

## News in Brief

Kuwait not in favor of hiring  
domestic workers from India

KUWAIT: Informed sources revealed Kuwait did not respond to an Indian government request to recruit Indian domestic workers, indicating this lack of response is due to Kuwait's desire to diversify countries to bring in new workers from, as Indians exceed one million residents in Kuwait. The sources said Kuwait's unwillingness to recruit Indian domestic workers does not mean the suspension of work permits for Indians, but these will be limited to needed workers, whether for the private or public sector. They noted the suspension of work permits for Egyptian workers, in force since September, is a different matter, as Kuwait stopped permits for Egyptians due to a lack of agreement on how to bring in workers and until Egypt addresses violations by recruitment companies operating in Egypt, which contribute to human trafficking and fake companies. The sources pointed out the recruitment of workers from India is currently limited to specialized labor, especially medical, nursing and technical specialties.

No injuries reported at  
Mubarakia restaurant fire

KUWAIT: Firemen put out a limited fire in a restaurant in Mubarakia. Central operations rushed to the scene after the officials received a call about the fire. Madina and Hilaly firemen were dispatched to put out the fire which started from the chimney of the building. No injuries were reported.

Physiotherapy helped  
1,659 lymphoma cases

KUWAIT: Head of the physiotherapy department at Kuwait Cancer Control Center (KCCC), Hanaa Al-Khamis, said that the department has dealt with 1,659 cases of lymphoma tumors since 2016. Khamis, who spoke on the sidelines of the center's first awareness day for lymphoma, said the physiotherapy department at KCCC has four physiotherapists who are licensed by the USA Academy. The department has been putting more focus on raising awareness about the role of physiotherapy in managing lymphoma cases and recording patients' statistics since 2016. She said that the awareness campaigns have led to more patients seeking the department's services.

## Photo of the day



KUWAIT: This aerial photo shows the Darwaza Al-Abd Al-Razzaq tunnel and intersection in Kuwait City. The tunnel and intersection have been closed to traffic since October 2020 for a maintenance project. The project was set to be concluded in January 2023, following several delays. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

## Two thirds of buildings in Sabah Al-Ahmad nearly ready for citizens

### Housing minister calls for meeting to hasten South Qairawan project

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Housing Welfare will soon receive two thirds of the completed residential buildings in Sabah Al-Ahmad residential area, said the authority in a statement to KUNA.

The area, which is still under development, includes 60 residential buildings with 1110 apartments, of which 40 will be delivered to the authority for distribution to people in the social welfare system.

Construction in the remaining buildings is 94 percent complete, said the authority, with workers currently in the process of supplying the buildings with electricity.

Minister of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy Mutlaq Al-Otaibi urged the authority and contractors to complete construction work as soon as possible and distribute the apartments to their designated beneficiaries. Otaibi, who is also the Minister of State for Housing Affairs, added in a

press statement that the government should work on providing more of these units to citizens covered by the country's housing welfare laws.

The remarks came following a visit to Sabah Al-Ahmad to follow up on the progress of the residential project located in south Kuwait.

Apartments designated for citizens, which include three-bedroom and four-bedroom units are designed according to "modern specifications that meet the needs of the Kuwaiti family", said the statement. An 8.1-million-square-meter area set for investment projects is also being developed, at no cost to the authority in Sabah Al-Ahmad. It includes an industrial area, storage areas, spaces for workshops, a commercial area and a housing project for laborers.

Otaibi was also briefed on another project, which provides government housing for Kuwaitis who sold their homes. He said construction of the project, which includes 1,184 private houses, is witnessing "remarkable progress".

He called on contractors and the authority to commit to the predetermined timelines for the projects and communicate directly any obstacles hindering timely completion.

A meeting on South  
Qairawan

Earlier this week, Otaibi called for holding a meeting with all government agencies working on the South Qairawan housing project in order to discuss the measures needed to speed up the project's completion. He said in a statement that the authority will work with the agencies to overcome any obstacles they face as soon as possible, following directives from the Council of Ministers.

The meeting will include the discussion of an estimated cost, as determined by the finance ministry for 2023-2024 fiscal year, of consulting services for the environmental and traffic studies required for the project. Otaibi said that the meeting is an important step towards planning and designing the project for final approval.



Minister Mutlaq Al-Otaibi



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KUWAIT: A group of female students from Kuwait University have come up with a project, called "Unexpire", which aims to solve the problem of food waste. — KUNA photos

## Kuwaiti innovators tackle medical, food waste issues

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti female innovators are facing head on challenges in the medical and sustainability fields. Kuwaiti Engineer Intisar Al-Shehaimah has won a patent from the US Patent and Trademark Office for making an extractor used in dentistry, Kuwait University announced. The device retrieves splintered parts of files used in treating teeth nerves. Al-Shehaimah, quoted in a statement issued by Kuwait University, said that she made sure that the device would be easy to use, of rapid performance and safe. The mobile device of various sizes is safe for both the patient and the doctor, she affirmed.

Also Thursday, Kuwait University said that a group of female students from the Faculty of Engineering and Petroleum have come up with a project, called 'Unexpire', which aims to solve the problem of food waste and improves people's behavior when it comes to food consumption.

The university explained in a press release

that the idea of the project, which was under the supervision of a faculty member at the Faculty of Engineering and Petroleum Dr Mohamed Al Zayed, serves individuals, supermarkets and the Public Authority for Food and Nutrition, by providing solutions that tackle food waste.

The project is an app that provides proposals to improve food consumption or provide options to make donation digitally. It also creates, analyzes and submits reports to the food and nutrition authority to help develop a future plan based on current consumption behavioral patterns and improve the economic, environmental and food security level in the country.

The project will participate in the INJAZ competition, which will be held at Kuwait Technical College, in order to identify the level of need for such a service and raise awareness of the importance of preserving the Kuwaiti environment. — KUNA



Intisar Al-Shehaimah