry's response to its request to conduct field surveys in its hospitals. It said health ministry made notable advances at both health and administrative levels and thanked the undersecretary for his distinguished role in such positive developments.

KHF board member, cardiology professor at Kuwait University Dr Mohammad Zubaid said the expected number of patients to be included in the study is 4,000. He said the study will be carried out in Mubarak Al-Kabeer, Adan, Amiri, Sabah, Jahra, Farwaniya, Chest and Jaber Hospitals, and all heads of cardiology departments at the said hospitals will

participate in this field research.

He said this is the first-of-its-kind study in Kuwait and at the Gulf level as far as it includes all Kuwait hospitals and all heart attack cases which gives it an element of strength scientifically. He said the study's importance comes from including Kuwaitis and residents and the ministry will provide doctors with valuable information about the extent of success of treatment given to patients and the doctors' compliance with treating patients with the most modern means of treatment and the influence of that on the health and recovery of patients.

Sabah Al-Ahmad Center sponsors 8 youth innovators

KUWAIT: The Sabah Al-Ahmad Center for Giftedness and Creativity (SACGC) of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) announced the support of eight Kuwaiti youth innovators and technological projects to present Kuwaiti technological projects and ideas at the GITEX Africa Technical Exhibition, which will start at the end of May 2023 in Marrakech, Kingdom of Morocco.

Neda Al-Daihani, Director of the Center said: "The center provides the opportunity for young people to meet the leaders of change in the world of technology in one of the largest startup events in the world, which is the GITEX Africa Technology Exhibition in the Kingdom of Morocco. The exhibition is an important window to highlight their capabilities in order to progress and develop in the field."

"GITEX Africa is one of the largest technology events in the continent, which is a meeting place for technology giants, governments, small, emerging and medium companies, programmers, investors and academics to cooperate in order to accelerate and explore new projects, in addition to exploring creative ideas," he added.

Daihani added that the center will open the door for applications for Kuwaiti youth wishing to present their ideas and technological projects at the exhibition, as registration is available for the age group from 21 to 35 years, during the period from May 7 to May 13, 2023.

Kuwait, UAE launch joint parking service for disabled

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Disability Affairs announced that, within the framework of cooperation between Kuwait and the UAE in the Zayed Higher Organization for People of Determination, preparations have been made to launch a parking service for people with disabilities.

The service, which will be shared between the two countries, will be officially unveiled on Monday with the aim of facilitating the movement of people with disabilities and improving the quality of their daily lives.

The service provides parking lots for people with disabilities anywhere in the two countries, including parking lots for government buildings, public facil-



Hamad Al-Aftan, Acting Innovation Department Manager at SACGC, (left) and Neda Al-Daihani Director of the center speak to media.

"The center will display the projects and study them. After that, the projects participating in the exhibition will be selected and nominated on May 20, 2023." The center's follow-up and support for innovative and creative Kuwaiti youth reflects its continuous commitment to promoting innovation and technological progress in Kuwait, especially for those with promising technological ideas.

The main objective of the center is to discover and select individuals with high potential and develop their talents, with the aim of helping them achieve their full goals in the world of technology, where interactive opportunities for cooperation and scientific exchange are provided between aspiring entrepreneurs and innovators.

The center continues its efforts to support and empower Kuwaiti youth, especially those with technological ideas to be an effective element in promoting development and innovation in the field of technology.

ities, commercial centers, hospitals and airports. It also contributes to saving a lot of their time and effort in searching for suitable parking spaces, the public authority for disability affairs announced.

The service will be launched in the presence of the UAE Ambassador to the Kuwait Matar Al-Niyadi and Director of the Public Authority for People with Disabilities Dr Bibi Al-Amiri.

The authority also indicated that work will be done to establish a website to improve the services provided to these groups, through which requests to issue temporary parking permits for people with disabilities in the two countries will be received.

"There will be a special portal for each country to receive and approve applications," the authority said, stressing that the launch of the service comes within a comprehensive plan of cooperation between the two countries to provide several services that support the integration of people with disabilities into society, facilitate their daily lives and contribute to the development of their services.



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