



American University of Kuwait students pose for a group photo at the NATO Headquarters.

American University of Kuwait students visit NATO HQ

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization Headquarters (NATO HQ) hosted 11 American University of Kuwait (AUK) students in Brussels, Belgium, making them the first students in Kuwait to visit the organization. They were recommended to go to the suggestion of the NATO Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Regional Center (NIRC) in Kuwait. Dr. Shareefa Al-Adwani, Assistant Professor of Political Science at AUK, accompanied them during their trip, along with two NIRC members.

The students got the invaluable opportunity of engaging in discourse with high-ranking officials and diplomats, alternating between briefings and Q&A sessions. Students interacted with NATO representatives and ambassadors from Canada, Romania, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom.

Discussions about climate change, energy security, and NATO-Kuwait relations took place. Briefings were given on NATO's counter-terrorism

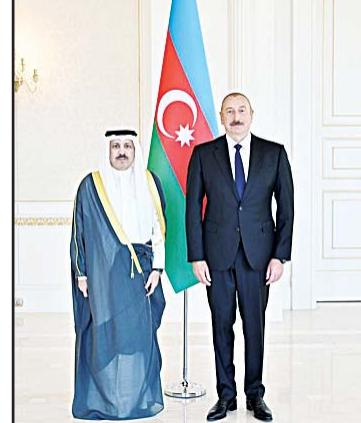
work and defence policies. A variety of sociopolitical concepts and frameworks were reflected upon throughout the visit.

To prepare for this trip, AUK students received an orientation from NIRC officials and a briefing from Ambassador Nasser Al-Sabeh, Director General of Saud Nasser Al-Sabah Kuwait Diplomatic Institute, to explain NATO HQ's protocols and procedures. Amb. Al-Sabeh drew upon his expertise within the political field to offer students strategies of negotiation in alignment with Kuwait foreign policy. He also emphasized the importance of staying well-informed and communicating in an effective manner.

AUK is highly committed to providing students with enriching experiences that prepare them for the contemporary world. A trip of this caliber illustrates AUK's continued efforts to offer students a high-quality education that fulfills their professional and personal aspirations.

Numerous Kuwaiti youths turning passions into lucrative businesses

Kuwaiti Ambassador to Azerbaijan presents credentials to Pres Aliyev



KUWAIT CITY, Sept 20, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Ambassador to Azerbaijan Abdullah Al-Moued presented his credentials to President Ilham Aliyev to commence his diplomatic mission.

Kuwait Embassy in Baku said, in a statement to KUNA on Monday, the occasion took place at the Presidential Palace in the presence of Assistant to the President and Head of Foreign Political Affairs Hikmat Hajiyev along with a number of senior state officials.

President Aliyev was also noting of the Kuwaiti and Azerbaijani embedded deep ties to wish the new Ambassador successful passage in fulfilling his diplomatic mission.

On his behalf, Al-Moued conveyed the greetings of His Highness the Amir and the Crown Prince to the Azerbaijani President and their keenness to further develop beneficial bilateral relations.

Alternative modes of income

By Munira Al-Rabia

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 20, (KUNA): While some people depend on government salaries to cover their living expenses, a number of Kuwaiti youths sought alternative modes of income by turning their passions into lucrative businesses.

Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) met with several of said youth who expressed their deep desire to break the mold and to embody the saying, "If you do what you love, you'll

never work a day in your life."

Art studio owner, Dalal Al-Hashel said that she was proud to be one of the first in Kuwait to open a space dedicated to "latte art", a discipline focusing on creating art from pour micro-foams in cups of coffee.

Al-Hashel revealed that she began her quest in 2021, starting women-only classes in latte art, which proved to be very popular and lucrative.

On his part, coffee roastery owner Fawaz Nasser said that the initial seeds for his business were conceptualized during the 2020 COVID-19 lockdown.

Post-lockdown measures, Nasser and his partner traveled abroad to gain experience and once back home, start their coffee roastery business.

"There were many trials I faced due to being a youth and not having the necessary capital to open the business," indicated Nasser who had to talk a bank loan to kick-start his quest to provide top-notch coffee for clients.

Similarly, Yasmeen Mohammad, a ceramic and clay artist, indicated that she did not know that her passion for her art would lead to opening a business.

Dream

Prior to pursuing her dream, Yasmeen was a government employee who took a leap of faith by quitting her day job and first opening a shop at home.

The home business was followed by a shop opening, which then turned into a showroom where she would provide classes in ceramic and clay art for anyone interested.

In reaction to the youths' passion, several members of the public expressed their support.

Abu Yousef, a 74-year-old senior citizen, gave his approval and support to the youth, saying that what they were doing was not very far from what the old generation pursued in terms of hard work and determination.

Um Manal, also another senior citizen, expressed pride in the youths' dreams of a better future, saying that his son was a car mechanic that left his government job to seek his passion, adding that his shop employs both Kuwaitis and residents.

Court clears

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Following are the main polling centers for each constituency:

First Constituency: Abdullah Abdullatif Al-Omar School for Boys in Mishref

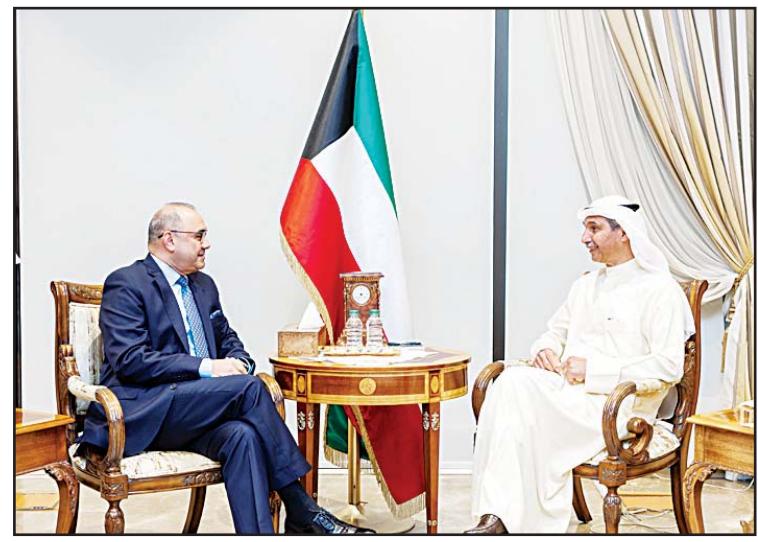
Second Constituency: Ibn Rushd Elementary School for Boys in Faiha

Third Constituency: Odaily Elementary School for Girls

Fourth Constituency: Andalus Elementary School for Girls

Fifth Constituency: Atuqa Bint Abdulmuttaleb Secondary School for Girls in Jaber Al-Ali.

A total of 759 polling precincts in 114 schools – 368 for men and 391 for women – are allocated for the five constituencies as follows: 93 for the First Constituency, 91 for the Second Constituency, 135 for the Third Constituency, 201 for the



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Kuwait Deputy Foreign Minister, Iraq's envoy discuss bilateral ties

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During the meeting, both sides touched on bilateral ties between the two friendly countries.

'Electronic job file'

Social Affairs 'introduces' first phase of automated leave system for employees

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 20: The financial and administrative affairs, planning and administrative development sectors of the Ministry of Social Affairs have completed the first phase of launching the automated system for registering employees to obtain sick and annual leaves and permission, via what is known as the "electronic job file", to address any shortcomings or errors that occurred previously and caused financial or moral harm to the concerned party, reports Al-Jarida daily.

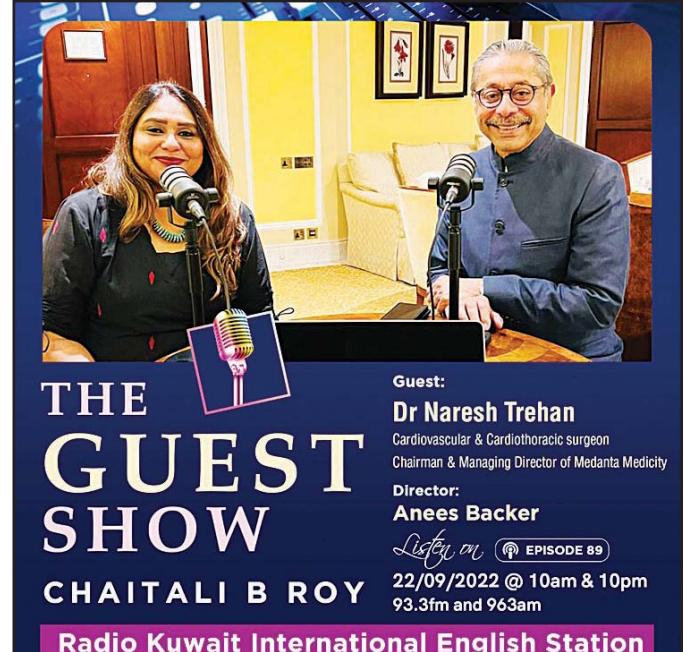
Reliable sources from the ministry said at this stage only the employees working in the Ministries Complex are included, and the Administrative Affairs Administration has begun to receive leaves, sicknesses and permissions for employees automatically through the "application" explaining that this will be followed by four other stages.

The departments outside the complex include: the departments of social care homes, the family care department employees (external units), the social development center employees, and the cooperative societies (the cooperative supervision and inspection department employees).

The sources pointed out that the new service allows the employee to submit a regular or sick leave or permission, after entering a user name and password that belongs to him, and then submit his request to the "administrative affairs" immediately, without having to wait several days for the administration to receive these requests.

The ministry noted that many employees, especially those working in external departments and units (outside the ministries complex), were subjected to injustice and salary deductions and in some cases their pay check was withheld as a result of interruption from work and failure to prove attendance and departure through the "fingerprint" system due to the delay in the arrival of their leave requests to the competent department, in addition to some of them being affected by non-receipt of requests for permission when the 30% of attendance and leave, on the basis of which the annual evaluations of employees which is why they were affected during evaluation of their job performance.

The sources added that "the computer department in the administrative, planning and development sector is currently working to launch the rest of the stages in succession, to be completed in full to cover all the ministry's employees within 3 months maximum, so that all employees can benefit from it, especially as it will be the gateway to transform "administrative affairs" into a smart department by eliminating paper transactions and expanding the use of automated systems, in order to facilitate employees and protect their rights."



The Guest Show poster

The Guest Show presents Dr Trehan

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 20: The Guest Show (TGS) on Kuwait Radio presents yet another extraordinary individual Dr Naresh Trehan, who was in Kuwait recently as a guest of Indian Doctors Forum, an elite organization of Indian medical professionals in Kuwait.

Counted among the top 10 doctors in the world, Dr Trehan is India's top cardiovascular and cardiothoracic surgery. He left a flourishing career in one of the world's leading hospitals in New York to return to India to serve his motherland.

On his return, he established The Escorts Heart Institute. Some years later, he set up Medanta Medcity, a one of its kind hospital

built along the lines of Cleveland and Mayo.

In over five decades of his career, Dr Trehan has performed more than 50,000 surgeries. For his extraordinary service, and for his iconic status in the medical field, the Indian government feted him with many awards including the Padma Bhushan and appointed him surgeon to the President of India.

Unrelenting in his passion, and his desire to provide affordable healthcare to the masses, he continues to work very long hours looking after his patients.

Tune in this Thursday as we trace his inspiring journey and he talks about India as a growing centre for health care.

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