



A photo from the cleaning campaign.

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Diving team starts grand cleaning drives

Kuwait Diving Team affiliated to the Volunteer Environmental Foundation Saturday started its grand cleaning campaigns covering coastal regions of Kuwait during the winter season in collaboration with Kuwait Municipality and Environment Public Authority. The cleaning exercises started with Oshaerij where three tons of wastes were removed from the sea. According to a member of the team

and the official in charge of the project Dhari Al-Huwael, the wastes included plastic materials, abandoned fishing nets, ropes and tires brought there by the northern wind.

He indicated that those wastes could have also been dumped by trade ships that navigate the path to Doha Port every day, as well as from workshops in industrial areas, remnants of abandoned ships and effect of rain.

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Khalil Al-Saleh
(Liberal/Shiite)

Second Constituency

KHALIL AL-SALEH was born in 1958 and holds a diploma in civil aviation. He was an aviation instructor and held the position of head of the Amir's fleet. He is also a member of the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations, Kuwait Aircraft Engineers and Pilots Associations and the Kuwait Airways trade union, before being voted in the annulled parliament of December 2012.

In the July 2013 he won tenth place in the 2nd Constituency with 1,505 votes and in 2016 parliamentary election he secured third place with 2,914 votes ahead of his rival Jamaan Al-Harbash who got 2,432 votes. In the previous parliaments, Al-Saleh was elected member of Health and Social Affairs, Women and Family Affairs and Committee for the Handicapped.

Al-Saleh and his Shiite colleague MP Saleh Ashour are affiliated to Justice and Peace Gathering, a Shiite political bloc that operates outside the parliament. After the results of the July 2013 election, the bloc particularly thanked the voters of the First and Second constituencies for the trust they gave to Al-Saleh and Ashour who represent the bloc in the parliament.

Al-Saleh once proposed tarring some of the streets in Nahda, Doha and Sulaibikhat, and carrying out maintenance operations on some other streets that require pavements and repairs. He also proposed allocating space for establishing well-equipped sports clubs in the populated areas of Doha and allocation of budget for that purpose.

He explained that the streets and areas of Al-Nahda, Doha and Sulaibikhat lack necessary public facilities, while those that are available are in dire need of maintenance and development.

Statements

On one occasion, Al-Saleh praised Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah for taking an initiative to increase the amount of personal loans for officers, non-commissioned officers and individuals working in the army.

He said this initiative shows the minister's far sight and commitment to alleviate the burdens of employees of the Defense Ministry. He added, "The loan which has reached KD 30,000 for a soldier and KD 50,000 for an officer without interest, to be paid in 'small' installments is an initiative that deserves commendation."

He added from the day Sheikh Khalid has assumed the post of Defense Minister he has issued several decisions which shows his keenness to provide mental and psychological comfort to military personnel. He said the lawmakers will support him to move forward with his responsible work.

During one of his election campaigns, Al-Saleh said the government is neglecting to implement the 43 laws that were passed by the past Assembly and therefore it is subjecting itself to interpellations



Al-Saleh

Voting Record

- Electricity and Water Tariffs (2016) — approved
- Financial Controllers (auditors) (2016) — approved
- Domestic Workers and Domestic workers Recruitment (2015) — approved
- Consumer Protection (2015) — approved
- Anti-Corruption (2015) — approved
- Cyber Crime (2015) — approved
- Surveillance Camera (2015) — approved
- Military Service (Conscription) (2015) — approved
- Electricity and Water Tariffs (2016) — approved
- Financial Controllers (auditors) (2016) — approved
- Domestic Workers, Domestic Workers Recruitment (2015) — approved
- Consumer Protection (2015) — approved
- Anti-Corruption (2015) — rejected
- Cyber Crime (2015) — approved
- Surveillance Camera (2015) — approved
- Military Service (Conscription) (2015) — approved
- DNA Law, 2015, approved
- Granting 4,000 Bedoun Citizenship bill (2013) — approved
- Anti Money Laundry & Financing Terrorism bill (2013) — approved
- Writing off Loan Interests of Citizens bill (2013)- abstained
- Unemployment Insurance Bill (2013) — approved
- Small and Medium Enterprise Bill (2013) — approved
- One Vote Decree bill (2013) — approved
- National Unity Decree bill (2013) — approved
- Amendment Decree of the Sport Law (2013) — approved
- Anti Corruption and Financial Disclosure Decree (2013) — approved
- Annual Plan Of 2011/2012, (2013) — rejected
- Foreign Agreements (2013) — approved
- Amendment of Housing Care Law (2013) — approved
- Privatization of Kuwait Airways Corp. Law (2013) — approved
- Electronic Transaction Law, (2012) — approved
- Final Accounts of 1999-2000 and 2010-2011 (2013) — approved
- Telecommunications and Information Technology Authority (2013) — approved
- Amendment of Companies Law, (2013) — approved
- Amendment of Cooperative Societies Law (2013) — approved
- Settlement Decree with Iraqi Airways (2013) — approved

by the next Parliament.

He also said Kuwaitis must always remain united as one body in good times and bad times, adding that next Parliament must work to eliminate sectarianism to bring security and stability to Kuwait. He urged all citizens to actively participate in the next elections to elect MPs who will make Kuwait his/her top priority.

He also pointed to the implementation of the national unity law which was issued according to the wishes of HH the Amir and passed recently by the annulled Parliament for the citizens to feel there is a deterrent law that is applicable to everyone. He added this law comes to set a general rule on everyone to abide by it and the government must bear its responsibility and translate the provisions of this law into actions.

7,380 election advts removed

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 10: Director of Kuwait Municipality branch in Mubarak Al-Kabeer Eng Samiya Al-Anzi disclosed that the Emergency Team and the department in charge of removing remnants of the election campaign removed 7,380 election advertisements, reports Al-Seyassah daily. Meanwhile, Head of the Emergency Team Nasser Al-Hajri said a total of 6,450 election posts and 547 big metal frame election signboards were removed.

Also, head of the department tasked to remove remnants of the election campaign Salman Al-Ghais added 383 advertisements were removed, in addition to seven structures built on State properties while 10 citations for various violations, 19 warnings and 19 certificates of specification were issued.

He went on to say they received 31 requests for connecting electricity and eight for strengthening electric current.

'New B777-300ER plane to kick off commercial flights to London soon'

KAC's new Boeing plane a symbol of modernized Kuwait: US envoy

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 10, (KUNA): Kuwait Airways Corporation pointed out that the long-haul "Failaka" B777-300ER plane which joined its fleet today would start commercial service shortly after brief tests and pilot flights.

It noted that Failaka plane is one of 10 contracted upon with the US aircraft maker Boeing, the delivery of the remaining nine aircraft would complete by the last quarter of 2017 as per the KAC transformation and fleet overhauling plan, which was announced September 2015.

The 777-300ER is the most fuel, cost-efficient and most reliable twin-aisle aircraft in the world.

The flagship of the world's elite airlines, the 777-300ER carries 386 passengers in a standard three-class configuration up to 7,825 nautical miles (14,490 kms), on non-stop routes.

The new plane would be operated on the Kuwait-London route, the KAC stated.

The new plane would boost the efficiency of Kuwait Airways and help it add new routes and destinations. The Kuwait Airways planes currently fly to 37 destinations, in the Middle East, Near East, Europe, and North America.

The fleet overhaul, the KAC is expected to boost its operation growth to serve three million passengers annually.

Kuwait Airways' fleet comprises 22 planes: Five Airbus A330-200; seven Airbus A320-200s; three Airbus A320-200; four Airbus A340-300; two Boeing B777-200; and one Boeing B747-400.

Kuwait Airways signed in February 2014 a final agreement with European plane maker Airbus to lease 12 Airbus A320 jets and buy 25 aircraft including 10 A350-900 and 15 A320neo Family aircraft as part of the airlines' fleet renewal strategy, their delivery would start in 2018 and end by 2022.

Speaking to KUNA on the sidelines of the Kuwait Airways Corporation's celebration on the delivery of its first Boeing 777-300ER plane, US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence Silverman stated that there is a remarkable growth in the economic and commercial cooperation between the United States and Kuwait.

He described the delivery of the new Boeing plane to Kuwait Airways as a new American hallmark on KAC's transformation and upgrading process.

KAC's new Boeing plane is a symbol of the modernized Kuwait, he said.

Silverman added that the partnership between KAC and Boeing would help KAC increase its destinations and create new opportunities between the two countries.

He spoke highly about the decades-long Kuwaiti relations, hoping the recently held strategic dialogue would open horizons for economic and investment cooperation between the two friendly countries.

Woman with 18 months expired residence held

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 10: An African woman who works at a perfume and cosmetic company was arrested by Farwaniya securitymen in Riggae area due to expiry of her residency since 18 months, reports Al-Shahed daily.

The woman was in a taxi when she saw police ahead. She immediately jumped out of the taxi and took to her heels. The suspecting police officers followed her, eventually managing to catch up to her. They checked her details to discover she is an African expatriate in violation of the residency and work laws.

She was arrested and referred to the concerned authorities in preparation for her deportation.



Above: some photos from the awarding ceremony

Over 450 participate in contest

IMWA awards Quran Competition winners

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 10: Continuing its tradition, IMWA organised Quran Competition on 28 October, 2016 for boys and girls, up-to Class XII and their parents at Al Najat Boys School, Salmiya, followed by Awards Conferral ceremony on Nov 25, 2016. The participants were tested for their skills in Quranic recitation, elocution, knowledge based quiz on Islamic history and religious matters and calligraphy.

The award conferral started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Umar Ashraf, excellence award winner in Group B followed by English translation by Asma Manshaudhin. Verses 285 — 286 were chosen to begin the program in the light of the fact that great merits have been attributed to these two verses in authentic Hadith. The holy Prophet PBUH has said that one who recites these two verses during the night, they will be sufficient for them.

In Western classical rhetoric, elocution is one of the five core disciplines of pronunciation, which is the art of delivering speeches. Orators are trained not only on proper diction, but on the proper use of gestures, stance, and dress. The following participants who were the winners of Elocution Contest addressed the audience in the award conferral ceremony delivering their award winning speeches.

1. Maryam Jawaid, Class X,

2. Safiya Ishaq, Class VIII,
3. Fahaeel Al Watanieh Private School
4. Abdur Rahman Ansari, Class V,
5. Indian Learners Own Academy
6. Mohammad Yusuf Khan, Class IV,
7. Indian Learners Own Academy

The Elocution was based on the following topics:

- Group B — Rights of Neighbours in Islam
- Group C — The blessings of Imaan
- Group D — Islam is Peace
- Group E — Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in other religious scriptures

Keeping in with the importance of Holy Quran for Muslims in particular and mankind in general, IMWA for the last several years had been educating our brothers, sisters and children alike, through this Quiz Contest — of the right path in worshipping Allah, leading a good life, living in harmony and mutual respect with other religions and cultures. Muslims learn from Quran, morals of life. Quran is a guide and command for rituals including prayers, fasting, pilgrimage, rules of marriage, divorce, inheritance, finance, partnerships, you name it and the subject is covered in Quran.

There were over 450 registrations of which 104 participants were declared as winners based on their performance. From the last year, we have included, quiz based on Islamic history and deen itself for parents too ... Allhamdulillah ... we have

received a tremendous response from them too. Around 50 parents participated in high scoring quiz game.

Besides, the merit positions, special prizes were given to the wards of IMWA members under the category of IMWA Talent and an award of excellence to repeat winners of last year. IMWA took an unusual decision of awarding two prizes for two tie second positions in parent's category. This was done in view of the high scores secured by winning parents.

We could successfully do the programme because of dedicated efforts of Dr Naeemuddin, who booked the venue and ensured that it is available to us. Tanwir Alam along with his daughter, Maliha Tanwir played a pivotal role in facilitating the smooth distribution of prizes. The other EC members, under the stewardship of President Jawaid Anwar, Muzammil Malik, Iftekhhar Ahmed, Mohammed Manshaudhin, Israr Ahmad, Khalid Damodar, AW Rumani, Syed Hanif, Rashid Mir, Mir Abrar and Convener Irfan Mohammad Khan assisted by Sumaiyya Parveen, Asma Manshaudhin, Israa Naemuddin and Maryam Jawaid played their role by being a part of the total environment.

We continue to seek Allah's blessings that more and more of us benefit from this programme with each passing year and we remain steadfast in our efforts.