

News in Brief

Police impersonator targeting
expats caught by patrols

KUWAIT: Patrol police were able to arrest a citizen with previous convictions, who was found to be involved in several cases of robbery against expatriates. The man was able to trick his victims by impersonating a police officer, the interior ministry said. At the time of arrest, he was found in possession of narcotic substances and an air weapon that he used to threaten his expat targets. According to a security source: "During the wandering of one of the patrols supporting the Ahmadi Security Directorate in Mahboula, a car was suspected of stopping between a gathering of expatriates of Asian nationality. The driver tried to escape after being spotted, but he was caught. It was found that he does not carry personal identification documents." The man was referred to the authorities for further legal action.

Juveniles, residency
violators arrested

KUWAIT: Five juveniles have been arrested for driving vehicles without a driving license in Ahmadi Governorate as they were sent to the Juvenile Prosecution. "They carried out acts of recklessness endangering their lives and the lives of others. Officers referred them to the Juvenile Prosecution and impounded their vehicles, and a number of violations were released against them," the public relations department at the interior ministry announced. In other news, the General Directorate of Residency Affairs Investigations, represented by the Violators Follow-up Department was able to arrest 53 violators of the residency and work law in Wafra Farms, Salhiya and Sulabiya. They were all referred to the competent authorities in order to take all necessary legal measures against them.

Photo of the day



KUWAIT: Two fishermen prepare their equipment on a fishing pier overlooking the Arabian Gulf. Kuwait City's skyline is seen in the background. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Ministry of Education to open six schools with hybrid teaching system

Schools to use international curriculum for science subjects

KUWAIT: Minister of Education Dr Hamad Al-Adwani said the ministry is working towards opening six schools as part of "Al-Aufuq", which is the Arabic word for horizon, schools project.

The project was recommended by HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as part of plans to upgrade the educational system and improve its output.

First announced by the Council of Ministers in August 2022, the "Al-Aufuq" schools project aims to establish schools using a hybrid system, whereby international curricula will be used for science, technology and mathematics. The local curriculum will still be used for Arabic, Islamic education and social studies, according to 2022 news reports.

"The ministry has a specialized team to develop a new structure and arrange the relationship between



Dr Hamad Al-Adwani

the Ministry of Education and related institutions such as the Supreme Education Council and the National Center for Education Development, in addition to reviewing curricula by specialists to reach the best educational level," said Adwani, who is also Minister of Higher Education.

The educational system at these new schools will reportedly conform to modern international educational trends, while preserving Kuwait's national character and Islamic values. The schools are expected to be administratively independent, but will still be subject to legal controls under the umbrella of the Ministry of Education. The curriculum taught at the schools must also be approved by the ministry.

All administrative and financial aspects of the "Aufuq" schools will be organized through the Supreme Committee formed by the Council of Ministers. The plan, according to sources, is for teachers to be 70 percent Kuwaitis registered with the Ministry of Education.

The project was expected to be launched gradually as of September of the 2023-2024 academic year. Schools for kindergarten students and grades one to four will start operating in the initial stages, with each educa-



tional district reportedly getting six schools.

Schools to open in new areas

Adwani also announced the opening of 16 new schools, most of which will be in new residential areas. He stated that under the directives of HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah to provide the best services to residents of the new cities, work has been done to ensure the readiness of these schools for providing educational services in these areas.



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Members of the Kuwaiti-Iranian Friendship Organization pose for a photo.

New administration for Kuwaiti-Iranian friendship group

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti-Iranian Friendship Organization (KIFO) has appointed Sheikh Ali Al-Khalid Al-Sabah as its president and Dr Khadija Al-Mahmeed and Ibrahim Al-Baghli as vice presidents. During its most recent meeting, the organization formed its administrative body and decided on a vision for its activities. It also made cultural, social and economic plans, and outlined programs it hoped to carry out in the coming period. At the end of the meeting, KIFO honored the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the State of Kuwait Mohammad Irani, on the occasion of the end of his diplomatic duties in the country.

KIFO was established in 2013 by a group of public figures interested in the affairs of Kuwaiti-Iranian relations. It aims at strengthening the bonds of friendship between the two friendly peoples of Kuwait and Iran.

Since its establishment, the organization has been chaired by the late former Minister Dr Abdulrahman Al-Awadhi and the late former Minister Dr Muhammad Al-Sanousi, where several visits were made to Iran to meet with Iranian presidents, officials and popular, cultural and economic figures.



KUWAIT: Chairman of the Kuwaiti-Iranian Friendship Organization Sheikh Ali Al-Khalid Al-Sabah (left) presents a souvenir to the Ambassador of Iran to Kuwait Mohammad Irani on the occasion of the end of his diplomatic duties in the country. — KUNA photos

The organization's goal is to have representatives in both countries, who develop joint plans and programs. It also holds joint seminars, scientific conferences, art exhibitions, concerts, as well as mutual meetings between scientists, academics, specialists, thinkers and opinion makers from both parties to enhance consensus and intellectual rapprochement between the two peoples.

Diplomatic Women's Committee thanks Kuwait Times

The Diplomatic Women's Committee has shared its gratitude with Kuwait Times through a letter, which read:

The Diplomatic Women's Committee would like to extend its special thanks and apprecia-

tion for your continuous follow-up of the committee's thematic events, and series of distinguished social and cultural activities during its cultural season 2022-2023. We consider your support and interest in our programs and publishing them in your esteemed newspaper as one of the reasons for our success and the spread of this committee and its performance in Kuwait society as well as diplomats accredited to the State of Kuwait. We wish your newspaper a continuous progress & prosperity. Without print media, the committee's activities aimed at serving the community would not have spread.