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HH the Amir with HH Sheikh Nasser.



HH the Amir with HH the PM and Minister Al-Saleh



HH the Amir with Tural Rzayev.

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HH the Amir receives top officials; outgoing Azeri Ambassador

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received His Highness Sheikh Nasser

Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah at Seif Palace on Tuesday. His Highness also received His

Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and Deputy Prime Minister, Min-

ister of Finance, and Acting Minister of Oil Anas Al-Saleh. Meanwhile, HH the Amir received

the outgoing Azeri Ambassador to Kuwait Tural Rzayev at Seif Palace on Tuesday.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah. (KUNA)

Kuwaitis urged to prepare for days of war

Arabs, Muslims become 'weak' based on differences: Mathkour

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 12: Chairman of Higher Advisory Committee for Sharia Implementation in Kuwait **Dr Khalid Al-Mathkour** described the situation of Arab and Muslim nations as despicable, frustrating and lacking unity, reports Al-Nahar daily.

He affirmed that Arabs and Muslims have become weak based on differences by which they lost diplomatic strength and much-appreciated global presence. He said the weak policies of Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) and other relevant organizations led to frail Muslim scholars.

He stated effects the Arab and Muslims weakness is the reason the organizations are not heard or felt, while they should be at the forefront of protecting the community. He noted the only option is to revert to praying for the almighty Allah



Al-Mathkour

to rescue Arabs and Muslims and to direct the affairs of our leaders for the interest of their countries and citizens.

He urged Kuwaitis to prepare for days of war, because "nobody knows what will happen". He observed the current situation in the region, especially the falling prices of oil, which is the mainstay of Kuwaiti economy, and advised Kuwaitis to reduce the rate of acquiring luxury materials and concentrate on essentials.

He called on Kuwaitis to cultivate the system of living in pre-oil discovery era in anticipation of a possible difficult period ahead. "We were scared of a spark but we have been witnesses to fire and the situation calls for resilience and perseverance", he concluded.

'Draft law on agencies aims to serve interest of certain group'

11/11 Bloc organizes seminar



KUWAIT CITY, Jan 12: The 11/11 Bloc organized a seminar titled 'Parliament between commercial monopoly and good of citizens' on Sunday, Jan 10 for discussing the draft law on agency. A number of former ministers and lawmakers attended the seminar, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Secretary General of the bloc Nasser Al-Shlaimi said, "We are not against traders in general but we are against the greedy ones. It is unfortunate that some traders secretly play the role of the hidden government. These traders control legislation, which in turn has created a state of resentment among the citizens of this country".

Meanwhile, former minister Jassem Al-Oun insisted that the draft law on agency is aimed to serve the interests of a certain group and that this draft law is different from those submitted previously in this regard.

Furthermore, MP Mohammed Tana explained that the parliament's Finance Committee canceled an article in the draft law with the aim of increasing the number of agents and to ensure an atmosphere of competition for increasing competency. However, after it canceled the article, it became apparent that the draft law is aimed to meet certain agendas.

Also, representative of Civil Society for Consumer Protection Mohammad Al-Ali stressed that the country seems to focus on reducing the governmental subsidy provided to the nation, but there must be fair competency and low prices because "monopoly of commodities will never lead to reduction in prices".

He insisted that there is no justification for the increase in prices particularly since the oil prices are low.

"Therefore, if the government is serious about its intention to control the prices, reinforce competency and then reduce the governmental subsidy, it has to first eliminate monopoly, not let any group of traders control the market and then increase the prices", Al-Ali added.

In addition, former minister Ahmad Baqer said the Kuwaiti market is not very active compared to the markets of the neighboring countries in the region, indicating that the law of competency has not been applied so far even though it was approved in February 2007.

Call for filling seat of 'deceased' MP

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 12, (KUNA): Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem announced Tuesday that the seat of deceased MP Nabeel Al-Fadhel was vacant, calling for the necessary constitutional procedures to be carried out to fill in the seat.

Speaking to the regular session of parliament, Al-Ghanem said that according to article 84 of the constitution and item 18 of the National Assembly's statute, the vacant seat of an MP, who did not finish his legislative term, should be filled in within a period of two months through elections.

MP Al-Fadhel passed away due to health complications during a regular session of parliament on Dec 22, 2015.

News in Brief

'Govt firms' to be privatized: Government companies affiliated to the petroleum sector will be privatized in view of the continuous decline in the prices of oil and petroleum products in the global market, reports Al-Shahid daily quoting sources.

Sources revealed the price per barrel might decrease further — around \$20; indicating the Higher Petroleum Council, during its recently-concluded meeting, proposed conducting a study on the consequences of the remarkable oil price decline which is expected to continue next year.

Bid to retire supervisors: State Minister for Municipality Affairs and Communica-

tions Minister Essa Al-Kandari will soon issue a decision on the retirement of many supervisors, who have been in serves for 32 years, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Tenure of KAC board stretched: The tenure of Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Board of Directors has been extended for three months — until March, reports Al-Shahid daily quoting sources.

Sources added the corporation is preparing for the formation of its new board of directors in line with the transformation of KAC into a national carrier wherein 25% of the shares will be distributed to citizens and 75% for the State.

Kuwait Today

Prayer Timings

Fajr	05:20
Sunrise	06:44
Dohr	11:56
Asr	14:51
Maghreb	17:10
Isha	18:31

Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Night: Partly cloudy with light to moderate north westerly to light variable wind, with speed of 08-28 km/h.

By Day: Partly cloudy with light variable wind changing to light to moderate north westerly wind, with speed of 08-26 km/h with a chance for scattered light rain.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	20	12
Kuwait Airport	18	05
Abdaly	18	05
Butayan	17	07
Jahra	18	08
Falilaka Island	17	10
Salmiyah	17	12
Ahmadi	17	12
Jalaliyah	17	06
Qarshi Island	17	15
Umm Al-Maradem	17	15

4 days forecast - Weather

Wednesday, Jan 13

Expected weather.....Partly cloudy + scattered rain
Max Temp.....19C
Min Temp.....08C
Wind Direction.....VRB-NW
Wind Speed.....08-26 km/h

Thursday, Jan 14

Expected weather.....Sunny
Max Temp.....19C
Min Temp.....07C
Wind Direction.....NW-VRB
Wind Speed.....06-26 km/h

Friday, Jan 15

Expected weather.....Sunny
Max Temp.....20C
Min Temp.....07C
Wind Direction.....VRB
Wind Speed.....08-18 km/h

Saturday, Jan 16

Expected weather.....Sunny
Max Temp.....21C
Min Temp.....06C
Wind Direction.....VRB-NW
Wind Speed.....08-26 km/h

Marine Forecast

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec	Sea Surf	Today's Waves	
				Ht	Direction
South Dolphin	16	11	-	3ft	SE
Umm Muthayyah	17	14	-	3ft	SE
Beacon M28	-	-	-	3ft	SE
Beacon N6	16	9	-	3ft	SE
Qarshi Island	17	14	18	3ft	SE
Umm Al-Maradem	17	14	-	3ft	SE
Sea Island Duo	-	-	-	-	-
Salmiyah	17	11	-	3ft	SE

4 days forecast - Marine

Wednesday, Jan 13

Expected weather.....Partly cloudy + scattered rain
Sea state.....Slight to moderate
Wave height.....2-5 ft
Max Temp.....19C
Min Temp.....08C
Wind Direction.....VRB-NW
Wind Speed.....08-26 km/h

Thursday, Jan 14

Expected weather.....Sunny
Sea state.....Slight to moderate
Wave height.....1-4 ft
Max Temp.....19C
Min Temp.....07C
Wind Direction.....NW-VRB
Wind Speed.....06-26 km/h

Friday, Jan 15

Expected weather.....Sunny
Sea state.....Slight to moderate
Wave height.....1-3 ft

deaths

Taleb Ali Husein Al Shooli, 56 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Mishrif, Al Wazzan Mosque, Tel: 66545443 (Women) Adan, Block 2, Street 43, House 5, Tel: 99529730; **Musa Baraak Hamaad Al Ajmi**, 48 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Abdullah Al Mubarak, Block 1, Street 122, House 5, Tel: 60988998 (Women) Omarya, Block 5, Street 5, House 64, Tel: 66600696; **Waleed Abdul Razaak Abdul Rahman Al Yousef**, 34 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Abdullah Al Mubarak, Block 7, Street 716, House 1, Tel: 55565444 (Women) Rihab, Block 3, Street 71, House 21, Tel: 96009191; **Fawziya Ahmad Amin**, 76 years old, widow of Ali Ghaleb Ahmad, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Qortuba, Block 1, Street 4, House 29, Tel: 6091909 (Women) Bayan, Block 9, Street 1, Avenue 10, House 3, Tel: 94960999; **Deghaima Rafeei Hamoud Al Kardawain Al Shamari**, 69 years old, wife of Nedaa Mohammad Khalaf Al Shamari, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: Waha, Block 1, Street 5, House 1197, Tel: 55505115-99874610; **Muneera Isa Abdul Rahman Al Bin Ali**, 74 years old, widow of Mohammad Mubarak Al Banwan, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Qadisiya, Block 7, Street 77, House 16, Tel: 99655572 (Women) Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem, Block 4, Street 46, House 19, Tel: 99409962; **Fawziya Khaleefa Al Harbi**, 71 years old, widow of Abdullah Isa Al Oun, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Mubarak Al Abdullah Al Jaber, Block 3, Street 301, 504, Tel: 65646616 (Women) Adan, Block 7, Street 2, House 4; **Abdel Tawfeeq Yaqoub Al Zuhair**, 73 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Salwa, Block 4, Al Ta'awun Street Opp Radison Hotel, entrance of Bobyan Club, Street 1, House 48, Tel: 99033505 (Women) Qortuba, Block 1, Street 1, House 89; **Ali Ibrahim Al Swailem**, 77 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Fahahel, Block 10, Bin Babeia Street, House 9, Tel: 99608555 (Women) Rumathiya, Block 7, Street 77, House 25, Tel: 99791437; **Kobra Jafar Muhsen**, 90 years old, widow of Ali Mohammad Ali Lari buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Dasma, Huseiniyat Al Emran, Tel: 97997574 (Women) Qadisiya, Huseiniyat Umm Al Banwan, Tel: 65551010; **Badiya Moll Allah Jassem Al Qana'at**, 71 years old, widow of Sulaiman Khalid Al Mutawai, to be buried on Wednesday at 09:00 am. Condolences: (Men) Shuwaikh P, Diwan Al Qana'at, Tel: 97815192 (Women) Surra, Block 6, Street 13, House 21 P.

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Min Temp.....07C
Wind Direction.....VRB
Wind Speed.....08-18 km/h

Expected weather.....Sunny
Sea state.....Slight to moderate
Wave height.....1-4 ft
Max Temp.....21C
Min Temp.....06C
Wind Direction.....VRB-NW
Wind Speed.....08-26 km/h

Expected weather.....Sunny
Sea state.....Slight to moderate
Wave height.....1-4 ft
Max Temp.....17C
Min Temp.....05C
Max Rh.....98%
Min Rh.....33%
Max Wind.....NW 36 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs.....00 mm

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport
Max Temp.....17C
Min Temp.....05C
Max Rh.....98%
Min Rh.....33%
Max Wind.....NW 36 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs.....00 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin
Min/Max/Air Temp.....11/16C
Min/Max Rel Hum.....46/74%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed.....N/35 km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht.....N/5 ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp.....15/15 C
Sea Current.....Upwelling

— Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.



Above: some photos from the graduation ceremony.

'Protégés' program celebrates graduation of its 5th generation

By Cintra Fernandes Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 12: The Protégés mentorship program celebrated the graduation of its fifth generation made up of 25 young men and women between the ages of 16 and 24 at an award giving ceremony held at the Yarmouk Cultural Centre, Sunday evening.

The Protégés program hopes to positively influence the youth of Kuwait, through an inclusive program that combines travel, lectures, group activities, challenges, games and fun.

Abeer Al Omar, Manager at Corporate Social Responsibility at Kuwait Projects Company (KIPCO), that sponsors and supports the mentorship program, stressed the company's long-standing commitment to help the young people of Kuwait and the belief that program is an excellent way of preparing the country's next generation of leaders.

Shamlan Al Bahar, Director at The Protégés, thanked the students, their parents and the mentors who had participated and made the program a success and expressed his pride towards the graduating generation. He shared that even as Kuwait placed great emphasis on investing in its young, the youth too had a responsibility to give back.

He shared how the Protégés program had grown in the last five years with the support of mentors, partnering companies and organisations, and State authorities. He expressed his hope that many more would join the programme and stressed that it was not restricted to special categories or nationality but was open for all to participate in. Lastly, he congratulated the students who had successfully completed the program and thanked parents for their trust in the program.

During the event, mentors and students shared their positive experiences

from the program that lasted six weeks of which 4 were held in Kuwait and the rest in Sweden and Denmark. Generation 3 Protégé Maryam Shhab performed an original composition while Generation 5 Protégé Nour Al Shimmali shared her poetry. Generation 5 Protégé Wadha Al Jabous explained Raqsh, a volunteer project that focuses on the educational and cultural aspects, as another Generation 5 Protégé Eman Al Sayegh, performed the Raqsh song with lyrics penned by Saher and music by Bashar Al Shatti. Parents of the protégés were also interviewed in the course of the evening by Mishari Al Muffreh to discuss their personal experiences with their children before and after their participation in the program.

The program is sponsored by the KIPCO Group and its subsidiaries, Tamedeen Group, TabCo, Jumbo Travel, Ali Alghanim & Sons Automotive, repented company, Tap, and Al Rai Media Group.