

## Government owns shares worth KD 3 billion as of last year

# Govt has no intention to sell its shares in Kuwait Bourse: Al-Saleh

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 29: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Al-Saleh says the government has no intention to sell its shares in the Kuwait Bourse, especially its in Zain Communication Company and Kuwait Finance House, reports Al-Anba daily.

The minister issued this statement in response to information in Kuwait Bourse indicating liquidation and exit operation of the leading shares

from some of the government's portfolios to benefit from this strong upswing of the bourse since the start of this year, as its price index has come close to achieving 20 percent of increase.

Al-Saleh said the government will currently not proceed through the sale of its shares in "Zain" or "Baitak", affirming that, "This is mere economic operation that is subject to technical standards. The

present moment is not suitable to put it forward".

The government owns shares worth about KD 3 billion as of end of last year. According to sources, the government is holding onto its shares in the Kuwaiti Bourse after achieving the desired objectives from it as well as the good financial returns under the recent results of the shares market.

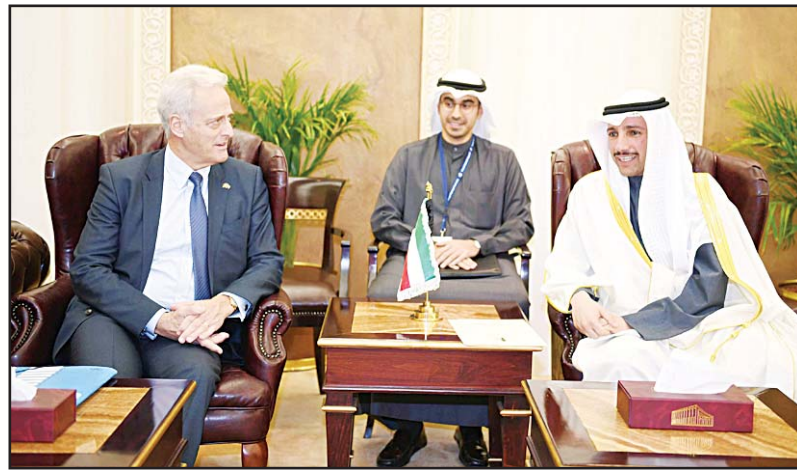
Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) has a new plan for distribution of housing units, which will soon be tabled by the board of the authority. If endorsed, it will be presented to the parliament's Housing Committee for review, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources from PAHW.

They explained that there are intentions to incorporate several new areas in the distribution plan such as

Khaitan with about 1,200 housing units, especially after several MPs made such request. Another area is the one parallel to Abu Halifa with space for about 1,800 units. However, that land needs to receive allocation approval from Kuwait Municipality.

The future residential cities will include about 171,130 housing units in south of Abdullah Al-Mubarak area, Saad Al-Abdullah

area with 25,000 housing units, South Mutla area with 30,000 units, Khairan town with 53,530 units, 25,000 units in Sabah Al-Ahmad residential area, and Al-Sabriya area with 52,000 housing units. This means the total number of residential housing units will cover the number of housing welfare applications, which recently reached about 103,217 applications.



Kuwait National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim with visiting German Parliament member Dr Peter Ramzaor

### Speaker receives German MP

Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim met in his office on Sunday with visiting German Parliament Member Dr Peter Ramzaor and his accompanying delegation.

During the meeting, they discussed the ongoing cooperation between both nations and ways to enhance it, in addition to a number

of issues with mutual concern and the latest regional and international developments.

The meeting was attended by the Rapporteur of the National Assembly's Economic and Financial Affairs Committee Safaa Al-Hashem and the Rapporteur of the Foreign Affairs Committee Yousef Al-Fadalah.

### 2,187 students in 12 nations received aid

## Awqaf minister presides over Zakat House directors meet

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 29: Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, State Minister for Municipality Affairs and Zakat House Board Chairman Muhammad Nasser Al-Jabri presided over the Zakat House Board of Directors meeting recently.

In a press statement, Zakat House disclosed that the board reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting, as well as discussed the report on its achievements for the third quarter of 2016.

According to the report, the total cash income of Zakat House from Jan 1 to Sept 30, 2016 reached KD 42,304,000 – six percent increase compared to the same period in 2015. Funds collected through different channels within the same period totaled KD 26,742,000 – 19 percent higher than last year.

The total expenditures in and outside Kuwait within the same period reached KD 33,167,600 – KD 19,061,388 for internal expenses; KD 342,475 for external expenditures with donors' money amounting to KD 13,763,737 for the implementation of projects outside Kuwait.

The report also revealed that 16,412 families in Kuwait received financial aid totaling KD 6,168,470 from July 1 to Sept 30, 2016; whereas 5,822 families received assistance in-kind like food supplies in addition to subsidy offered through share funds between Zakat House, some ministries and official bodies such as the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, Kuwait University, and Public Authority for Applied Education and Training.

# 'Millions lost due to medicines smuggled outside the country'

Kuwait has 40,000 handicaps

### Move paves in solving operations in divided area

## Al-Omar to head Chevron Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 29: A letter sent by Chevron Company to Ministry of Oil has revealed the appointment of Ahmad Awwad Al-Omar as the Head of Chevron Kuwait, an offshoot of Saudi Arabia Chevron, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to sources, such a move could pave way for finding solutions to ensure revival of operations in the joint oil zone shared by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Chevron Company is the responsible body in charge of managing Saudi's share in the divided area.

The letter affirmed that Al-Omar will start his job on Feb 15 following the signing of the contract, which will relieve him from his current position as the executive chairman of Saudi Chevron Company.

The letter also explains that the move is aimed at relations management and development with Kuwait's Ministry of Oil and other bodies including Kuwait National Petroleum Company and Gulf Oil Company.

Sources from the oil sector said the appointment of Al-Omar who has experience of about 48 years is due to the good relations among the oil officials and leaders, indicating that such relations will represent an active element in accomplishing any agreement on the joint operations area and restoring work.

Earlier, the Minister of Oil and Minister of Electricity and Water Essam Al-Marzouq spoke to Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister in Vienna, which was followed by the decision to launch quick procedures in the coming few days.

It is worth mentioning that production was halted in 2014 in the joint operation area (Khafji Zone) in Saudi Arabia and Al-Wafra in Kuwait from where Kuwait produced about 500,000 barrels per day.

### KUWAIT CITY, Jan 29: Ministry of Health has lost millions of dinars due to medicine smuggled outside the country, reports Al-Shahed daily.

The daily quoting a source added the ministry tried to put an end to the negative phenomenon but the efforts have not been fruitful. He noted the medical personnel and nurses in private security from contracting companies that guard the departments and wards are involved in the issue.

He pointed out that medicines for heart, respiratory and digestive systems, kidney and bone are among the most smuggled items. He noted the smuggling process starts by taking the medicine out of the pharmacies to the homes of expatriates for repackaging to avoid detecting them inside the luggage during search procedures at the borders.

#### Devote

The same source indicated some doctors, nurses and paramedics devote themselves to the crime through which they gain a lot. They expected the medicine-smuggling-mafia has recruited a number of employees at the borders to facilitate their activities. He called on the Ministry of Health to intensify surveillance on the pharmacies and medicine stores to put an end to the phenomenon through which state funds are wasted.

Meanwhile, former vice chairman of Medical and Technical Committees at the Public Authority for Disabled Affairs Dr Ali Al-Kanderi affirmed that nobody is capable of feigning permanent disability. He denied the existence of cases of false claims disclosed by the Minister of Social Affairs and Labor, and Minister of State for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh recently, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The Consultant Brain and Nerve Surgeon emphasized the information was inaccurate, because nothing of such nature can happen. He stressed whoever obtains certificate of disability must be suffering from a certain ailment since the certificates are issued after series of diagnosis or court injunctions. He urged the ministry to improve on the method of examination and evaluation.

He wondered why the officials did not revert to the doctor who is in charge of examination and categorizing disability in the Medical and Technical Committees Section of the authority in case of any doubt?

He reiterated the rate of disability in any society ranges from 10-15 percent of the population, according to a United Nations statistics. He stressed the information at his disposal indicates Kuwaiti population has 40,000 handicaps, while around 100,000 and 150,000 is an average number from a population of 1 million.

Furthermore, minister of Public Works Eng. Abdulrahman Al-Mutawa conducted field inspection of Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Bridge.

He affirmed that almost 72 percent of the bridge construction has been accomplished, and that work is continuing as per the schedule set by the contractor.

In a statement he issued during the inspection tour, Eng. Al-Mutawa said the ministry, in coordination with other relevant ministries and governmental institutions, is doing all it can to eliminate any obstacles that the project might encounter or that could prevent the construction from progressing as planned.

The minister indicated that the project is due to completely end by November 2018 as per the timeline set for it.

## Kuwait Today

### Prayer Timings

Fajr	05:17
Sunrise	06:39
Zohr	12:01
Asr	15:03
Maghrib	17:24
Isha	18:44

### Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:  
By Night: Cold with light to moderate north westerly wind, speed of 12-35 km/h.  
By Day: Mostly sunny with light to moderate north westerly to northerly wind, with speed of 08-30 km/h.

Station	Max	Min
Kuwait City	19	09
Kuwait Airport	18	04
Abdali	18	05
Bubyan	19	08
Jahra	19	08
Falika Island	18	09
Salmiyah	17	12
Ahmedi	17	13
Nuwaisib	18	08
Wafra	20	07
Salmiyah	17	04

### 4 days forecast - Weather

**Monday, Jan 30**  
Expected weather.....Mostly sunny  
Max Temp.....16C  
Min Temp.....04C  
Wind Direction.....NW  
Wind Speed.....10-30 km/h

**Tuesday, Jan 31**  
Expected weather.....Partly cloudy + chance for rain  
Max Temp.....19C  
Min Temp.....07C  
Wind Direction.....SE  
Wind Speed.....12-35 km/h

**Wednesday, Feb 01**  
Expected weather.....Invalid data  
Max Temp.....19C  
Min Temp.....07C  
Wind Direction.....NW  
Wind Speed.....15-40 km/h

**Thursday, Feb 02**  
Expected weather.....Most sunny + rising dust  
Max Temp.....16C  
Min Temp.....05C  
Wind Direction.....NW  
Wind Speed.....22-42 km/h

### Marine Forecast

Station	Max	Min	Sea	Today's
	Exp	Rec	Surf	Waves
South Dolphin	19	11	14	5ft SE
Umm Mudyarah	17	14	-	5ft SE
Beacon M28	-	-	-	5ft SE
Beacon N6	-	-	-	5ft SE
Qaruh Island	17	15	16	5ft SE
Umm Al-Maradim	17	14	-	5ft SE
Sea Island Buo	-	-	-	-ft -
Salmiyah	17	12	-	5ft SE

### 4 days forecast - Marine

**Monday, Jan 30**  
Expected weather.....Mostly sunny  
Sea state.....Slight to moderate  
Wave height.....2-4 ft  
Max Temp.....16C  
Min Temp.....04C  
Wind Direction.....NW  
Wind Speed.....10-30 km/h

**Tuesday, Jan 31**  
Expected weather.....Partly cloudy + chance for rain  
Sea state.....Slight to moderate  
Wave height.....2-5 ft  
Max Temp.....19C  
Min Temp.....07C  
Wind Direction.....SE  
Wind Speed.....12-35 km/h

## deaths

**Maali Marwa Hamad Al-Fedai Al-Adwani**, 38 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolences: Fintas, Block 2, Street 6, House 37, Tel: 55281196 / 99197798. **Ahmad Isa Al-Wazak**, 49 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Old Jahra, Block 2, Street 6, House 9, Tel: 69336977. (Women) Oyoun, Block 2, Street 7, House 79. **Fatima Mohammad Husein Al-Kandari**, 88 years old, wife of Mohammad Abdul Hamid Al-Kandari, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Yarmouk, Block 2, Street 2, Avenue 3, House 10, Tel: 99892121 (Women) Adailiya, Block 2, Street 26, House 5, Tel: 66884433. **Mohammad Emran Borqoush Al-Falalaki**, 64 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Mangaf, Block 1, Street 121, House 42, Tel: 99082893 / 67070755. (Women) Jabriya, Block 5, Street 8, House 19, Tel: 51798983. **Ali Abdul Aziz Al-Khelawi**, 85 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Jaber Al-Ahmad, Block 2, Street 216, House 648, Tel: 97755264. (Women) Mangaf, Block 1, Street 147, House 40. **Ali Abdul Muhsen Mohammad Al-Banai**, 86 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Qadisiya, Block 9, Street 95, House 18, Tel: 97590923. (Women) Faiha, Block 1, Street 11, House 5. **Nawaf Abdul Razak Sharei Al-Lahew**, 43 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Shamiya, Block 8, Street 89, House 14, Tel: 56667366 / 51177179. (Women) Sabah Al-Salem, Block 6 Street 1, Avenue 10, House 34, Tel: 25516221. **Sheikha Abdullah Al-Ali Al-Wazzan**, 87 years old, widow of Ali Abdulaziz Al-Ali Al-Wazzan, to be buried on Monday at 9:00 am. Condolences: (Men) Faiha, House 4, Abdul Aziz Al-Muzaini Street, Diwan Al-Wazzan, Tel: 22560992 / 98881855. (Women) Yarmouk, Block 1, Street 1, Avenue 3, House 48, Tel: 99668870 / 99044646.

### Jan 29, 2017

**Wednesday, Feb 01**  
Expected weather.....Invalid data  
Sea state.....Moderate to rough at times  
Wave height.....3-6 ft  
Max Temp.....19C  
Min Temp.....07C  
Wind Direction.....NW  
Wind Speed.....15-40 km/h

**Thursday, Feb 02**  
Expected weather.....Mostly sunny + rising dust  
Sea state.....Moderate to rough  
Wave height.....3-7 ft  
Max Temp.....16C  
Min Temp.....05C  
Wind Direction.....NW  
Wind Speed.....22-42 km/h

**Tide times at Shuwaikh Port**  
1st high tide:.....00:31  
2nd high tide:.....14:19  
1st low tide:.....19:07  
2nd low tide:.....07:55  
Sunrise:.....06:39  
Sunset:.....17:24

**Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport**  
Max temp.....22C  
Min temp.....08C  
Max Rh.....80%  
Min Rh.....20%  
Max Wind.....N 36 km/h  
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs.....0 mm

**Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin**  
Min/Max Air Temp.....13/18C  
Min/Max Rel Hum.....41/78%  
Wind Direction/Wind Speed.....N/33 km/h  
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht.....N/1 ft  
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp.....14/14  
Sea Current.....Upwelling

— Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.



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