

Prayer Timings

Fajr 04:01 Asr 15:23
 Sunrise .. 05:24 Maghrib .. 18:14
 Zohr 11:49 Isha 19:34

Local

BIOMETRIC/FINGERPRINT APPOINTMENT: <https://meta.e.gov.kw/En/>

Expected weather for next 24 hrs:

By Day: Hot with light to moderate freshening at times north-westerly wind, with speeds of 15-45 km/h with a chance for rising dust and some scattered clouds will appear.

By Night: Hot to rather hot with

Weather

light to moderate freshening at times over coastal areas north-westerly wind, with speeds of 12-42 km/h.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	47	35
Kuwait Airport	47	35

Abdaly	48	32
Bubyan	46	29
Jahra	48	35
Failaka Island	45	30
Salmiyah	43	35
Ahmadi	44	34
Jal Aliyah	47	32
Nuwaisib	47	32

Arab strategy proclaimed during inaugural session: Al-Sheikh

'Kuwait's participation in youth forum stems from joint Arab action advocacy'

AMMAN, Aug 29, (KUNA): Kuwait's participation in the Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security stems from its advocacy of joint Arab action and necessity of upgrading the youth potentials, an official of the Gulf state said.

The official, Nasser Al-Sheikh, the Acting Director General of the Public Youth Authority, was speaking to KUNA, on Thursday, after participating in the forum that kicked off in the Jordanian capital on Wednesday.

He affirmed that an Arab strategy was proclaimed during the inaugural session, calling for the youth active role in development, peace and security. It also aimed

at bolstering the joint Arab action and empowering the juniors to partake in decision making.

Al-Sheikh underscored necessity of enhancing the youngsters' skills regarding the knowledge, creative and green economies, designed to improve the human race welfare and protect nations against environmental perils.

He indicated that a ministerial-level session had been held within the forum quarters, discussing ideas on how to make and diversify skills in tandem with the technological progress, where the youngsters would be able to compete in the labor market and help attain states' plans for economic diversification.



Acting Director General of the Public Youth Authority Nasser Al-Sheikh in a group photo during the Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security in Amman. KUNA photo

MoE reaffirms commitment to integrating modern technology

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: The Ministry of Education reaffirmed its commitment to integrating modern technology in line with rapid digital advancements and investing in the future of education, opening new avenues for blended learning to enhance students' digital skills, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

In an announcement on its social media account 'X', the ministry revealed the introduction of 5,125 interactive screens across various educational stages.

This initiative aims to create a more engaging and interactive learning environment that fosters innovation and creativity among both teachers and students, as part of

preparations for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year.

The ministry highlighted the installation of 294 screens in computer labs at the elementary level, 472 in computer labs at the intermediate level, and 4,359 in computer labs and classrooms at the secondary level.

The introduction of interactive screens is intended to stimulate engagement and activity in the classroom, improve the clarity of educational materials, encourage teamwork and collaboration, provide diverse educational resources, enhance technological skills, and support the sharing of educational content and distance learning.

New circular mandates 3rd fingerprint attendance for medical support staff

MoH continues to improve health services and facilities: Al-Naham

By Marwa Al-Bahrawi

Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff and Agencies

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: The Ministry of Health recently issued a circular to the directors of health districts, hospitals and health centers on the need to apply the third fingerprint attendance mechanism on the medical support staff, reports Al-Rai daily.

The circular states that the abovementioned staff must register their fingerprint attendance during official working hours -- within 60 minutes two hours after the start of the official working hours with the commitment to register the fingerprint at the end of the working day.

Based on the directives of the health minister, as well as Articles 80 and 81 of Medical and Medical Support Professions Law No. 70/ 2020; Circular No. 89/2024 stipulates that the medical support staff are obligated to prove their presence at the workplace during official working hours by registering their fingerprint within 60 minutes two hours after the start of the working day. This is in accordance with Civil Service Commission Resolution No. 6/2024 on adding Article 10bis to CSC Resolution No. 41/2006, which stipulates the rules and regulations regarding official working hours.

Meanwhile, Assistant Undersecretary for Engineering Affairs and Projects Ibrahim Al-Naham disclosed that the ministry's vision to provide the best health services includes the development of health facilities in order to ensure the comfort and safety of citizens, and to make the health system more efficient.

Visited

Al-Naham made the statement when he visited Abdulrahman and Walid Manahi Al-Asimi Cardiac Intensive Care Center near the Chest Diseases Hospital and Nasser Al-Saeed Pediatric Dental Center in Abdullah Al-Salem suburb. He was accompanied by the ministry's specialized engineering teams.

He affirmed that the ministry focuses on improving the quality of health services and to modernize its facilities to keep pace with the latest international healthcare standards.

He said these projects aim to improve the health services provided to citizens, stressing these facilities are considered an added value to the healthcare system in the country and significantly contribute to ongoing efforts to meet the citizens' health needs in certain fields like cardiology and pediatric dental treatment. He underscored the need to complete these projects within the specified period.

He also thanked the engineering teams and employees for their efforts, while expressing appreciation for the unwavering support of Health Minister Dr. Ahmed Al-Awadhi and Undersecretary Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi who are closely monitoring the implementation of projects according to the highest standards to achieve the desired goals.

This is part of a series of inspection visits to look into the progress of construction projects supervised by the ministry and to ensure their completion as per the timetable.

During the visit, Al-Mutairi reviewed the completion rates of the two centers; whereas the challenges that the engineering teams are facing and ways to overcome them were discussed to guarantee the completion of the projects according to the approved engineering and health standards.



Hawalli Governor Al-Asfar chairs the meeting. Al-Seyassah photo

Hawalli Governorate Council reviews latest developments

During the fourth regular meeting, held at the governorate's general office and chaired by Hawalli Governor Ali Al-Asfar, the Hawalli Governorate Council reviewed the latest developments and challenges faced by the region and its residents, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The meeting featured a detailed visual presentation that highlighted the key problems affecting the areas within the governorate, clarifying issues and establishing priorities for resolution.

The discussions focused on identifying and implementing urgent measures to address these challenges, aiming to enhance the urban environment, promote sustainable development, and improve the quality of services provided to citizens.

The council emphasized the importance of close cooperation with relevant authorities and the monitoring of progress through periodic reports to the First Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense, and Minister of Interior, Sheikh Fahad Al-Yousif.



New French Ambassador to Kuwait. KUNA photos



Outgoing Argentine Ambassador. KUNA photos

FM receives credentials of new French ambassador

Kuwaiti Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdullah Al-Yahya received on Thursday credentials of new ambassador of France to Kuwait Oliver Govin.

The minister wished the new ambassador success in his work and to the bilateral relations between the two countries progress and prosperity.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah received on Thursday Ambassador of Argentina Claudia Alejandra Zampieri on the occasion of the end of her term as ambassador of her country to Kuwait. (KUNA)

10-point evaluation system to replace 360 method

New mechanism for unified promotion system to fill grades 17 and above positions in oil sector

By Najeh Bilal

Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) Sheikh Nawaf Al-Saud Al-Sabah recently issued a circular to the CEOs of oil companies affiliated with the corporation and the managing directors of the corporation; outlining the new mechanism for the unified promotion system to fill grades 17 and above positions in the oil sector, along with the suspension of the evaluation of candidates using the 360 method.

The circular, which will be implemented in early September, stressed the need to evaluate candidates for any of the abovementioned positions using the 10-point system covering the responsibilities and tasks required for the position to be compared to the candidate's capabilities and qualifications.

News in Brief

Query on telecom towers:

Municipal Council member Walid Al-Dagher on Tuesday submitted questions to the Kuwait Municipality regarding the telecommunication towers, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

In his letter to the Municipality, Al-Dagher asked about the legal basis for allowing telecommunication companies to install their towers on real estate and State properties.

He wanted to know the health impact of telecommunication towers on real estate properties or near residential areas. He inquired: What is the legal basis for licensing telecommunica-

tion companies to install their towers on real estate properties in private residential areas and the State properties? How many such licenses have been issued to telecommunication companies? How many violations were recorded against telecommunication companies for installing their towers on the aforementioned properties? What are the harmful effects of these towers to one's health and other damages? He concluded his letter by emphasizing the need for the Municipality to respond to the questions of council members within the specified period of two months.



Kuwaiti Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdullah Al-Yahya offered on Thursday his condolences over the death of former Lebanese prime minister Dr. Salim Al-Hoss. KUNA photos

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Flyer of the festival

Event to run from Nov 10 to 16

KIFF sets stage for cinematic event; gears up for next grand celebration

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: The Kuwait International Film Festival (KIFF) is setting the stage for a cinematic celebration as it gears up for its next grand event, running from November 10 to 16, 2024, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The festival, hosted by the American International University (AIU) in partnership with Cinescape, promises to be a significant highlight for filmmakers from around the world.

This year's festival will take place at the AIU, showcasing a diverse array of films across multiple categories.

These include Arab and international short feature films, Arab and international short documentary films, as well as Arab feature films and documentaries.

Each category is designed to spotlight exceptional talent and provide filmmakers with a global platform to present their work. Filmmakers have the opportunity to

gain exposure and connect with key figures in the industry, thanks to the festival's focus on celebrating a wide range of voices and perspectives. The KIFF offers a unique chance to network, share insights, and explore potential collaborations that could elevate their careers.

To participate, filmmakers can submit their entries via FilmFreeway, where they will find detailed submission guidelines and criteria. This festival not only recognizes excellence through various awards but also provides a space for meaningful interactions and growth within the cinematic community.

For more information and to submit your film, visit the KIFF submission page on FilmFreeway. The festival is poised to be an exciting event for both emerging and established filmmakers eager to showcase their work on an international stage.

Digital records set to transform public sector efficiency

Ministry of Oil to lead employee achievement pilot project

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: In a significant development for Kuwait's public sector, the Civil Service Commission has selected the Ministry of Oil to spearhead a pioneering pilot project called the 'Employee Achievement Record', reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Out of six competing government agencies, including the Ministry of Defense, the CSC itself, the Central Agency for Public Tenders, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the Public Authority for Minors Affairs, the Ministry of Oil was chosen to lead this initiative.

This prestigious selection marks a major endorsement of the Ministry of Oil's ongoing commitment to digital transformation.

The project aims to create an electronic record for each employee, capturing their tasks and achievements on a regular basis.

The records will be linked to each employee's civil number, ensuring all transactions and correspondences are automatically documented.

The 'Employee Achievement Record' project will encompass a range of business activities, including such as attending meetings and field visits; documenting memos, transactions, and handling correspondence, client interactions and responding to inquiries; preparing reports, research and statistics in addition to managing documentation and forms.

The Ministry of Oil's readiness to implement the project reflects its dedication to leveraging advanced technologies to enhance internal operations.



Left: The Kuwaiti volunteer team begins implementing its relief programs in Kenya. Right: Kuwaiti volunteer team of doctors and humanitarians.



KUNA photos

The initiative promises to not only document employees' tasks but also provide a comprehensive model that tracks task completion times, repetition rates, and other pertinent details.

One of the key benefits of the project is that it will ensure employees' tasks and achievements are formally recognized.

Outstanding performers will receive priority for financial rewards, training opportunities, and nominations for supervisory positions. Moreover, the project aims to integrate these achievement records with performance evaluations, thereby boosting productivity and recognizing high-performing employees.

This pilot project is a testament to the Ministry of Oil's leadership in digital innovation and its commitment to improving operational efficiency and transparency within Kuwait's public sector.

Charitable Kuwaiti hands continue humanitarian work in Kenya

Kuwaiti charitable volunteers continue to process the humanitarian works and extend aid and assistance to the world's needy, to help in overcoming major circumstances and challenges.

The Kuwaiti volunteering team started implementing a number of projects in the Republic of Kenya to help more than 300 families.

The projects included a medical camp to provide guidance and ways to prevent diseases, in addition to the distribution of food, and school sup-

plies.

It assisted in serving the labor market by opening stores and providing machines and tools to achieve self-sufficiency for families and other various charitable works.

The Kuwaiti team, including doctors, and medical and humanitarian staff, visited orphanages and elderly people centers within the visit program. (KUNA)

Al-Mishari to revamp municipal workflows, cleanliness standard

New Minister directs detailed sector reports, implementation plans

By Inaas Awadh

Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: During his first meeting with Kuwait Municipality leaders on Wednesday, Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Abdullatif Al-Mishari stressed the importance of taking necessary steps and decisions to improve work mechanisms, expedite procedures and execute development projects associated with the municipality in the upcoming period.

Al-Mishari affirmed the need to raise the cleanliness standards in the country by establishing a suitable mechanism that aligns with urban development and expansion.

He called for increased coordination with relevant municipal sectors and state authorities, use of advanced technologies, and intensified efforts.

The minister also highlighted the need for cooperation between Municipality sectors and the Municipal Council to complete the executive regulations for canopies and gardens.

Al-Mishari expressed his keenness to implement the directives of the political leadership by developing the municipality's work, implementing the development projects, staying abreast of global trends, and addressing unresolved issues, which includes completing the fourth structural plan for the state and submitting it to the Council of Ministers for approval.

He said it is important to use all technological means, and activate electronic services and link them to Sahel applica-



Al-Mishari

Kuwait Airways 'appoints' new maintenance director

By Najeh Bilal

Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 28: In a strategic move to strengthen its operational management, Kuwait Airways has appointed Salem Al-Obaidli as the new Director of the Maintenance Department.

This decision was announced by the Board of Directors, led by Chairman Abdul Mohsen Al-Faqan.

Sources close to the airline revealed that Kuwait Airways plans to implement a series of new tasks and promotions within its middle management ranks. This restructuring is part of a broader initiative to rejuvenate the company and enhance its operational efficiency.

The current board of directors, which took office in September 2023, is committed to showcasing substantial achievements over the next year.

The goal is to solidify Kuwait Airways' position as one of the leading airlines in the Middle East. The airline's vision for 2025 includes making significant strides in performance and service quality, supported by the government under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Al-Abdullah.

Looking ahead, the Kuwait Airways is preparing for the opening of a new airport, scheduled for 2026 and 2027.

The board's recent meeting with the Kuwait Airways Workers Union also addressed the termination of contracts for certain employees, highlighting ongoing efforts to align the workforce with the airline's evolving needs.

The airline's leadership is optimistic about future developments and aims to present impressive results and advancements as it continues its journey towards becoming one of the best international airlines.

tion, which is the unified government application for electronic services, to facilitate work for

'Helping Hands Project' advances to finals

KU wins 1st place in Huawei competition

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: Kuwait University announced that students from the Department of Computer Engineering at the College of Engineering and Petroleum secured first place in the Huawei competition held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The winning team, known as the Helping Hands project, comprised of Ahmed Al-Qattan, Taleb Al-Rifai, Mohammed Mahdi, Saad Al-Majidi, Ghanima Bou Abbas, and Maryam Al-Mutairi.

Competing against 26 teams from 14 countries, the team's victory qualifies them to represent the Middle East and Central Asia in the finals in China alongside other teams from around the world.

Huawei's 'Seeds for the Future' program, under which the competition was held, aims to equip talented students with the essential skills needed to excel in today's fast-paced technological world.



Hawalli Governor with Ethiopian envoy.

Hawalli Governor hosts Ethiopian Ambassador

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: Hawalli Governor, Ali Al-Asfar, welcomed the Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to Kuwait, Sayed Jibril, during a recent meeting.

The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries and exploring ways to enhance cooperation across various sectors.

Both parties also exchanged views on issues of mutual interest, reinforcing the commitment to continued collaboration.



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A segment of the panel discussion.



Group photo with some of the participants.

Student workshop covers banking rights, loans, digital services

ABK organizes banking awareness panel discussion workshop for 'A+ Student' account holders

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently hosted a banking awareness panel discussion workshop as part of its summer internship program for its 'A+ Student' account holders.

The event included presentations on various campaign-related topics, highlighting ABK's dedication to promoting the campaign's awareness efforts.

20 winners in Gulf Bank's first draw: KD 1,000 and KD 500 prizes

20 customers winning cash prizes worth KD1,500 each

Gulf Bank announces summer campaign winners

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: As part of its continuous efforts to reward its customers, Gulf Bank has announced the winners of the first draw in its summer campaign for credit and prepaid cardholders.



Mohammed Taqi

Mohammed Taqi
■ We run our summer campaign every year as part of our dedication to rewarding our customers.

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KFH announces winners of AIRabeh draw

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 29: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) announced the winners of the AIRabeh draw with 20 customers winning cash prizes worth KD1,500 each for the 32nd and 33rd weeks of 2024.



The campaign visual

The winners of KD1,500 are: Khaled Reyad, Mohammad Ibrahim, Modhi Al-Dhafeery, Rawan Al-Taher, Sohair Ali, Reem Al-Rasheed, Fatemah Erhama, Farah Al-Rashed, Mariam Al-Azmi, Esmaeel Al-Shareef, Ali Al-Khudhari, Shahha Al-Khaldi, Husam Hasan, Zaman Al-Qnaei, Hosham El-hifny, Om Hashem Hassan, Jassim Al-Azmi, Amal Al-Saeed, Mohammad Edrees, Adelina Pisisca.

account should not be less than KD 50 at the end of each month during the 3 months prior to the draw. Ten draws take place on a weekly basis for amount of KD1,500 for 10 winners each.

The Conversation

Companies benefit from hiring disabled managers, study finds

By Dustin Cole
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The Conversation is an independent and nonprofit source of news, analysis and commentary from academic experts.

Some large companies, such as Walgreens, Wells Fargo and Procter & Gamble, are successfully integrating people with disabilities into their labor forces.

supervisors with and without disabilities employed by that same nonprofit, employed at a similar organization and working at a for-profit distribution center to find out what might be behind this improvement.

Students face uncertainty and delays due to FAFSA issues

Botched college financial aid form snarls enrollment plans for students

WASHINGTON, Aug 29, (AP): After a long summer of technical glitches, most of America's prospective college students finally applied for federal financial aid - an annual process upended by a redesign-gone-bad.



FAFSA website is seen on the laptop as Adjovi Golo holds a laptop at DePaul University in Chicago, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2024. (AP)

The number of high school seniors who have completed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is down 9% compared with this time last year, according to the National College Attainment Network.

Areas with a high percentage of people living in poverty and places with a larger share of Black and Latino residents saw a 20% larger decline in FAFSA completions compared with higher-income areas, according to the Century Foundation.

Despite spending hours on the phone, one student could not get past the verification process for parents who lack a Social Security number, which is the case for some immigrants.

WHO and partners now aim to wipe out polio by 2026

Wasn't polio wiped out? Why the virus is still spreading

LONDON, Aug 29, (AP): Polio was eliminated from most parts of the world as part of a decadeslong effort by the World Health Organization and partners to wipe out the disease. But polio is one of the world's most infectious diseases and is still spreading in a small number of countries. The WHO and its partners want to eradicate polio in the next few years. Until it is gone from the planet, the virus will continue to trigger outbreaks anywhere children are not fully vaccinated. The recent polio infection in an unvaccinated baby in Gaza is the first time the disease has been reported in the territory in more than 25 years.

Polio is an infection caused by a virus that mostly affects children under 5. Most people infected with polio don't have any symptoms, but it can cause fever, headaches, vomiting and stiffness of the spine. In severe cases, polio can invade the nervous system and cause paralysis within hours, according to the WHO. The UN agency estimates that 1 in 200 polio cases results in permanent paralysis, usually of the legs. Among children who are paralyzed, up to 10% die when their breathing muscles are paralyzed. The virus spreads from person to person, entering the body through the mouth. It is most often spread by

contact with waste from an infected person or, less frequently, through contaminated water or food. Very bad. Polio has existed for centuries; ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics show children walking with canes, with the wasted limbs characteristic of polio victims. Before the first vaccine was developed in the 1950s, polio was among the most feared diseases. An explosive 1916 outbreak in New York killed more than 2,000 people and the worst recorded U.S. outbreak in 1952 killed more than 3,000. Many people who survived polio suffered lifelong consequences, including paralysis and deformed limbs. Some

people whose breathing muscles were paralyzed required "iron lung" chambers to help them breathe. WHO passed a resolution to eradicate polio in 1988, spurred on by the success of eliminating smallpox eight years earlier. Their original target was to wipe out polio by 2000. The WHO - along with partners including the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and Rotary International - boosted the production of an oral vaccine and rolled out widespread immunization campaigns. Polio cases dropped by more than 99%. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries where the spread of

polio has never been stopped. There are also outbreaks in more than a dozen other countries, mostly in Africa. WHO and partners now aim to wipe out polio by 2026. It's extraordinarily difficult. Stopping polio outbreaks means vaccinating at least 95% of the population everywhere, including in conflict-ridden countries and poor regions with broken health systems and other priorities. The oral vaccine is cheap, easy to use and is better at preventing entire populations from becoming infected. But it contains weakened, live polio virus and in very rare cases can spread and cause polio in unvacci-

nated people. In even rarer instances, the live virus from the vaccine can mutate into a new form capable of starting new outbreaks. Health authorities have become more successful in reducing the number of cases caused by the wild polio virus. Vaccine-related cases now cause the majority of infections worldwide. "The problem with trying to eradicate polio is that the need for perfection is so great and there are so many weak links," said Scott Barrett, a Columbia University professor who has studied polio eradication. "The technical feasibility is there, but we live in a vastly imperfect world."

'Charge phones overnight'

Tips to extend your device's life

LONDON, Aug 29, (AP): If you want to use your shiny new iPhone for as long as possible, you better take good care of it. Most people are now holding on to smartphones longer instead of regularly upgrading them, and there are many reasons why. At the dawn of the smartphone age, you might have upgraded to a new device every few years to make sure you had the latest must-have features or because your carrier's contract subsidized the purchase of the newest model. But that's no longer the case as smartphone technology has matured and innovations have become more incremental, and carrier pricing models have changed. There's also an environmental push to keep old phones out of landfills as electronic waste becomes a larger sustainability issue. Smartphones these days are also just sturdier and better able to survive dunks and shocks.



The iPhone 15 Pro is shown after its introduction on the Apple campus, Sept. 12, 2023, in Cupertino, Calif. (AP)

Improve network reliability

AI tool speeds up diagnosis and 'repair' of EV chargers

CAMPBELL, Calif., Aug 29, (AP): ChargePoint, a leading provider of networked charging solutions for electric vehicles (EVs), has announced an AI-powered driver support tool to rapidly accelerate the diagnosis and repair of charging stations in the field. The software utilizes AI for the first time in the EV charging space to identify physical charger issues, thereby improving their uptime. The software is the latest deliverable of ChargePoint's ongoing investment in charging station reliability. The software is user-friendly on the outside, yet sophisticated behind the scenes. All a driver needs to do when encountering a nonfunctional charging station is submit photos via an improved "report a problem" feature in the ChargePoint app. The app links the issue to the driver's location and analyzes the images for anomalies, discovered thanks to a multitude of inputs

utilized to train the technology for the EV charging domain. Once the software identifies the issue, it relays the information to ChargePoint's Network Operations Center, eliminating the need for most on-site inspections, considerably shortening the time to resolution. "By deploying AI technology that can diagnose hardware issues, ChargePoint has a critical new tool joining our Network Operations Center to ensure station uptime," said Rick Wilmer, CEO of ChargePoint. "This technology will enable us to triage and resolve physical issues that cannot be detected via remote monitoring, demonstrating our commitment to innovations which deliver a reliable charging network." Drivers who report an issue will be able to track repair status in their app, and their report will automatically generate an alert for that station's owner, streamlining a repair process which often requires their authorization.

Celsius), "which can permanently reduce battery lifespan." Samsung also says extreme heat or cold can damage batteries and warns people not to, for example, leave their phones in a car's glove box when it's very hot or cold. And don't put your phone in a freezer either, it's a myth that it can prolong battery life. "This is not correct and can damage your battery," Samsung says. Google, which makes the Android operating system and Pixel phones, says hot batteries drain faster, even when they're not in use, and that can

damage the battery. Tweak your device settings so apps or features use less power, which extends your battery's daily life and the time between charging cycles. You can turn down your phone's screen brightness, turn on the dark theme and reduce the time for the screen to power off. Enable the auto-brightness feature, which adjusts screen brightness according to the level of ambient light. Also check battery usage in your settings to see if there are any power-hungry apps you can switch off or uninstall.

Low death risk post surgery

Donating a kidney even safer now than long thought: study

WASHINGTON, Aug 29, (AP): People who volunteer to donate a kidney face an even lower risk of death from the operation than doctors have long thought, researchers reported Wednesday. The study tracked 30 years of living kidney donation and found that by 2022, fewer than 1 of every 10,000 donors died within three months of the surgery. Transplant centers have been using older data - citing a risk of 3 deaths per 10,000 living donors - in counseling donors about potentially deadly surgical complications. "The last decade has become a lot more safe in the operating room for living donors," said Dr. Dorry Segev, a transplant surgeon at NYU Langone Health. He co-authored the study published in the journal JAMA.



Surgeons work on a kidney during a transplant surgical procedure in Washington on June 28, 2016. (AP)

Guideline

Newer surgical techniques are the key reason, said Segev, calling for guideline updates to reflect those safety improvements - and maybe increase interest in living donation. He often finds transplant recipients more worried about potential risks to their donors than the would-be donors themselves. "For them, this is even more reassuring to allow their friends or family to donate on their behalf," Segev said. Thousands of people die each year waiting for an organ transplant. It's possible for living donors to give a one of their two kidneys or part of a liver, the only organ that regenerates. With nearly 90,000 people on the US list for a kidney transplant, finding a living donor not only shortens the yearslong wait -- those organs also tend to survive longer than ones from deceased donors. Yet last year, just 6,290 of the nation's more than 27,000 kidney transplants came from living donors, the most since before the pandemic. Safety isn't the only barrier to living donation. So is awareness, as many patients are reluctant to ask. And while the recipient's insurance covers medical bills, some donors face expenses such as travel or lost wages as they recover. The NYU team analyzed U.S. records of more than 164,000 living kidney donations from 1993 through 2022 and found 36 post-surgical deaths. Most at risk were male donors and those with a history of high blood pressure. Only five of those deaths occurred since 2013. That period coincided with U.S. transplant centers switching to minimally invasive kidney removal as well as adopting a better way to stop renal artery bleeding, Segev said. "Over time, it's a safe operation that's become even safer," important

At least 57 people sickened

Deli meat listeria outbreak death toll rises to nine: CDC

NEW YORK, Aug 29, (AP): At least nine people have died after being infected with listeria from Boar's Head deli meats tied to a massive recall last month, federal health officials said Wednesday. The new food poisoning toll includes two deaths in South Carolina plus one each in Florida, New Mexico, Tennessee and New York, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. Three deaths were previously confirmed in people who lived in Illinois, New Jersey and Virginia. At least 57 people have been sickened and hospitalized in the outbreak. Illnesses were reported starting in late May and have continued into August, the agency said. It is the largest listeria outbreak in the US since 2011, and Boar's Head has recalled more than 7 million pounds of deli products. Listeria infections are caused by a

hardy type of bacteria that can survive and even thrive during refrigeration. An estimated 1,600 people get listeria food poisoning each year and about 260 die, according to the CDC. Infections can be hard to pinpoint because symptoms may occur quickly - or up to 10 weeks after eating contaminated food. The infections are especially dangerous for older people, those who are pregnant or those with weakened immune systems. The problem was discovered when a Boar's Head liverwurst sample collected by health officials in Maryland tested positive for listeria. Further testing showed that the type of bacteria was the same strain causing illnesses in people. Boar's Head officials originally recalled liverwurst and other products meant to be sliced in retail delis with sell-by dates from July 25 to Aug. 30.

for would-be donors to know, said Dr. Amit Tevar of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, who wasn't involved in the study. But there are long-term risks to consider, too, he stressed -- including whether a donor's remaining kidney is expected to last the rest of their life. The risk of a donor later experiencing kidney failure also is small and depends on such factors as obesity, high

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Taylor Fritz, of the United States, returns a shot to Mattia Bellucci, of Italy, during a second round match of the U.S. Open tennis championships in New York. (AP)

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Left-right: Kuwaiti swimmers pose with other winners on the podium after the awarding ceremony.



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Kuwait secures seven more medals on final day of Arab Aquatics Championships

CAIRO, Aug 29, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti swimming team extended its medal count to 26, adding seven more medals, the final day of the Third Arab Age Group Aquatics Championships in Cairo. The new haul includes six bronze and one silver medal.

In the 15-16 age group, Mohammad Zbeid, Abdulwahab Al-Wahbeeb, Saud Al-Anzi, and Hassan Al-Seilik secured a silver medal in the 100x4 freestyle relay. Additionally, Saud Al-Anzi clinched a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly race for the same age group.

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In the 17-18 age group, Khaled Al-Otaibi won bronze in the 400m freestyle, while Abdullah Sultan took bronze in the 100m backstroke for the 13-14 age group. Abdullah Sultan, Hassan Zaid, Homoud Al-Homoud, and Meshari Al-Haqqaq also earned bronze in the 100x4 freestyle relay for the 13-14 age group.

In diving, Fadel Al-Abbas secured bronze in the 3m springboard for the 16-17 age group. He, along with Jassem Al-Qallaf, also earned bronze in the doubles 3m springboard event for the same age group.

With these results, the Kuwaiti team's total medal count stands at 26, comprising three gold, five silver, and 18 bronze medals. Faisal Abol-Hassan, head of the Kuwaiti team, expressed gratitude for the swimmers' remarkable achievements and acknowledged the support of Sheikh Khaled Al-Bader Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, President of the Kuwait Swimming Association.

Chiesa completes move to Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, England, Aug 29, (AP): Italy winger Federico Chiesa completed his move to Liverpool from Juventus for 10 million pounds (\$13.2 million) on Thursday.

The 26-year-old Chiesa, the son of former Italy striker Enrico Chiesa, is the first outfield player signed by Liverpool since the arrival of new manager Arne Slot in the offseason.

The deal for Chiesa includes Liverpool paying 2.5 million pounds (\$3.3 million) in add-ons based primarily on team performance.

Chiesa joined Juventus from Fiorentina in October 2020 for 50 million euros (then \$60 million) and starred for Italy in its run to the European Championship title the following year.

He damaged his ACL in January 2022 and was out of action for 10 months but returned for the Azzurri and played four times at Euro 2024.

"I'm so happy to be a Liverpool player," Chiesa said. "When (sporting director) Richard Hughes called me and he said, 'Do you want to join Liverpool?' - and the coach called me - I said 'Yes' immediately because I know the history of this club, I know what it represents to the fans."

"So, I'm so happy and I can't wait to get started."

Chiesa, who was into the last year of his contract at Juventus, can play on the left or right wing.

Earlier this week, Liverpool signed Georgia goalkeeper Giorgi Mamardashvili from Valencia on Tuesday in a deal that will see him stay at the Spanish team for the remainder of the season.



Chiesa

Wimbledon champ Krejčíková knocked out as Gauff marches into US Open 3rd round

Shelton and Tiafoe set to meet

NEW YORK, Aug 29, (AP): Frances Tiafoe is getting the rematch he wants, a second shot at Ben Shelton at the U.S. Open.

But there won't be a second straight Grand Slam title for Barbora Krejčíková.

The Wimbledon champion was knocked out of the U.S. Open in the second round on Wednesday, defeated by Elena-Gabriela Ruse 6-4, 7-5.

The No. 8-seeded Krejčíková won her second Grand Slam singles title this summer, but then she didn't play any matches after the Paris Olympics. She acknowledged last week not knowing where her level of play was.

Turns out, it wasn't good enough. "I mean, winning Wimbledon is amazing. It's a great, great result. I'm very proud about it and how I was able to handle everything there," said Krejčíková, who hadn't played a tournament on hard courts since February.

No woman has won Wimbledon

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and the U.S. Open in the same year since Serena Williams in 2012.

Tiafoe had short work on the steamiest day of the tournament thus far, with temperatures in New York surpassing 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 degrees Celsius). Three men's matches ended when an opponent stopped playing, the last one sending defending champion Novak Djokovic to the third round when Laslo Djere retired early in the third set with what appeared to be pain near his hip after they played for more than two hours across the first two sets.

"You know, in the end, not the kind of finish that we players or crowd wants to see, but I think it's probably due to that physical battle that we had in the opening two sets," the No. 2-seeded Djokovic said.

Tiafoe, the No. 20 seed, won the first two sets before his opponent, Alexander Shevchenko, retired after the first game of the third set.

Shelton, the No. 13 seed, later beat Roberto Bautista Agut 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. He ousted Tiafoe last year in the quarterfinals, stopping Tiafoe from what would have been a second straight trip to the U.S. Open semifinals.

They were two of the four American men to reach the third round in the bottom half of the draw. No. 12 Taylor Fritz got there by beating Matteo Berrettini 6-3, 7-6 (1), 6-1, while Brandon Nakashima beat Arthur Cazaux and will next play No. 18 Lorenzo Musetti, the bronze medalist at the Olympics.

Defending champion Coco Gauff marched into the third round on the women's side with a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Tatjana Maria. The No. 3 seed will next face No. 27 seed Elena Svitolina.

Ruse, a 26-year-old from Romania, advanced to the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time and will play No. 26 seed Paula Badosa,



The winners with their coaches on the podium.

Young footballers shine in Haido Championship

The "Al-Rafai" team claimed the title of the "Haido" Penalty Kick Championship for young footballers, with the Catalonia team finishing in second place. This championship is part of the sports programs and activities organized by Haido "Kan."

Abdullah Al-Saleh, Director of Haido Sports Academy, stated that the championship is one of the summer activities conducted by Haido "Kan"

Sports, aiming to instill the principles of sports, highlight its significance, and emphasize the importance of regular physical activity for children.

He explained that this is the second consecutive year the championship has been held for age groups ranging from 4 to 15 years old, at Mishref Sports Stadium. A total of 134 young players participated and were honored during a

special sports event in the presence of their parents. The event recognizes the efforts of many parents who encourage their children to engage in sports, as it provides an opportunity to develop positive personality traits and fosters a sense of cooperation, contributing to the child's personal growth, moral values, and understanding of the ethics of soccer.

Arrizabalaga sent out on loan again

Lukaku ends underwhelming second spell at Chelsea

NAPLES, Italy, Aug 29, (AP): Romelu Lukaku ended his underwhelming second spell at Chelsea by completing a move to Napoli on Thursday, with coach Antonio Conte saying the Belgium striker could play immediately.

Napoli announced the news on social media, saying "Romelu is proud to be one of us!" plus a brief statement on its website.

Napoli did not give any details of the deal, but Italian media reported Lukaku signed a three-year contract and the Serie A club paid Chelsea 30 million euros (\$33 million) plus 30% of any future transfer fee.

Conte said Lukaku could make his debut Saturday at home against Parma. The pair will be rekindling a winning combination, with Lukaku - Belgium's all-time record scorer - enjoying his two most productive seasons under Conte at Inter Milan.

The 31-year-old Lukaku had been training away from the main Chelsea squad in recent weeks as the London club sought to find a buyer for a striker who cost \$135 million in 2021 - making him the seventh most expensive soccer player at the time - but had been a flop in his second spell at Stamford Bridge.

He spent the 2022-23 season on loan at Inter and last season on loan at Roma.

Chelsea bought Lukaku from Inter, shortly after the center forward helped fire the Nerazzurri to the Serie A title. He finished that season as the team's top scorer with 24 league goals.

Inter was then managed by Conte, who left at the same time as Lukaku. Conte returned to Italy two months ago and was tasked with overturning last year's debacle at Napoli, which saw three different coaches in charge.

Napoli lost its first league match under Conte 3-0 but went on to win its second by the same scoreline last weekend.

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Napoli missed out on European competition last season with a 10th-place finish, coming a year after winning its first Serie A title since the days when Diego Maradona played for the club.

Lukaku has previously played for English clubs Manchester United, Everton and West Bromwich Albion, after a first spell at Chelsea from 2011-14 during which he only played 10 times.

Kepa Arrizabalaga, the world's most expensive goalkeeper signed for \$92 million six years ago, left Chelsea to go on a season-long loan at English Premier League rival Bournemouth on Thursday.



Haif visits Kuwait training grounds in Dubai with the head of the delegation, Jamal Al-Otaibi.