

# 'Launch of e-renewal services for domestics before yr end doubtful'

PAM panel to receive complaints over suspension of labor support



HH the Prime Minister with the Kuwaiti students in France.

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HH the PM during his visit to Kuwaiti Embassy in Paris.



HH the PM with the First Deputy PM and FM Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Sabah.

## HH the PM visits Kuwaiti Embassy in Paris

His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah visited Kuwait Embassy in Paris on Thursday, where he met with Kuwaiti Ambassador to France and embassy members.

His Highness noted the strong ties between Kuwait and France on all levels, calling on both sides to create further cooperation. His Highness also added that the visit is part of Kuwait's efforts to

strengthen its international relations. Meanwhile, His Highness Sheikh Jaber also met with Kuwaiti students in France, stressing the importance of the role they will play in their country's development in the future.

On his part, head of Kuwait's Cultural Office in Paris Abdulrahman Al-Radwan thanked His Highness for receiving the students and hearing them out, adding that they exerted huge efforts to learn the

French language and adapt to the living conditions in the country.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Prime Minister and his accompanying delegation, is heading home on Thursday after concluding a visit to the French capital.

The Premier was seen off at the airport by Kuwaiti Ambassador to France Sami Al-Suleiman, senior officials at the French Foreign ministry and Kuwaiti diplomats. (KUNA)

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 22: Director General of Information Technology Department at Ministry of Interior Brigadier Ali Al-Mueili says the launch of renewal services of passports, driving licenses and residence permits for domestic workers through the Ministry of Interior's mobile application prior to the end of this year is far-fetched.**

In a press statement, he explained that the ministry is currently working on several technical, technological and legal procedures before presenting these services to the public. As soon as these procedures are completed, the launch of the abovementioned services will be announced, which will be in coordination with other relevant ministerial sectors.

Brigadier Al-Mueili affirmed that the ministry offers various services to the public through its website, and that the ministry is keen to improve its services provided to the public such as by facilitating the enquiry process such that the public can receive immediate information about their enquiries through the website or the ministry's mobile app.

Regarding the SMS service, he explained that those who wish to subscribe to this service must make a one-time payment of KD 1, and then 40 fils for each SMS sent to the subscriber.

### Inquiries

Brigadier Al-Mueili said, "With this mobile app, you can make personal inquiries such as inquiries about passport, election, sponsorship, residency and immigration violations, visa, driving license, vehicle status and traffic violations, travel ban and judgment execution. The SMS services include notification of traffic violations, renewal of road licenses, transfer of residencies, approach of citizens' passport and driving license expiry, and cancellation of residency, among other services".

Meanwhile, Public Authority for Manpower revealed the intention to set up a committee to receive complaints from the national personnel whose labor support has been suspended upon their failure to update their data during the grace period that ended last August, reports Al-Anba daily.

Sources said the proposed committee will include members from the Public Authority for Manpower, Government Manpower and Restructuring Program, and Public Authority for Social Security.

It is noteworthy that thousands of citizens working in private sector have filed complaints about the suspended labor support, indicating they have yet to be paid retroactively even after updating their status.



Photos by Anwar Daifallah

Above: Some photos from the reception.

## Czech Embassy marks National Day

Czech Ambassador to Kuwait Martin Vavra celebrated his country's National Day. Present at the event was assistant undersecretary for European Affairs in

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Rashid Al-Adwani with various Arab and foreign diplomats, and a crowd of invitees.

## 34 illegal charity branches closed

# MoSAL approves dept's request to collect donations electronically

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 22:** Undersecretary of Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor Dr Matar Al-Mutairi has approved a request submitted by the Department of Charity Societies and Donor Organizations to allow collection of donations electronically instead of the branches of charitable societies present throughout the country, reports Aljazeera daily quoting informed sources.

They indicated that the new method will involve the use of machines similar to the machines that sell stamps, revealing that these machines will be placed in commercial complexes and governmental offices.

The sources stressed that this method is safe and effective, and it will facilitate control over the donations and ensure they are used legally and properly, adding that the charita-

ble societies will be obligated to receive donations from these machines after the method is approved by the undersecretary.

In another development, sources said the ministry is waiting for the charitable societies to provide it with their schedules for closing down their illegal branches.

They revealed that only two charitable societies have so far complied with the ministry's instructions and presented their schedules for closing down their illegal branches.

The sources indicated that the ministry, in cooperation with the charitable societies, has so far closed down 34 illegal branches while 107 branches will soon be closed, adding that the total number of charitable societies' branches is 153 out of which 12 are licensed and 141 are not.

## Efforts to promote values of co-existence being recognized

# Al-Babtain receives Mediterranean Foundation Peace Award

**ROME, Oct 22, (KUNA):** In a special and glittering ceremony, the Mediterranean Foundation conferred its Peace Award of 2015 on the Kuwaiti renowned poet Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain in recognition of his efforts to promote the values of co-existence and tolerance.

The award-giving ceremony on Wednesday was attended by the Foundation President Michele Capasso, Kuwaiti Ambassador in Rome Ali Khaled Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and large number of dignitaries including international intellectual and art figures and several Arab and foreign diplomats.

"This award is recognition for all the supporters of dialogue among populations at a time when we know that the international political situation is very difficult due to conflicts that inflame many regions of the world, and especially the Middle East," Al-Babtain said in a speech on the occasion.

"The responsibility of promoting peace has become a human duty, obligatory for everyone," he added.

For his part, Kuwaiti Ambassador Sheikh Ali held a banquet in honor of Al-Babtain and his guests following the ceremony.

The Mediterranean Awards (with various categories), was launched by

the Fondazione Mediterraneo in 1996, and are granted every year to eminent personalities from the worlds of arts and culture, politics and science and social disciplines, whose actions have contributed to reducing tensions, breaking down cultural barriers and developing shared values in the Greater Mediterranean.

This Award is considered one of the most prestigious acknowledgements in the world. Among those who received it were the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the US President Barack Obama, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, late Jordanian King Al-Hussein bin Talal.

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