



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace on Sunday National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim, who introduced new MP Farraj Al-Arbeed to His Highness. His Highness Sheikh Nawaf also received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. Moreover, His Highness received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah. KUNA photos

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Photo from the event

Al-Ansari honors various committees

Kuwait University President Prof. Hussain Ahmad Al-Ansari honored the various committees that participated in the Kuwait University's Golden Jubilee festivities, the ceremony organized to honor outstand-

ing students under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and the unified annual ceremony held in honor of the graduates of 2015/2016 under the patron-

age of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

The committees were honored in appreciation of their efforts for the success of the festivities.

KUWAIT CITY, May 7: Kuwait Municipality has issued a decision to suspend import of fruits and vegetables from Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Oman until laboratory tests are conducted to ascertain whether the products are free of pesticides, reports Al-Seyassah daily quoting the General Customs Department.

At the same time, about 150 tons of spoilt watermelon has found their way into Kuwaiti markets within the past few days.

The General Customs Department launched investigations to determine how the trucks that transported the perforated watermelons were allowed into the country.

The department explained that the perforation is an indication that the fruits contained vegetable maggots. After they found large quantity of the product being sold at the Vegetable Market in Sulabiya, samples were immediately taken to the laboratories for tests.

The usual practice is to deny entry to the trucks that carry perforated watermelons, and either return them to the countries of origin or destroy the watermelons.

The department assured that administrative measures will be taken against violators, and appropriate punishments will be meted out to them for risking the health and safety of consumers.

The Ministry of Public Works has announced the opening of the road serving Al-Sabah Medical District (hospitals area), reports Al-Jarida daily.

According to the ministry, the road connects Jamal Abdullnasser Road and Jahra Road starting from Al-Razi Hospital until the end of route 166 along Jahra Road.



Duke Interns

Pupils take part in 3-month program at FSRI

Interns from University of Duke conclude their graduate training

KUWAIT CITY, May 7: In an affirmation of Kuwait's status as a regional hub for training and education in the field of physiotherapy, two graduate-level clinicians from Duke University's Doctorate of Physical Therapy program recently concluded a clinical rotation program at Fawzia Sultan Rehabilitation Institute (FSRI), as part of an ongoing program with the University.

As a requirement towards the completion of their final degree, the interns were able to practically apply their acquired knowledge and education in a clinical setting, completing their rotations under the supervision of clinicians at FSRI. They were tasked with managing a typical physical therapist's caseload — including performing assessments, monitoring patient status, and managing patient treatment plans. Although the primary focus of the program was orthopedic physiotherapy, the trainees were also able to garner experience working with patients with varying other conditions.

Speaking about the program, Dr. Elham Al-Hamdan, President & Medical Director of FSRI, said: "As a Kuwaiti institution, we are extremely proud to be recognized internationally as a center for education and training.

Over the years, and through our partnerships with some of the top universities in North America, we have hosted many students and graduate clinicians at FSRI, who completed clinical rotations and residencies under the supervision of our clinicians."

On his part, Dr Michael Landry, Vice President of Research and Education at FSRI said: "Education is a main pillar of our ethos as an institution, and we are always proud to host interns and students from our numerous international partners and affiliates. Under the tutelage and guidance of our clinicians, these interns and trainees are able to bolster the general theoretical knowledge they receive during their studies with practical skills training. This is crucial to help prepare these students and provide them with the necessary tools to embark on their professional clinical careers post-graduation."

Dr Elham further added: "This program with Duke University is a long-term ongoing collaboration, and we look forward to receiving more doctoral students in the near future. We also currently have several programs underway with other international universities, including the University of Alberta in Canada."

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Govt trying to 'avoid loans'

KUWAIT CITY, May 7: The government is trying to avoid taking loans from foreign organizations as much as possible in order to reduce the consequences which might affect the state income such as loan installments, reports Al-Nahar daily quoting informed sources.

They explained that the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Al-Saleh stressed the need to expedite finding solutions to reduce the public debt, which is about KD 3.8 billion, by finding new sources of income.

The committee formed by Ministry of Finance has been preparing a report regarding ways to reduce the debt by 20 percent, which is KD 720 million out of KD 3.8 billion.

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Charitable societies accounts

Central Bank of Kuwait rejects MoSAL request

KUWAIT CITY, May 7: Central Bank of Kuwait has rejected the request of Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor to provide the ministry with the bank accounts of charitable societies and their transactions in local banks, reports Al-Jarida daily.

According to sources, the ministry had requested local banks to provide it with the bank accounts of these societies and their transactions during fundraising and donations collection projects. Some bank agreed but the majority of them flatly refused, prompting the ministry to submit its request to the Central Bank of Kuwait.

The sources said the rejection of the ministry's request by the Central Bank of Kuwait and some other banks was justified, as it was up to the risk management team in each bank which has the final say in that regard.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs has developed nine controls for collection of donations in mosques during the month of Ramadan. These controls were put in place with the cooperation of Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor.

Sources explained that the nine controls include conditions such as allowing collection of donation in mosques through direct bank transfers or through the use of KNet service only. The mosque's imam is notified of the visit of the donation committee by the official responsible for the authorized collection from the beneficiary.

Each charity organization can organize mobile and independent advertisements, provided that they are licensed by Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor. They will be present at the entrance of the mosque along the back wall in such a way that the worshippers are not disturbed while they are performing their prayers with reverence.

It is also prohibited for the representatives of charitable committees to collect cash donations. In case of violation in this regard, the society to which the representative belong will be notified of the violation and its permit for collecting donation will be revoked.