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MoI reviews smart security patrol

Ministry launches online correctional appointments

KUWAIT: First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Fahad Al-Yousef Saud Al-Sabah on Monday was briefed on the Ministry's new smart security patrol, equipped with the latest technical systems to enhance the speed, accuracy, and efficiency of security operations in the field. In a press statement, the Interior Ministry said the initiative reflects its commitment to keeping pace with technological developments and supporting digital transformation in security work.

Sheikh Fahad Al-Sabah received an explanation from Brigadier Anwar Al-Yatama, Head of the Human Resources and Information Technology Sector, on the patrol's key components and smart systems, which were developed by national experts in information technology and cybersecurity. The patrol features an integrated system of advanced technologies, including smart mobile cameras linked to facial recognition and vehicle license plate systems, a mobile fingerprint device for instant identification, and direct connections to the ministry's databases for rapid identification of wanted persons and vehicles.



KUWAIT: First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Fahad Al-Yousef Saud Al-Sabah inspects AI-powered police patrol. — KUNA photos

The system also incorporates artificial intelligence for real-time image processing and analysis, supporting security personnel in the field and improving operational efficiency. Sheikh Fahad Al-Sabah

emphasized the importance of leveraging modern technology to enhance field security work and praised national teams for developing the project, calling it a significant step in the ministry's technologi-



cal transformation. The Interior Ministry reaffirmed its ongoing efforts to modernize the security system and employ cutting-edge technologies to serve public safety, contributing to enhanced security and stability across Kuwait.

New service on Sahel
In a separate development, the Minis-

try announced the launch of a new service via the unified government application for electronic services (Sahel), allowing families of inmates to request appointments with officials from the General Administration of Correctional Institutions. Interviews will be conducted every Monday from 4 to 6 pm, enabling families to submit inquiries and complaints efficiently. — KUNA

Municipal approves sites for wastewater plant, fuel depot

KUWAIT: The Municipal Council, chaired by Abdullah Al-Mahri, on Monday approved several key proposals aimed at improving public services and infrastructure. The council approved a request from the Ministry of Public Works to allocate a site for a wastewater treatment plant in the South Sabah Al-Ahmad residential area. It also approved two requests from the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) — to relocate a fuel filling station to the southeast of Sabah Al-Ahmad and to construct a temporary road linking the Al-Liyah Road intersection to the new fuel depot site.

In addition, the council endorsed the Ministry of

Education's request to reorganize public schools in Block 4 of Ahmadi, and a request from the General Fire Force to allocate a temporary site for a fire station in the Second Shuwaikh Industrial Area. Several recommendations from the Municipal Council's Environmental Affairs Committee were also adopted. These included expediting new cleaning contracts in line with municipal waste management and public hygiene regulations, and enhancing cleaning operations in cities, suburbs and residential areas.

The committee emphasized coordinating with governorate councils to educate waste generators on proper disposal procedures and ensuring contractors maintain cleanliness of containers, including regular washing, disinfection and pest control. The committee further recommended enforcing municipal waste management and public hygiene regulations, including imposing fines on cleaning companies or individuals who fail to comply with contract terms and regulations. — KUNA

Kuwait performs first remote robotic ob-gyn oncology op

KUWAIT: In a landmark medical achievement, the Ministry of Health announced the successful completion of the world's first remote robotic surgery in the field of gynecological oncology. This milestone was achieved through a comprehensive national collaboration between Jaber Al-Ahmad Hospital and Al-Jahra Hospital, marking the first series of robotic surgeries performed entirely by Kuwaiti surgeons using national infrastructure.

The groundbreaking procedures were carried out by the Gynecological Oncology Unit at Jaber Al-Ahmad Hospital, led by Dr Wafa Al-Duwaisan and Dr Dalal Al-Shamaa, in coordination with the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Al-Jahra Hospital. Three complex surgeries were successfully performed on Kuwaiti patients diagnosed with uterine cancer, utilizing remote robotic surgical ligation technology — a major advancement in modern surgical practice. "This achievement reflects the power of collaboration between national health institutions and represents a new phase in the localization of advanced medical technology in Kuwait," said a Ministry of Health spokesperson. "It strengthens Kuwait's regional and global position in digital medicine and smart surgery."

The success also opens opportunities for training the next generation of surgeons in robotic techniques



and fostering collaboration among robotic surgery specialists across hospitals and medical disciplines. The initiative aligns with the Ministry's vision of building a healthcare system equipped to meet future challenges, emphasizing innovation, integration and patient-centered care.

The medical team expressed gratitude to the Minister of Health, Dr Ahmad Abdulwahab Al-Awadhi, Deputy Minister Dr Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi and the Ministry's officials for their support in creating an environment conducive to this historic achievement. "This marks a significant step toward a smart, integrated healthcare system that places science at the forefront and patients at its heart," the team noted.



Students compete for Amir's Cup on revived TV program

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti school teams competed in the television program "With the Students" to win His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's Cup, in a 13-episode series featuring male and female high school students. Minister of Information, Culture and State Minister for Youth Affairs Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi expressed his pleasure at attending the program, noting that it highlights a valued category of students who represent Kuwait's present and promising future. He emphasized that the Amir's patronage reflects his commitment to youth and belief in their role in shaping the nation's future, positioning Kuwait as a hub for talent and creativity.

Al-Mutairi highlighted the program's educational and media objectives, describing it as a distinctive model that integrates learning with media and awareness-raising. He added that it helps refine students' skills, foster healthy competition, and enhance their ability to express themselves and innovate in a safe and stimulating environment. He also praised the efforts of the Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education, and partner institutions from the public and private sectors in ensuring the program's success.

Echoing these sentiments, Minister of Education Jalal Al-Tabtabaei commended the efforts of VO Company in organizing the program, noting its unique blend of entertainment and educational value. He said the revival of the program after nearly fifty years, with 13 recorded episodes, has sparked enthusiasm and competitive spir-

it among students, making it a rich educational experience. He also emphasized the program's ability to foster a sense of community and school pride.

Sheikha Ohood Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of VO Company, described the program as a first-of-its-kind partnership between the company and the Ministries of Information and Education. She noted that the revived edition preserves the spirit of the original program while adapting it to the aspirations of today's students, combining culture, entertainment and knowledge.

Salah Al-Hatem, Director of Public Relations and Media at VO Company, highlighted that "With the Students" first aired in 1957 and was led by media professionals such as Khaled Al-Harban and educator Nouriya Al-Farhan before pausing in the 1990s. He said the current edition features modern, educationally relevant questions prepared in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and supervised by the Ministry of Information to ensure quality content and purposeful messaging.

The program, consisting of 13 episodes, saw eleventh- and twelfth-grade students compete in teams representing their schools, answering questions across Arabic, English, mathematics, Islamic education, science and social studies. Participating students were selected through comprehensive school tests followed by a final elimination stage. The grand prize of KD 4,000 per student for the winning team and KD 1,000 for each member of the runner-up team is sponsored by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences.

Moderated by media professional Dhari Al-Blehaes at the VO Company headquarters, the competitions were marked by high enthusiasm and a spirited atmosphere, reflecting the program's goal of motivating students, encouraging fair competition, and fostering self-confidence while highlighting Kuwaiti youth talent and creativity. — KUNA



Group photo of AUK students, teacher and Kuwait Times staff. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

AUK students visit Kuwait Times and Kuwait News

By Passant Hisham

KUWAIT: A group of students from the American University of Kuwait (AUK) visited the Kuwait Times and Kuwait News offices on Monday for an inside look at the country's oldest English-language daily newspaper. During the visit, the students met with Kuwait Times editors, reporters, translators and the social media team to learn about the newsroom's daily operations and how stories move from the newsroom to digital platforms. Discussions covered a range of topics, including filming and production in the studio, political reporting and the growing influence of social media in modern journalism.

The group also toured the archives room, where decades of printed editions and photographs are



Students check Kuwait Times' inaugural edition with pride.

preserved, offering a glimpse into the newspaper's long history of documenting Kuwait's development and major events. The visit provided AUK students with valuable insights into the world of journalism, encouraging greater understanding of media ethics, accuracy and the teamwork behind every story published in Kuwait Times.



Students tour the editorial department.



Youssef Abu-Ghazaleh, Kuwait Times content creator and archivist gives students a trip back in time in Kuwait Times archives room.



Omar Alnaqib explains to students behind the scenes of video production at Kuwait Times studio.



Students play basketball.