

Cables of Thanks

Mol thanks Amir, CP, PM for praising policemen’s role in election

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 9, (KUNA): Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Anas Al-Saleh on Tuesday sent a cable of thanks to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for lauding the efforts made by the ministry’s sectors so as to make a successful National Assembly poll.

In the cable, Al-Saleh said “I and the ministry’s staff have received with great gratitude and thank the praise of Your Highness to efforts made by the different sectors of the ministry in order to make a transparent and successful election,” the ministry’s security media and public relations department said in a statement.

This success has made due to the distinguished and fruitful cooperation amongst all government

ministries and bodies as well as citizens, he added.

He expressed pride for His Highness the Amir’s commendation which will be, as he said, a push for further progress and efforts so as to maintain the security of the country and citizens.

He prayed to Allah Almighty to preserve His Highness the Amir, and maintain the country’s security and stability under His Highness’ leadership.

**Crown Prince**  
Deputy Prime Minister and



Anas Al-Saleh

Minister of Interior Anas Al-Saleh on Tuesday sent a cable of thanks to His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for commending the efforts of policemen in creating appropriate conditions to help citizens practice easily their electoral rights during the 2020 National Assembly elections.

Al-Saleh voiced pride for His Highness the Crown Prince’s cable, stressing keenness on doing their best to maintain security of the country and people.

The minister wished His Highness the Crown Prince everlasting well-being, and the country permanent security, stability and prosperity, under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir and His Highness then Crown Prince.

Prime Minister

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Anas Al-Saleh on Tuesday sent a cable of thanks to His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah for commending the role of policemen in the National Assembly elections.

“It pleases us to send Your Highness sincere greetings and gratitude, and we wish Your Highness everlasting good health,” he said.

Al-Saleh wished His Highness the Prime Minister everlasting well-being, and the country permanent security, stability and prosperity, under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir and His Highness then Crown Prince.

Other Voices

‘They deserve better treatment’

By Ahmad alsarraf

Rodrigo Duterte is the current President of the Philippines, and the sixteenth. I preferred to be over familiar when addressing him, after it became clear to me that we were born in the same month and same year.

Duterte is the first Filipino president from the island of Mindanao, which is forgotten by the central government, in which ethnic and religious unrest for many years has occurred, and from this comes the majority of Filipino Muslim workers, which constitute about 25% of its population.

Duterte studied political science at the University of the Philippines, graduated and worked as a lawyer, and later as the attorney general of Davao City in Mindanao, before becoming vice mayor and mayor of the city, in the aftermath of the (People Power) Revolution in the Philippines in 1986, and remaining in office for twenty-two years.

Duterte’s success is due to his firmness, and his support for the idea of extrajudicial killing of drug users and other criminals, and he never made a secret of his relationship to the issue before he became president, especially since he promised his voters in 2016 to eliminate crime and drug abuse, and he succeeded in that, and the Philippines is now safer.

Our relationship with the Philippines witnessed tensions during his reign, as his government threatened to prevent Filipinos from working in Kuwait, whenever any of their citizens were subjected to ill treatment or a painful accident.

We witnessed a period of prohibition, bans, and permits, and the majority of their threats were for local electoral consumption, and to show their jealousy for the well-being and interests of their citizens.

Millions of Filipinos work in various professions in the Gulf countries, and it is difficult to imagine life without them not only

because of the quality of their work and their reasonable knowledge of the English language, but also because of their multiple skills and relative honesty and their cleanliness.

The Philippines gets its main income from hard currency from the remittances of millions of Filipinos working abroad. These transfers amount to approximately \$25 billion annually, of which more than four billion are from Gulf countries.

The passport of a Filipino nanny who works for a friend has expired, so he asked her to visit her country’s embassy. She did it five times, and each time she came back hours later, exhausted and tired without completing the work.

She was advised that she should prepare herself to stand in line for a full day and she got permission from the employer, and left the house at 9:30 am on Saturday 28/11, and returned at 6:30 pm the next day, on the verge of collapse, after standing for more than a day and a half in a line without eating or drinking, not even providing toilets holding the passport renewal documents, which takes no more than two minutes to prepare.

Here, we wonder: Where has the Philippine government’s concern for the safety and welfare of its citizens gone? Why this insistence to treat them like sheep, when they really deserve better treatment? And not using online system to process their transactions especially since a majority of these people are creative in using smartphones?

We put questions at the disposal of the Philippine government, which has never hesitated to threaten us with the withdrawal of its citizens, if we do not treat them well, at the same time it does not hesitate to abuse their most basic rights and humanity.

We extend our sincere condolences to the Al-Bakr family on the death of our friend Siraj Al-Bakr, the first who volunteered to work with us in the Human Friendship Society as Director General.

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Bid to molest child foiled

Saudi sentenced to 7 years for forgery

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 9 : The Criminal Court has found a Saudi Arabian guilty of forging the Kuwaiti nationality and sentenced him to seven years in prison with hard labor, says Al-Seyassah.

The defendant was found guilty of adding his name to the file of a deceased Kuwaiti and was able to benefit to the tune of 275,000 dinars by forging documents on the strength of his ‘forged’ nationality document.

The court also fined him double the amount he earned on the strength of the forged documents, ordered his dismissal from his job. He will also be deported from the country and barred from entering again after serving the sentence.

The Public Prosecution had charged the convict with seizing state funds through forgery and fraud, and committing forgery in all official documents.

In the indictment, the prosecution stated that the accused took advantage and applied for work in government agencies as a Kuwaiti, despite fully knowing he was a Saudi born of Saudi parents.

Moreover, he was also charged with forging academic certificate to

get jobs and the driver’s license.

**Bid to molest child:** An Arab man who is believed to be in his 20s, has been arrested and detained at the Abu Halifa Police Station following accusations that he attempted to kidnap and molest a child, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to a security source, the suspect was caught by passersby and handed over to the police patrol.

He was caught luring an Egyptian child.

**Suicide bid seen:** An unidentified Indian woman who allegedly fell from the second floor of her apartment has been admitted to the Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital, reports Al-Anba daily

The daily added, the woman is being treated under police guard and is expected to be interrogated after she recovers to find out what exactly happened or why she attempted to end her life, if that is the case.

Initial reports show she jumped from the second floor of the apartment.

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Al-Seyassah Staff and Agencies

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 9: Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Walid Al-Jassem announced the launch of the new application ‘Municipality 139’, which allows the public to register complaints, send photos, and follow-up with a team from the Municipality in complete confidentiality to immediately deal and follow up on what has been sent (all incoming complaints), whether a complaint or a request, especially since the application will provide simple steps to register and basic points that start with adding the phone number, available requests, email, name of the report or complaint, and civil ID number.**

Al-Jassem said during a press conference yesterday to launch the ‘Municipality 139’ application, which was held in the presence of the Kuwait Municipality Director-General, Eng Ahmad Al-Manfouhi, and a number of senior officials at the Municipality Tower that the idea was to reduce personal attendance and enhance cooperation with the public.

Application

Al-Jassem added that the application works on the WhatsApp program and gives the public an effective means to file complaints related to the Municipality’s work, and enables the public to follow up and know who received the complaint or dealt with in the municipality and other concerned authorities, as the program has been prepared in cooperation with employees and officials.

This came from the desire of those concerned to work for the homeland and ‘self-giving’ as it is a pure technical work and will be under the follow-up and control of the services administration, the cleaning sector and the concerned authorities, indicating that the percentage of complaints received by the municipality through the “WhatsApp” service since last February during the corona crisis, was 75 percent of all complaints, equivalent to 90,000 complaints of different types.

He explained the complaints are concerning problems that people face in the street. This should be done in good faith otherwise it will lead nowhere.

Minister Al-Jassem also emphasized that the application is the first technical phone application to transfer people from the office system to work from anywhere and from any geographical point away from the paper routine to enable the employee also to easily perform work, which is an interactive application rather than an inquiry. As for malicious complaints, malicious behavior, it will be dealt with in a legal manner.

The minister briefly reviewed a number of applications launched by the Municipality during the past months, namely ‘Kuwait funerals’ and ‘appointment reservation’ programs that were necessitated by the corona pandemic which are still in use.

The minister also reviewed the attendance system that the Municipality has now adopted.

**Distance education:** Head of the Faculty Members Association of Kuwait University Dr Ibrahim Al-Hamoud says distance education and its exams have proven, beyond any doubt, to have failed in achieving the desired educational objectives and the required quality of education, but has instead exhausted the faculty members greatly, unnecessarily and ineffectively, reports Aljarida daily.

He explained that, “Whoever was crying over education and shedding crocodile tears in order to protect learning, and moaning by claiming he possesses the technology and technical capabilities to manage e-learning and ensure the quality of its outputs, we see him retreating today, acknowledging his inability, acknowledging his defeat, even



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A view of the collision on the Fifth Ring Road.

Two Kuwaitis perish in traffic accidents

By Munif Nayef

Al-Seyassah Staff

Two Kuwaitis died in two traffic accidents – on the Sabhan Road towards Messilah on the Sixth Ring Road and the other opposite Bayan on the Fifth Ring Road, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to a security source, when the Operations Room of the Ministry of Interior received a report on the incident police, paramedics and firemen rushed to the Fifth Ring Road and pulled out the victim (in his 20s) who was stuck inside the vehicle and rushed him to a hospital, but he succumbed to

his injuries. The other man died on the Sabhan Road when his vehicle overturned. He is believed to be in his 30s.

An investigation has been opened into both the incidents to find out the cause. The vehicles in both the accidents were severely damaged.

Collect traffic fines through banks: Mol

MoSA issues tender for new automation system

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 9: Ministry of Social Affairs affirmed that the ministry issued a tender to supply, install, operate and maintain the automation system for public utility societies to enable the follow up of these societies automatically, and to tighten control on financial and administrative matters to reduce their documentary cycle, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The daily quoting reliable sources said the tender is included in the ministry’s development plan for fiscal year (2020-2021), indicating the ministry’s computer department has set an intensive timetable for launching the tender that’ll speed up the pace of work to reduce the time and efforts expended in completing transactions.

In another development, the Ministry announced that it is suspending the reception of cli-

ents at the Family Care Department every Thursday, in order to achieve the interest of work in the department.



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and the Family Care Unit in the Ishbiliya region, with the aim of organizing work. He pointed out that it’ll consider Thursday an administrative day and that clients will not be received there.

Meanwhile, in a bid to intensify its efforts to collect dues, the Ministry of Interior submitted a

proposal to collect fines for traffic violations through the banks, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

Sources told the daily that the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) has asked the banks to study the proposal. Once the proposal is approved, the collection of fines for traffic violations will be done by linking the banks’ applications with the automated system of the ministry, sources disclosed.

Sources said the ministry is currently coordinating with a bank regarding the experimental application of the proposed system. Sources added CBK has requested the banks to review the proposed mechanism and coordinate with the ministries of Interior and Finance, as well as update CBK on the results and developments - whether the proposed mechanism complies with the banking system or not.

**B’deshi, Indian robbed:** Police are looking for three unidentified persons for waylaying and robbing a Bangladeshi in downtown Kuwait City, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the Bangladeshi in his complaint to the Sallhiya Police Station said the suspects driving in a car assaulted him and robbed 165 dinars from his wallet.

He told the police he could not pick the car plate number because the area was dark and also because he was badly beaten.

In other news, an unidentified Indian filed a complaint with the same police station accusing an unidentified person of robbing him.

The 37-year-old Indian told the police two men pulled over by his side and forced him to get into their vehicle. Then took him to an isolated spot and robbed 50 dinars from his wallet and two cell phones.

**Trio in traffic brawl:** Three people have been detained for interrogation – two of them believed to a soldier and a Kuwaiti – for assaulting each other over the way or right, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, when the men went to the Rabiya Police Station to file complaints, they were asked to go to the area hospital and bring a medical report.