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Deputy Amir receives congratulatory cables on Eid Al-Adha

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23, (KUNA): His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received on Wednesday a cable from National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim congratulating him on the advent of Eid Al-Adha.

In his cable, Al-Ghanim expressed his sincere best wishes, good health, and prosperity to His Highness the

Deputy Amir and Crown Prince and to the people of Kuwait under the wisdom of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

His Highness sent a reply cable to National Assembly Speaker in which he expressed congratulations and best wishes and more prosperity for Kuwait, its people, Arab and Islamic nations.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable to the President of the National Guard His Highness Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah and Sheikh Mubarak Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah congratulating them on the advent of Eid Al-Adha, asking Allay almighty to have many returns of this occasion and to bless the Kuwaiti peo-

ple, wishing more prosperity to the State of Kuwait under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In turn, His Highness Sheikh Salem Al-Ali sent a cable to His Highness Sheikh Nawaf thanking him and congratulating him on Eid Al-Adha.

His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah also

received cables from senior Sheikhs, Deputy President of the National Guard Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Ahmad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah who congratulated His Highness on the

advent of Eid Al-Adha expressing appreciation to His Highness' efforts throughout the years and his support in serving the country.

His Highness the Deputy Amir also received congratulatory cables from ministers, governors and senior state officials inside and outside Kuwait.

In turn, His Highness the Deputy Amir thanked them all for their sincere wishes and sentiments.



President Jahjaga while receiving Kuwaiti Ambassador Al-Bader (left).

Kuwait donates \$15m to UNRWA

Kosovo's president praises Kuwaiti ambassador's efforts in boosting ties

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23, (KUNA): President of the Republic of Kosovo Atifete Jahjaga has extolled the distinctive efforts made by the non-resident Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Kosovo and his contributions to the development of bilateral relations in all fields.

This came during her meeting with Kuwait's ambassador to the Republic of Albania and non-resident to Kosovo Najib Abdul Rahman Al-Bader at the presidential palace in the capital, Pristina on the occasion of ending his tenure.

A statement by the Kuwait Embassy in Albania quoted Jahjaga as praising Al-Bader's sincere efforts and his eagerness to promote and develop bilateral relations in all fields as well as creating bridges of constructive cooperation between the people of the two countries.

She also thanked the continuous support given to her country by the State of Kuwait in all fields as well as its (Kuwait) support for her country's membership in international organizations.

For his part, Al-Bader conveyed the best greetings of His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince to the president on the advent of Eid Al-Adha wishing more prosperity to the friendly country.

He stressed Kuwait's appreciation for the continuous support extended by Kosovo to his country, recalling the evolution of bilateral ties especially following the signing of a diplomatic note on Jan 15, 2013 on the establishment of diplomatic relations, which embodied a qualitative leap in the history of relations between the two countries.

Also:
AMMAN: Kuwait has donated a \$15 million to support and to enable the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to help more than half a million Palestinian students to get their education this year.

Kuwaiti Ambassador to **Jordan Dr Hamad Al-Duaij** handed over this sum of money to the representative Commissioner-General of UNRWA **Omar Al-Rifai**, on Tuesday.

Al-Duaij told KUNA that this donation was made under the direction of His Highness the **Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah** who always supports the Palestinian cause.

On his part, Al-Rifai expressed appreciation to Kuwait's generous donation that would help the aid agency to expand its operations in the region and to give basic needs to the Palestinian refugees.

UNRWA is facing a budget deficit of more than \$101 million which led to the shutting down of 700 schools and 123 health centers in **Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip**.

UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions from UN Member States. UNRWA also receives some funding from the Regular Budget of the United Nations, which is used mostly for international staffing costs.

The Agency's services encompass education, health care, relief and social services, camp infrastructure and improvement, microfinance and emergency assistance, including in times of armed conflicts. (KUNA)

Experts express anger over IMF proposal to rectify budget deficit

'Lifting subsidies from basic commodities out of question'

By Bassam Al-Qassas
Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: Academics and politicians have expressed resentment on the economic reform procedures the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has proposed to rectify the deficit in Kuwait's general budget, adding "any idea to lift subsidies from the basic commodities such as water, electricity, and petrol is out of the question".

They are of the view that it is possible to apply the IMF recommendation gradually provided that government will take the first step to apply the decision on itself. They explained that government has many opportunities to cut down its expenditure to curb budget deficit instead of lifting subsidy from the basic commodities.

Former parliamentary candidate Dr Khalda Al-Kheder says she's proud of Kuwait because "we enjoy subsidies on water, electricity, petrol and other substances. Therefore, the prices of many commodities will go up if subsidy is lifted, and it will have negative influence on the standard of living of citizens and expatriates".

She noted the political situation here is already tense and "it's unnecessary to flare it up with prices hike". She explained that the country can control its expenditure in many ways, among them reducing external donations.

Segment

For her part, Dr Hanan Al-Saeed said a large segment of Kuwaitis live on limited income; thus, it's totally unacceptable to touch their income by lifting subsidy from the strategic commodities in particular. She noted decisions of this nature must be preceded by public dialogue to assess the opinions of citizens before implementing ideas that affect the daily life.

Former MP Raja Al-Hajelan in principle refused IMF's interference in Kuwait's internal affairs, considering the international financial institution is among the many forms of colonization. He wondered IMF's relationship with a country that craves to provide more luxury and stability for its people.

He added IMF has different approach to different nations and holds contradicting stances in its dealings with rich and poor countries. She stressed Kuwait plays unique role in subsidizing basic commodities for its citizens and deserves appreciation for the initiative — unlike other rich countries that shuns from such responsibility.

Meanwhile, a legal expert confirmed that the decision to suspend government's subsidy for citizens working in private sector is illegitimate even if they declined to update their data, reports Al-Qabas daily.

He stressed the decision may cause the country thousands of dinars if concerned citizens file petitions against the Government Manpower and Restructuring Program (GMRP), indicating the government will be obliged to compensate them.

He noted Cabinet's decision no. 613/2015 regarding social allowance and children allowance for employees working in private sector does not deprive citizens registered in the program of their right but obliges them to modify their status and update data. Therefore, the law does not prevent citizens in question from receiving subsidy.



(Top): The Kuwaiti pilgrims while arriving at Mount Arafat, and (above), some of the Kuwaiti pilgrims visiting the clinics.

Kuwaiti pilgrims arrive at Mount Arafat safely: official

Kuwaiti pilgrims have arrived at Mount Arafat from Mina safely and that their conditions are well, said a Kuwaiti official here on Wednesday.

Head of the Kuwaiti Hajj Mission Khulaid Al-Utheinah told KUNA that all services rendered to the Kuwaiti pilgrims are now completed.

He added that all teams of the Kuwaiti mission have taken their positions at Mount Arafat and are ready to serve the Kuwaiti pilgrims.

He praised the excellent services extended by the government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to all pilgrims.

The medical teams began assisting those in need through two separate clinics. Members of the Public Authority for Youth and Sport were seen at the entrances and exits of the mission's headquarters organizing work.

Muslims around the globe commemorate today (Wednesday) the Day of Arafat, considered the most important day of Hajj during which pilgrims gather on the desert planes of Arafat, near Makkah, to pray to their Lord.

The day falls on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah, the 12th month of the Islamic calendar, and is an integral part of the pilgrimage of Hajj, the fifth pillar of Islam.

Hajj officially began on Tuesday, on the 8th day of Dhul Hijjah, when pilgrims from all over the world began travelling from the holy city of Makkah to Mina, which is roughly eight kilometers away.

Today, after the dawn prayers in Mina, the pilgrims started their journey to Arafat, about 14 kilometers away.

Muslims believe that the Day of Arafat is a day when one's sins can be forgiven. (KUNA)

Chairman of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters.

He expressed pride in these communities for having championed national unity and loyalty to the nation's leadership while rejecting religious intolerance, extremism in thought and conduct, and terrorism.

Furthermore, he recalled in his statement the sacrifices given by Kuwaitis who lost their lives defending the nation and its lofty values.

Information minister congratulates nation's leadership on advent of Eid

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23, (KUNA): Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah congratulated on Wednesday the Kuwaiti leadership on the advent of the Eid Al-Adha.

In a statement to KUNA, Sheikh Salman invoked the lessons and values imbedded in the meaning on the occasion of the Eid Al-Adha as an apt reminder to the people of Kuwait to uphold the merits of national unity

behind His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

Sheikh Salman conveyed his congratulations to the nation's leadership, not only on his own behalf, but on the behalf of the intellectual, media, and artistic communities as he is also

dates who passed the interviews for the positions of director general of educational zone which were held few days ago.

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Kuwait Today

Prayer Timings

Fajr	04:18
Sunrise	05:37
Zohr	11:40
Asr	15:07
Maghrib	17:43
Isha	19:00

Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Night: Relatively hot with light to moderate north westerly wind, with speed of 08-26 km/h.

By Day: Hot with light to moderate freshening gradually at times north westerly wind, with speed of 15-40 km/h with a chance for blowing dust.

Station	Max	Min	Exp
Kuwait City	40	33	36
Kuwait Airport	44	26	35
Abdali	45	27	36
Bubyan	40	24	32
Jahra	40	26	31
Falalaka Island	41	28	34
Salmiya	36	33	34
Ahmad	37	34	34
Julfiah Port	45	28	36
Qarah Island	39	33	33
Umm Al-Maradem	37	33	33

4 days forecast - Weather

Thursday, Sept 24	Friday, Sept 25	Saturday, Sept 26	Sunday, Sept 27
Expected weather: Hot + blowing dust	Expected weather: Hot + blowing dust	Expected weather: Hot + blowing dust	Expected weather: Hot + blowing dust
Max Temp: 42C	Max Temp: 42C	Max Temp: 41C	Max Temp: 41C
Min Temp: 27C	Min Temp: 27C	Min Temp: 25C	Min Temp: 25C
Wind Direction: NW-N	Wind Direction: NW-N	Wind Direction: VRB-SE	Wind Direction: VRB-SE
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Marine Forecast

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deaths

Eid Mubarak Daidhan Al-Azmi, 74 years old, buried, Condolences: Firqqa, Block 2, The Main Street, House 416. Tel: 50373763 - 99205115.

Mohammad Taha Zaid Al-Otaibi, 48 years old, buried, Condolences: Qurain, Block 4, Street 3, House 32. Tel: 94056777 - 99831813.

Sheikha Essa Jassem Al-Rujeib - widow of Salem Ali Al-Mandi, 86 years old, buried, Condolences (Men) Surra, Block 6, Street 12, House 9, Al-Rujeib Diwan. Tel: 99011140 - 99620212. (Women) Qortoba, Block 4, Street 1, Avenue 4, House 42. Tel: 25335136 - 66660244.

Abdul Aziz Ahmad Al-Baher, 85 years old, to be buried on Thursday, Condolences (Men) Abdullah Al-Salem, Block 1, Street 17, House 19. Tel: 22524571. (Women) Shuwaikh B, Block 2, Street 22, House 3. Tel: 24819592.

Zahra Mandani Hassan Haidar - widow of Abdul Majeed Hussein Sha'baan, 71 years old, buried, Condolences (Men) Salmiya, Block 10, Street 1, behind the Arts Center, Al-Hashimiya Hosainiya. (women) Um Sadiq Hosainiya, Rumeithiya, Block 4, Street Malik Bin Anas, Avenue 44, House 5. Tel: 99067677. **Mutlaq Thamer Sa'doon Al-Handal**, 55 years old, buried, condolences (men) Sabahiya, Block 4, Street 11, House 132. Tel: 69029092. (women) Sabahiya, Block 4, Street 11, House 138. Tel: 99955328.

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Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max temp	45C
Min temp	24C
Max Rh	69%
Min Rh	08%
Max Wind	S 25 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs	0.0 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max/ Air Temp	31/37C
Min/Max Rel Hum	30/71%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed	SE/26 km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht	N/3ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp	31/33 C
Sea Current	Downdrift
Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.	

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Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.	

News in Brief

Institute renamed: Undersecretary of Ministry of Education Dr Haitham Al-Atari has decided to rename the Secondary Religious Institute for Men on Damascus Street, Qortuba area Block 2 to Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Secondary Religious Institute for Men, reports Al-Anba daily.



Al-Sumait

The new name of the institute came into effect during the current academic year of 2015/2016.

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dates who passed the interviews for the positions of director general of educational zone which were held few days ago.

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Smart meters on trial basis: The Ministry of Electricity and Water will install prepaid smart water meters on experimental basis before putting the project up for bidding, similar to what it has done earlier with the electricity meters, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

Sources revealed the ministry will select the sample areas for the trial installation of the prepaid smart water meters to determine if these are suitable for the consumers.

Sources clarified this project aims to lessen the irresponsible consumption of water and electricity while raising public awareness on the importance of conserving these vital resources.