

Case of Filipina who died of TB goes viral on Facebook

Embassy tries to repatriate Hamos' remains

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KUWAIT CITY, June 24: The case of the Filipina who died on June 17, 2012 in the Al Amiri Hospital in Kuwait has gone viral on Facebook worldwide after the friend of the deceased posted her photo on Facebook appealing for help for the repatriation of her remains to the Philippines. The announcement posted on Facebook stated that whoever knows the relatives of the deceased in Zamboanga City, Western Mindanao, Philippines, to inform them about her death.

The Arab Times contacted the Philippine Embassy for feedback on the case of the OFW who was identified as Florinda Hernandez Hamos.

Muamar Hassan, the Assistance to Nationals Unit (ATNU) Officer at the Philippine Embassy told the Arab Times on Sunday that the Philippine Embassy has been already notified by the concerned authorities about the death of Hamos who was working as a household service worker (HSW) at the time of her death.

"We are now making the necessary arrangements for the immediate repatriation of the remains of Ms Hamos who died of a natural cause as stated in her death certificate," disclosed Hassan. He added that Hamos used a different name on her passport whose real name was Sha-Sha Kamlian. "We have already informed the next of kin of the deceased in the Philippines," he reiterated, brushing aside reports that the Philippine Embassy has not acted on her case. He added that her sponsor is willing to help shoulder the repatriation expenses.

Based on the copy of the death certificate handed by Hassan to the Arab Times, Hamos died due to acute failure in blood circulation and respiration and the direct cause of death is due to lung tuberculosis. "The death certificate also stated that the deceased was afflicted by HIV that resulted to the above condition," he added. HIV is the human immunodeficiency virus that can lead to acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS. HIV damages a person's body by destroying specific blood cells, called CD4+ T cells, which are crucial to helping



Photo by Ahmad Al-Nakeeb
Speaker of Kuwait's National Assembly Jassem Al-Khorafi being received at Kuwait airport Sunday evening on arrival from abroad.



Photo by Ali Al Hafez/KTCP
On her way back to the sea, after resting, the early morning hours of May 24, 2010.



Photo by Pinaki Chakravarty/KTCP
Nada's emerging track on the beach of Umm Al-Maradim in May 2010.

KTCP tracks first sea turtle

Nada moves back to nest

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KUWAIT CITY, June 24: She was fitted with a satellite transmitter on her carapace on a stormy night in Umm Al-Maradim on the night of May 24, 2010. She rode a small wave, which landed her softly on the pristine sand of the islet's southeast beach. Ali Alhafez, Kuwait Turtle Conservation Project (KTCP) volunteer at the time, spotted her first.

He later named her after his mother, even though she slapped his face as she struggled to go free from the tight tagging box the team had her in while attaching her \$5,000 transmitter.

Tracking devices on turtles usually last a few months on the animal, either because the batteries get depleted, or the transmitter is damaged as the turtle attempts to clean its carapace under rocks, or even because animals have unfortunate fates as bycatch in trawling nets. Nada, however, defied all these odds.

Two nights ago, and as is normal for Hawksbill turtles which nest every other year, she came out again.

After more than two years with her transmitter on, during which she has been giving detailed signals regarding her

whereabouts, there she was again, on the island, spotted thanks to the expertise of PhD researcher of the University of Exeter and KTCP marine biologist and tracking expert, Alan F. Rees.

Through Argos, the system allowing researchers to track animals throughout the planet, and in the last two years, eight Kuwaiti turtles were followed in their journeys away from their nesting grounds for several months after they were first met by KTCP team members.

Unlike some of the other animals, Nada did not travel far away from the southern Kuwaiti sea in the last two years.

Nobody was there to meet her this year and enjoy the very rare sight of a turtle nesting with her active transmitter on.

Now a famous animal for the Gulf thanks to her two-year record, we wish her and her offsprings a successful year as well as a lot of peace and quiet on the nesting beaches of Umm Al-Maradim and adjacent waters.

The Kuwait Turtle Conservation Project was sponsored by TOTAL Foundation and TOTAL Kuwait and carried out under the auspices of the Voluntary Work Center Kuwait, The Scientific Center Kuwait and the Kuwaiti Coast Guard.

Kuwait Today

Prayer Timings

Fajr	03:14 am
Sunrise	04:50
Zohr	11:50
Asr	03:24 pm
Maghreb	06:51
Isha	08:23

Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:
By Night: Relatively hot with light to moderate freshening gradually at times north westerly wind, with speed of 15-40 km/h with dust subsiding gradually.
By Day: Hot with moderate to fresh north westerly wind, with speed of 20-45 km/h causing rising dust over open areas.

Station	Max	Min	Rec	Exp
Kuwait City	42	33		
Kuwait Airport	43	30		
Nuwaiseeb	43	31		
Wafra	44	33		
Salmi	41	28		
Abdaly	43	29		
Jalaliyah	43	29		
Falilaka	44	30		
Ahmadi Port	41	34		
Umm Al-Maradem	37	32		
Warba-Bubiyah	44	28		

4-day forecast - Weather

Station	Max	Min	Sea	Today's	Dir
South Dolphin	39	32	5ft	SE	
Ahmadi LV	38	29	-	SE	
Beacon M28	37	32	5ft	SE	
Beacon N6	42	31	-	SE	
Umm Al-Maradem	37	32	-	SE	
Sea Island Buoy	33	33	5ft	SE	
Salmiyah	39	33	-	SE	
Jalala Port	39	33	-	SE	

4-day forecast - Marine

Station	Max	Min	Sea	Today's	Dir
South Dolphin	39	32	5ft	SE	
Ahmadi LV	38	29	-	SE	
Beacon M28	37	32	5ft	SE	
Beacon N6	42	31	-	SE	
Umm Al-Maradem	37	32	-	SE	
Sea Island Buoy	33	33	5ft	SE	
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Site for checking travel ban

www.kuwaitcourts.gov.kw/mojweb/NGeneral/Main.jsp

deaths

Noora Saad Humoud Al-Heran, 73 years old, widow of Ahmad Saleh Al-Heran, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Salwa, Diwan Al-Heran, Block 6, St 10, House 44, Tel: 99874515. (Women) Qurain, Block 3, St 36, House 13, Tel: 94040116. **Abdullah Jasem Saleh Al-Reshoud**, 64 years old, to be buried on Monday at 09:00 am. Condolences: (Men) Bayan, Block 5, St 5, House 5, Tel: 96644939. (Women) Kaifan, Block 3, St 34, House 7. **Mejbel Abdullah Mejbel Al-Qaryafi**, 18 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Umm Al-Haiman, Block 4, St 7, House 16, Tel: 65666609. (Women) Ali Sabah Al-Salem, Block 2, St 20, House 36, Tel:

99023136. **Fatima Bader Abdul Aziz Al-Qatan**, 47 years old, wife of Issam Abdullah Al-Khather Al-Shati, to be buried on Monday at 09:00 am. Condolences: (Men) Omariya, Block 1, St 5, House 17, Tel: 97551155. (Women) Rehab, Block 3, St 2, House 5, Tel: 97660984. **Fahda Fayed Abdul Latif Al-Thewaili**, 2 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolences: Ferdous, Block 4, St 1, Avenue 1, House 23 Tel: 66059036. **Latifa Ghazal Roomi Al-Otaibi**, 58 years old, wife of Abdullah Abdul Munim Al-Otaibi, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Sabah Al-Salem, Block 11, St 1, Avenue 4, House 43, Tel: 99593391.

June 24, 2012

Wind Speed.....10-30 km/h
Thursday, June 28
Expected weatherhot
Max Temp46C
Min Temp33C
Wind DirectionVRB-NW
Wind Speed.....10-32 km/h

Marine Forecast

Station	Max	Min	Sea	Today's	Dir
South Dolphin	39	32	5ft	SE	
Ahmadi LV	38	29	-	SE	
Beacon M28	37	32	5ft	SE	
Beacon N6	42	31	-	SE	
Umm Al-Maradem	37	32	-	SE	
Sea Island Buoy	33	33	5ft	SE	
Salmiyah	39	33	-	SE	
Jalala Port	39	33	-	SE	

4-day forecast - Marine

Station	Max	Min	Sea	Today's	Dir
South Dolphin	39	32	5ft	SE	
Ahmadi LV	38	29	-	SE	
Beacon M28	37	32	5ft	SE	
Beacon N6	42	31	-	SE	
Umm Al-Maradem	37	32	-	SE	
Sea Island Buoy	33	33	5ft	SE	
Salmiyah	39	33	-	SE	
Jalala Port	39	33	-	SE	

Wind Direction.....NW
Wind Speed.....20-45 km/h
Tuesday, June 26
Expected weatherhot
Sea stateslight to moderate
Wave height1-4 ft
Max Temp45C
Min Temp32C
Wind DirectionNW
Wind Speed.....12-32 km/h

Wednesday, June 27

Expected weatherhot
Sea stateslight to moderate
Wave height1-4 ft
Max Temp44C
Min Temp31C
Wind DirectionNW
Wind Speed.....10-30 km/h

Thursday, June 28

Expected weatherhot
Sea stateslight to moderate
Wave height1-4 ft
Max Temp46C
Min Temp33C
Wind DirectionVRB-NW
Wind Speed.....10-32 km/h

1st high tide:.....04:00
2nd high tide:.....14:45
1st low tide:.....21:30
2nd low tide:.....09:30
Sunrise:.....04:50
Sunset:.....18:51

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max temp.....46C
Min temp.....34C
Max Rh.....17%
Min Rh.....03%
Max Wind.....N 57 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hr.....03 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max Air Temp.....33/41C
Min/Max Rel Hum.....12/44%
Wind Dir/Wind Speed.....N/49 km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht.: N/1 ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp.: 30/31C
Sea Current.....End of Upwelling

Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.

March this year, a Filipino who had been working as a chef for three years in Kuwait tested positive for HIV. He flew back to the Philippines with the help of some members of the Filipino community after he sought help from the Philippine Overseas Labour Office (POLO).

News in Brief

Kuwait wins AIDMO board membership: Kuwait was recently voted into the Executive Board and the Administrative and Financial Control Body of the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO).

At the conclusion of the 22nd general assembly of AIDMO held in Rabat, the members elected Adel Sagar Al-Sager of Kuwait assistant director general of the pan-Arab organization.

The AIDMO general assembly lasted three days and concluded with a ministerial meeting here, with the participation of delegations from 18 Arab countries. (KUNA)

AFM headquarters inaugurated: Kuwaiti Minister of Information Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah recently inaugurated the premises of the Arab Media Forum (AMF) at the historical Al-Othman House in Hawalli area here.

Sheikh Mohammad, in press remarks during the opening ceremony, praised the selection of Al-Othman House as venue of the AMF headquarters in recognition of its cultural significance. (KUNA)



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