

PM conveys HH the Amir's Eid greetings to Kuwaiti pilgrims

Millions watch annual custom of replacing Ka'aba's Kiswa

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23, (KUNA): His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah on Wednesday conveyed His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's congratulations to Kuwaiti pilgrims in Makkah on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha.

In a phone call with the head of the Kuwaiti Hajj mission, Assistant undersecretary for public

relations at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khulaf Al-Uthaina, His Highness the Premier also conveyed the Eid congratulations of His Highness the Deputy Amir and the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

His Highness the Prime Minister checked on the safety and health of all Kuwaiti pilgrims and inquired about facilitations offered by the Hajj mission in Makkah and other holy sites.

He praised the efforts made by Kuwait Hajj mission and its entire staff, as well as Saudi authorities, for helping pilgrims practice Hajj in a smooth and easy way.

Muslims all over the world watched the annual custom of replacing the Kiswa of the Ka'aba on Wednesday morning.

The changing of the Kiswa, the black cloth with golden embroidery covering the Ka'aba, took place after Fajr (dawn) prayer by 86 technicians and embroiders.

Officials from the Presidency of the Affairs of the Two Holy Mosques and Kiswa Factory was present during the event, which dates back to the pre-Islamic era. Changing the Kiswa is regarded as one of the aspects of showing utmost glory and holiness to the House of Allah.

The old Kiswa was replaced with

the new one made of pure silk.

Dr Muhammad Bajoda, director of the factory, said the new Kiswa will be handed over to the Keeper of the Ka'aba Key in a ceremony reflecting the significance of the event.

"The event will start after Fajr prayer and continue until after Al-Asr (late evening) prayer. The old one will be kept at the factory," Bajoda said.

The factory is run by more than 240 personnel and has different departments equipped with state-of-the-art machinery used for dyeing, embroidering, adorning, and sewing the Kiswa. It also has the largest sewing machine, which is 16 meters long.



Dean of Faculty of Science in Kuwait University Prof Jassem Mohammad Al-Hassan and Assistant Dean of the Marine Science Affairs Center Huda Mohmoud recently received a delegation from the Environment Public Authority (EPA). The meeting is part of the partnership of cooperation between the faculty and EPA in providing information about locations of coral reefs and discussing about conducting researches on marine environment by the researchers from the Faculty of Science. The information provided is aimed for EPA to create a database titled 'e-misk' with the help of experts from the Center for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) in the United Kingdom.

89,000 people exited on Wed

List of 'absentees' a day before Eid holiday differs

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: The number of government sector employees who reported for work a day before the holidays differed from one institution to another, reports Al-Anba daily.

In the Ministry of Electricity and Water, majority of the employees were present except those who applied for leave according to the law but its halls were quiet because only a few people came to process their transactions.

In the ministries of Public Works and Communications, most of the employees were absent which is no longer surprising as this has been the situation every time the country celebrates a long holiday.

An official from one of the ministries has called on the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to take the necessary measures to stop habitual absences or malingering among public sector employees, especially before and after the holidays.

On the other hand, sources from the Ministry of Communications confirmed a list of employees who were absent a day before the holiday without justification will be submitted to the concerned authority and severe sanctions will be imposed on them.

Meanwhile, the halls of the Ministry of Social Affairs were almost empty and some employees were absent due to their periodic or seasonal holidays for Hajj, but their absence did not affect the processing of transactions. Sources stressed the ministry will punish employees who were absent that day without any valid reason according to the CSC law.

In a related development, it has been reported that around 50 percent of employees and students planned for a long Eid holiday as they were absent on Tuesday.

Sources from the CSC revealed around 33,000 employees applied for sick or emergency leaves before Eid, while Kuwait University also witnessed a big number of absences among students as less than 50 percent attended their classes. Sources added the attendance rate in public schools was zero percent.

Meanwhile, the number of passengers who traveled out of Kuwait on Wednesday reached 89,000 and most of them headed to Dubai, Mashhad, Istanbul, Beirut and Cairo where they will spend their Eid holidays, reports Al-Anba daily quoting Director of the Operations Department at Kuwait International Airport Saleh Al-Fadaghi.

In a press statement, Al-Fadaghi disclosed a support team was formed to facilitate procedures for passengers, lessen the waiting period and prevent overcrowding. He said the Ministry of Interior put barriers to organize movement outside the airport building in order to ensure that the passengers will not miss their flights.

He added the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) employees and their counterparts in other concerned institutions are fully prepared in providing services to the passengers. He affirmed these employees are ready to respond to any inquiry or complaint, urging those banned from traveling to visit the office of the Ministry of Justice at the airport which operates round the clock. He also called on the public to cooperate with traffic officers as the parking areas are expected to be full and the movement of vehicles going and coming from the airport could be slower due to the large number of travelers.

News in Brief

Al-Ghanim congratulates Saudi counterpart: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim sent, on Wednesday, a cable of congratulations to Saudi Arabia's Speaker of Shura Council Dr Abdullah bin Mohammad Al-Sheikh on the occasion of his country's National Day. (KUNA)

By PM congratulates Saudi Arabia: Kuwait's First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah has congratulated Saudi Arabia on the occasion of its National Day, wishing the Kingdom lasting prosperity.

"I would like to congratulate the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, the Crown Prince and the Deputy Crown Prince, the Saudi government and people on the occasion of this joyful day, and also on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha," Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled said in press remarks.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, in New York for the UN General Assembly (UNGA) meetings, was speaking on the sidelines of a reception held by the Saudi Permanent Mission to the UN on the occasion of the Kingdom's national day late last night.

He recalled how Saudi Arabia has been offering different kinds of facilities to pilgrims who were performing their rituals during the Hajj season.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled also commended Saudi Arabia's role at the regional, Arab, Islamic and international levels vis-a-vis the recent Israeli escalation against Al-Aqsa Mosque, citing contacts made by King Salman with world leaders to put an end to the Israeli practices. (KUNA)

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