

**Aims to bridge gap between public and private sector**

**Kuwait GBC delivers talk on sustainable development, green buildings**

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 25: The Kuwait Green Building Council (Kuwait GBC), the national and non-profit organization for the development of a sustainable property sector in Kuwait, partnered with the Kuwait Construction Week Conference to deliver and moderate the two-day talks on sustainability, energy efficiency and green building practices in the local industry.

Moderating an array of architects, engineers and consultants from the industry, Kuwait GBC brought industry leaders and experts together, providing them with a platform to share knowledge and solutions and provoke exchange of thoughts and conversations with the audience on energy-efficient and green projects.

The Conference aimed at bridging

the gap between the public and private sectors, raising awareness and encouraging the adoption of green building practices in Kuwait, providing insights to the latest conservation measures, sustainable urbanization, optimization of energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, tenants' health and LEED criteria. In its first day, the Conference discussed "Energy and Sustainability", while talks focused on "Delivering Sustainability" in the second day. The Conference also provided workshops on how to implement sustainable practices in the industry.

Kuwait GBC Chairman, Engineer Khaled Al-Mashaan, launched the talks expressing that green buildings should be in the heart of how we live, work and play. Al-Mashaan also put

his concerns forward on how can we convince the public sector in establishing an energy audit system that would become a benchmark for developers in the market.

Al-Mashaan said: "We have a responsibility as organizations, companies, individuals and government authorities to develop green buildings that support an economically and socially healthier urban environment where we can make savings in the consumption of natural resources, protect the environment and ensure that the needs of future generations are also met. With sustainable urbanization becoming a core challenge today, the Kuwait Construction Week comes at the right time to deliver a conference to companies and consumers who

want to contribute to sustainability and energy-efficiency in buildings."

Al-Mashaan presented the Council's long-term goals in educating about sustainable planning and development to create living spaces that have little impact on the environment, consume less resources, and ensure the health, comfort and high performance of its users. Kuwait GBC provides training and knowledge to promote sustainable development in the property sector, as well as provides real numbers to costs and savings made in projects during the construction process and the life-cycle of buildings. The organization is affiliated with the World Green Building Council, benefiting from the expertise of 100 national councils around the world.



Khaled Al-Mashaan addressing on the challenges of energy-efficient building in Kuwait.

**KSHR lauds decision to improve situation of violaters in Kuwait**

Al-Ajmi calls on violaters to take advantage of decision

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 25: Khalid Mohammed Al-Ajmi, Chairman of the Kuwait Society for Human Rights (KSHR), said that the decision of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah to amend the status of violaters of the residency law is a step in the right direction.

He pointed out that the ministerial decision issued recently will serve

many migrant workers in Kuwait, whether they were unable to obtain residency for personal reasons or those who were victims of their employers.

"The Society appealed to the Minister of Interior to exempt the workers protesting in one of the known companies of fines calculated for violation of the law of residence, and that HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior responded to this appeal, and today is issuing a ministerial decision not only to modify the status of workers of the company, but all violaters of the law of residence in Kuwait," Ajmi said.

He called on violaters of the law of residence to take advantage of this decision and modify their status or leave the country without paying fines and then return to it again to benefit from its services.



Event manager, Abdullah Al-Braihai during the news conference.

**Awards to exceed \$ one million**

**Kuwait Arabian Horse 2018 festival kicks off February 2**

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 25, (KUNA): Kuwait Festival for the Arabian Horse 2018, sponsored by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, will kick off on Feb 2.

The festival, due at Bait Al-Arab (House of Arabs), will include the Seventh International Championship for Arabian Horses Beauty Contest, scheduled on Feb 2-3, said Abdullah Al-Braihai, the event manager at a news conference held at Bait Al-Arab, on Thursday.

Efforts by horse breeders from Kuwait, sisterly and friendly states to promote the sport have been helpful for the event success, he said alluding as a fruit of these efforts a decision by the European Conference of Arab Horse Organizations (ECAHO), lifting the festival rating from B to A.

Meanwhile, Nasser Bouresli, a member of the festival higher committee, said 289 studs would partake in the Arabian Horse Festival and 172 others in the Egyptian horses' category.

Bouresli said 17 ECAHO-accredited referees, nine for the Arabian festival and eight for the Egyptian competition, would be present, predicting sensational contests and noting that the awards would exceed \$1 million.

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His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah has issued a ministerial decision on the rules for the dismissal of foreigners who have not obtained residence permits or whose residence permits expired and the resolution stipulated the following:

Article (1): Without prejudice to the travel ban issued by the competent authorities, every foreigner who does not hold a residence permit or whose residence has expired must leave the country during the period from 29/1/2018 until 22/2/2018 directly from any of the assigned ports, and the procedures are carried out at the ports needless of obtaining the approval of any other authority.

Article (2): Persons interested in granting them residence in the country and are willing to pay the prescribed fine without referring them to the investigation bodies, the value of the fine shall be collected from them and their status shall be settled once they meet the conditions stipulated for residency.

Article (3): Any person who is caught within the period specified in Article (1) of this decision, in violation of the Foreigners' Residence Law, shall be expelled directly from the country unless it is decided to deport him in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Article (4): Foreigners who violate the Foreigners' Residence Law, and who have administrative or judicial impediments to leaving the country must submit to the General Directorate of Residence Affairs to consider the availability of the requirements for obtaining residence in accordance with the provisions and legal rules prescribed during the period referred to in Article (1) of this decision.

Article (5): The foreigner who violates the law of residence of foreigners who leaves or exits the country during the period specified in Article (1) of this decision shall be exempted from the penalties or fines prescribed by the Amiri Decree No. (17/1959) and its executive bylaws. The provisions of this Article shall not apply to those who enter the country after the date of the issuance of this resolution or who are in breach after that date.

Article (6): A foreigner who has left the country in accordance with the provisions of this Decree may return to it in accordance with the procedures prescribed by law unless prohibited from entry for other reasons.

Article (7): Any violator of Foreigners' Residence Law who does not leave the country within the period mentioned in Article (1) of this resolution will be subject to the penalties prescribed by law and will not be authorized to stay and shall be expelled from the country and is not allowed to return to it again.



Iraqi defense minister Irfan Al-Hayali receives Kuwait media delegation.



Iraqi deputy Speaker Hamam Hamoudi addressing the media.

**Baghdad lawmakers hopes to see cooperation as leading example**

**Iraq seeks to boost military ties with Kuwait**

BAGHDAD, Jan 25, (KUNA): Iraqi Defense Minister Irfan Al-Hayali expressed wishes on Thursday to bolster military cooperation with Kuwait to enhance the security and stability of the region.

Iraq is keen to cooperate with Kuwait in security and military fields and to conduct joint ground military exercises between the two nations' armies, and to create a better coordination and communication, said Minister Al-Hayali during a meeting with the visiting Kuwaiti media delegation.

The Iraqi minister noted that his ministry is exerting tremendous efforts in all issues in relations with Kuwait, including the issue of missing Kuwaiti nationals during and after the Iraqi invasion.

Al-Hayali added that he hopes relations between the two countries to become ideal and Ku-

waiti citizens feel like home and among their family members when they visit Iraq.

With regard to the fight against the so-called Islamic State (IS), Al-Hayali said that the Iraqi army was successful in defeating the organization, and only sleeping cells remain active in the western part of the country.

The Kuwaiti delegation includes Secretary of the Kuwaiti Journalists Association Adnan Al-Rashed, KUNA Deputy General Director for the Editorial Department and Chief Editor Saad Al-Ali and Chief Editor of Al-Nahar newspaper Emad Bu Khamseen.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Deputy Speaker Hamam Hamoudi expressed hopes on Thursday to see Kuwaiti-Iraqi cooperation as "a leading example for the whole region, especially since the two countries went through a great deal of struggles." Hamoudi also

hoped to overcome all obstacles and live in peace, praising the position of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in seeking to resolve differences and his keenness to achieve security and stability in the region.

In a meeting with the visiting Kuwaiti delegation, Hamoudi called on the delegation to increase bilateral cooperation to achieve joint economic successes, and expressed his thanks for the initiative of His Highness the Amir and his contributions to Iraq, and for hosting the upcoming Iraqi reconstruction conference.

The lawmaker stressed importance of media and its role in strengthening ties and relations and the consolidation of positive ideas, affirming on importance of similar visits, which carries messages of affection and honesty between the two countries.



Khalid Mohammad Al-Ajmi

**Kuwait Today**

**Prayer Timings**

Fajr	05:18
Sunrise	06:41
Zohr	12:01
Asr	15:30
Maghrib	17:21
Isha	18:41

**Weather**

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

**By Night:** Partly cloudy with light to moderate freshening at times south easterly wind changing to north westerly wind, with speed of 15-40 km/h with a chance for scattered light rain.

**By Day:** Partly cloudy with light to moderate north westerly wind to variable wind, with speed of 08-30 km/h.

Station	Max	Min
Kuwait City	22	16
Kuwait Airport	24	12
Abdaly	25	07
Bubyan	-	-
Jahra	25	11
Falaka Island	21	16
Salmiyah	18	16
Ahmedi	19	16
Nuwaisib	24	14
Wafra	27	11
Salmy	25	10

**4 days forecast - Weather**

**Friday, Jan 26**

Expected weather.....Partly cloudy to cloudy

Max Temp.....26C

Min Temp.....12C

Wind Direction.....NW-VRB

Wind Speed.....08-30 km/h

**Saturday, Jan 27**

Expected weather....Fair and some scattered clouds will appear

Max Temp.....22C

Min Temp.....07C

Wind Direction.....NW-N

Wind Speed.....15-40 km/h

**Sunday, Jan 28**

Expected weather.....Cool

Max Temp.....18C

Min Temp.....04C

Wind Direction.....NW

Wind Speed.....15-42 km/h

**Monday, Jan 29**

Expected weather.....Cool

Max Temp.....19C

Min Temp.....05C

Wind Direction.....NW

Wind Speed.....12-35 km/h

**Marine Forecast**

Station	Max Rec	Min Exp	Sea Surf	Today's Waves	
				Ht	Dir
South Dolphin	19	14	-	6 ft	SE
Umm Mudayrah	-	-	-	6 ft	SE
Beacon M28	-	-	-	6 ft	SE
Beacon N6	17	-	-	6 ft	SE

Qaruh Island	20	17	-	6 ft	SE
Umm Al-Maradim	20	17	-	6 ft	SE
Sea Island Buo	-	-	-	-	-
Salmiyah	18	16	-	6 ft	SE

**4 days forecast - Marine**

**Friday, Jan 26**

Expected weather.....Partly cloudy to cloudy

Sea state.....Slight to slight

Wave height.....1-4 ft

Max Temp.....26C

Min Temp.....12C

Wind Direction.....NW-VRB

Wind Speed.....08-30 km/h

**Saturday, Jan 27**

Expected weather....Fair and some scattered clouds will appear

Sea state.....Slight to moderate becoming rough gradually

Wave height.....2-6 ft

Max Temp.....22C

Min Temp.....07C

Wind Direction.....NW-N

Wind Speed.....15-40 km/h

**Sunday, Jan 28**

Expected weather.....Cool

Sea state.....Moderate to rough

Wave height.....3-6 ft

Max Temp.....18C

Min Temp.....04C

Wind Direction.....NW

Wind Speed.....15-42 km/h

**Monday, Jan 29**

Expected weather.....Cool

Sea state.....Slight to moderate

Wave height.....2-5 ft

Max Temp.....19C

Min Temp.....05C

Wind Direction.....NW

Wind Speed.....12-35 km/h

**Tide times at Shuwaikh Port**

1st high tide:	06:00
2nd high tide:	18:03
1st low tide:	00:05
2nd low tide:	12:01
Sunrise:	06:41
Sunset:	17:21

**Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport**

Max temp	24C
Min temp	08C
Max RH	91%
Min RH	19%
Wind	NW 25 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs	0 mm

**Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin**

Min/Max/ Air Temp	14/22C
Min/Max Rel Hum	31/90%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed	NW/25 km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht	N/- ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp	-/- C
Sea Current	Downdraft

— Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.

**deaths**

**Hanan Ahmad Taher Al Baghli**, wife of Amin Mohammad Taher Al Baghli, 50 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Nuzha, Damascus St. Diwan of Al Baghli Tel. 99600964 (Women) Rumaithiya, Block 3, Ahmad Bin Hanbal St. Avenue 37, House 9. **Khaled Bader Najem Al Sharaf**, 88 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Jabriya, Block 5, St. 9, House 34 Tel. 66671297 (Women) Adailiya, Block 1, St. 19, House 5, Tel. 99352452. **Awatif Mubarak Jaber Al Hazmi**, 57 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Rawda, Block 5, Ahmad Saleh Al Sebahe, House 3, Tel. 66155899. (Women) Rawda, Block 1, Haneen St. 7, House 7, Tel. 50700911. **Shareefa Salem Ghaffa Al Shamari**, widow of Jaser Abdul Muhsen Al Shamari, 81 years old, to be buried on Friday after Asr prayers. Condolences: (Men) Granada, Block 1, St. 1, House 14 Tel. 55555946 (Women) Granada, Block 1, St. 1, House 14. **Jasem Mohammad Ghloom Jawly**, 75 years old, to be buried on Friday at 09:00 am. Condolences: (Men) Rumaithiya, Block 5, Al Aksa Mosque St. OPP. Huseiniyat Sayed Mohammad Tel. 99333893-98999980. **Khaeja Ramadan Al Sharah**, widow of Hashim Jumma Mohammad, 89 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Bayan, Al Imam Al Hasan Mosque Tel. 96684668 (Women) Jabriya, Block 11, St. 1, House 53 Tel. 25317261. **Khairan Salem Saad Al Mayouf**, 71 years old buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Mishref, Block 3, St. 1, House 25 Tel. 65181717 (Women) Salwa, Block 10, St. 3, House 25.