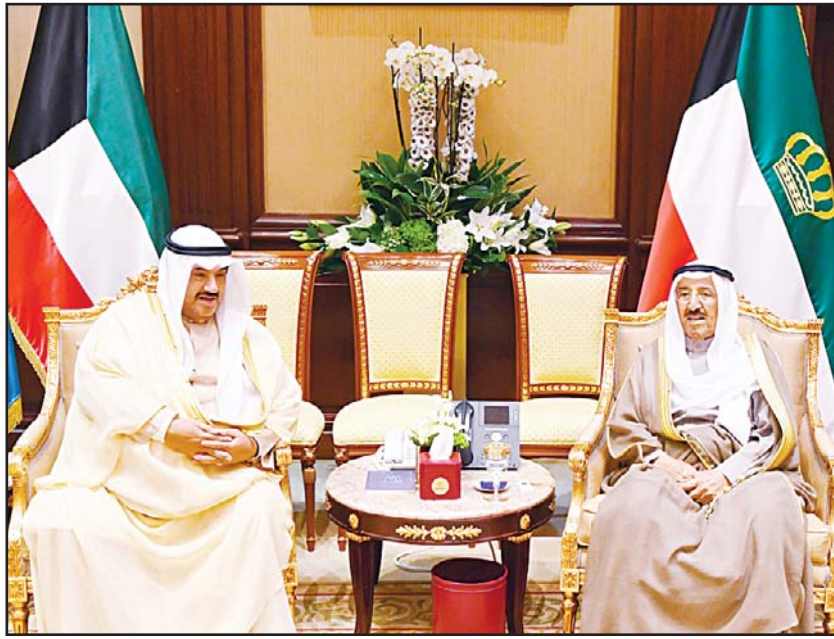


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Left: HH the Amir with HH Sheikh Nasser. (Right): HH while receiving Minister Al-Roudhan accompanied by the chief and members of CPA.

HH the Amir receives HH Sheikh Nasser, Competition Protection Authority members

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace Tuesday His Highness Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Ahmad Al-Sabah.

His Highness the Amir also received at Bayan Palace on Tuesday Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Khaled Nasser Al-Roudhan, accompanied by President Dr Rashed Shabib Al-Ajmi

and Board Members of Competition Protection Authority (CPA). The meeting was attended by Amiri Diwan Affairs Minister Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah. (KUNA)

Al-Wazzan receives Pakistan trade team

5,275 'illegal' Sri Lankans return home since beginning of amnesty

KUWAIT CITY, March 6: A total of 5,275 Sri Lankan nationals staying illegally in the country have returned home since the beginning of the amnesty period that the Interior Ministry granted to foreigners who violated the Residency Law, reports Al-Rai daily quoting Sri Lankan Ambassador to Kuwait Kandeepan Balasubramaniam.

According to the ambassador, the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Kuwait has so far issued 7,500 new passports. He said the embassy receives about 75 new passport applications daily from those who want to leave the country. He expects that around 8,000 Sri Lankan nationals will benefit from the amnesty and leave before the grace period ends.



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He disclosed many Sri Lankans, who violated the Residency Law, want to transfer to new sponsors and they are ready to pay fines but the required approval of the previous sponsor hinders them from doing so. He hopes to discuss with the ministry the possibility of canceling the condition to obtain approval from the previous sponsor to transfer to another sponsor.

Deputy Chairman of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Abdulwahab Mohammed Al-Wazzan Monday received a business delegation from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan's Board of Investment

led by Naeem Zamindar. The delegation included representatives of various companies and institutions in various fields such as energy, infrastructure, health welfare, tourism, transport, agriculture, and food industries. The delegation was accompanied by the Ambassador of Pakistan to Kuwait Ghulam Dastgir, and received in the presence of representatives of a number of Kuwaiti companies and KCCI board members.

Al-Wazzan extolled the distinguished ties between the two countries on political and economic fronts, affirming the direct positive effects of such visits in increasing the trade cooperation between the two sides.

On his part, Ambassador Ghulam expressed satisfaction with the cooperation between KCCI and the Pakistani Embassy, highlighting the keenness of the Pakistani side for joint investments with their Kuwaiti counterparts in various fields. Head of the delegation Zamindar expressed happiness for their visit to Kuwait, affirming that this initiative is in line with the keenness of the Pakistani government to bolster trade cooperation between the two sisterly countries, and open new economic horizons between them.

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor has started granting approvals for appointment of citizens in cooperative societies, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Assistant Undersecretary for the Cooperative Sector Abdulaziz Shuaib unveiled plans to form a committee and implement a mechanism for the appointment of Kuwaitis as supervisors or executives in cooperative societies, depending on their fields of specialization and qualifications.



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Sheikh Mubarak journalism award honors the winners of tenth session

HH the PM's representative FM attends gathering

KUWAIT CITY, March 6, (KUNA): The Higher Committee of Sheikh Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah Award for Journalistic Excellence has concluded the 10th session of the prominent prize with a grand ceremony at Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Cultural Centre where winners were honored.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah, Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah Representative of the sponsor, His Highness the Prime Minister (Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad A-Sabah) attended the ceremony, together with Minister of Information Mohammad Al-Jabri.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled addressed the gathering held late Monday, thanking His Highness the Premier for patronizing the Award saying they are very proud of late Sheikh Mubarak Al-Hamad who "instilled in us the culture of giving as a translation of love the nation." He voiced pleasure with the growth and expansion the Award realized over the past ten years, lauding the decision to allow youth winners further training overseas.

He also praised the Award's Higher Committee for their hard efforts and the variety of prizes.

For his part, KUNA Board Chairman and Director General Sheikh Mubarak Al-Duaij Al-Ibrahim Al-Sabah highly appreciated His Highness the Premier for patronizing the Award, which has become a landmark on the Kuwaiti media scene.

He also thanked minister Al-Jabri for his support to the Kuwaiti media to excel on the regional and international levels.

Sheikh Mubarak Al-Duaij congratulated the winners, and wished them further success and creativity in the future.

He extended congratulations to the Award's officials on its 10th anniversary, saying KUNA has had the honor of embracing the prize since its first session.

Cooperation with the Award will carry on to discover, and encourage efficiencies in the field, and to push the media higher amid the atmosphere of freedom and democracy in dear Kuwait, KUNA chief stressed.

Sheikh Mubarak Al-Duaij prayed Allah Almighty to preserve Kuwait an "oasis of security, safety and stability" under His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad A-Sabah.

The ceremony is held amid Kuwait's celebrations of 57th National Day, the 27th Liberation Day and the 12th anniversary of the assumption of office by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, said head of the Award's Higher Committee Ayman Al-Ali.

Today, the Award caps a decade of professional journalistic achievements, he said.

Over the past ten years, the Award has been keen on being a beacon of fruitful competition for promising and talented Kuwaitis, Al-Ali said.

In line with directives of the Award's sponsor, youth winners



Part of the honouring ceremony.

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Group photo of the winners in the youth category.



Sheikh Mubarak Al-Duaij being honored.



Mahmoud Bushehri being honored.



Munira Sultan being honored.



AIRC chief Al-Saqr being honored.

will have more training abroad in cooperation with leading Arab and foreign agencies, he revealed.

Al-Ali, on behalf of the Higher Committee, thanked His Highness the Prime Minister for sponsoring the award, as well as Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled for supporting the ceremony and attending it. Thanks were also extended to KUNA Board Chairman and Director General Sheikh Mubarak Al-Duaij Al-Ibrahim Al-Sabah who "has hosted the award for years at the agency." Chairman of the Arab and International Relations Council (AIRC), Mohammed Jassim Al Saqr, a former Kuwaiti MP, a politician and award-winning journalist, was honored by the ceremony.

Al Saqr thanked the Award officials, and patron, saying it has contributed remarkably to promoting professional journalism in Kuwait over the past decade. KUNA's Baraka Al-Jassar, winner of the third prize, reports category (general), commended the Award's officials for their support to journalists, offering them a chance to unleash their talents and creativity.

The fact that the Award has completed ten years demonstrates success and distinction, Al-Jassar told KUNA.

Nasser Al-Khamri, winner of the second prize in interview category, from Al-Jarida Arabic newspaper, said the Award prompted an atmosphere of fair competition among young jour-

nalists and media men.

This is the second time Al-Khamri wins in the contest.

Second winner Tamer Abdulaziz in the reports category (general), from Al-Jarida, stressed the objective criteria of judging participants, thank the Higher Committee for good organization of the ceremony.

KUNA's Ghazi Al-Qaffaf, who won second prize in photographing (general), expressed deep pleasure since it was his first time to join the competition, one of the strongest in Kuwait.

Mahmoud Bushehri, also from KUNA, won the third prize in the interview for youth category. He said it encourages youth to work harder and lavish more effort.

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Prayer Timings

Fajr	04:49
Sunrise	06:08
Zohr	11:59
Asr	15:21
Maghrib	17:51
Isha	19:08

Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours: By Night: Cool with light to moderate south easterly wind to light variable wind, with speed of 08-26 km/h and some high clouds will appear later on. By Day: Relatively hot with light to moderate southerly wind to south easterly wind, with speed of 12-38 km/h and some high clouds will appear.

Station	Max	Min
Kuwait City	31	21
Kuwait Airport	32	17
Abdaly	32	17
Bubyan	28	13
Jahra	33	18
Falaka Island	28	18
Salmiyah	26	20
Ahmadi	27	16
Nuwaisib	28	17
Wafra	31	16
Salmi	32	18

4 days forecast - Weather

Wednesday, March 7
Expected weather: Relatively hot and some high clouds will appear.
Max Temp: 33C
Min Temp: 16C
Wind Direction: VRB-SE
Wind Speed: 06-26 km/h

Thursday, March 8
Expected weather: Relatively hot
Max Temp: 32C
Min Temp: 17C
Wind Direction: NW-VRB
Wind Speed: 08-30 km/h

Friday, March 9
Expected weather: Relatively hot
Max Temp: 34C
Min Temp: 16C
Wind Direction: S-SE
Wind Speed: 12-40 km/h

Saturday, March 10
Expected weather: Partly cloudy and with a chance for rising dust over open areas
Max Temp: 30C
Min Temp: 17C
Wind Direction: SE-NW
Wind Speed: 15-42 km/h

Marine Forecast

Station	Max	Min	Sea	Today's
	Exp	Rec	Surf	Waves
				Ht Direction
South Dolphin	29	-	-	5ft NW
Umm Madiyah	-	-	-	5ft NW
Beacon M28	-	-	-	5ft NW
Beacon N6	23	-	-	5ft NW

Qaruh Island	24	20	-	5ft	NW
Umm Al-Maradem	24	20	-	5ft	NW
Sea Island Buoy	-	-	-	-	-
Salmiyah	26	20	-	5ft	NW

4 days forecast - Marine

Wednesday, March 7
Expected weather: Relatively hot and some high clouds will appear.
Sea state: Slight to moderate
Wave height: 1-3 ft
Max Temp: 33C
Min Temp: 16C
Wind Direction: VRB-SE
Wind Speed: 06-26 km/h

Thursday, March 8
Expected weather: Relatively hot
Sea state: Slight to moderate
Wave height: 1-4 ft
Max Temp: 32C
Min Temp: 17C
Wind Direction: NW-VRB
Wind Speed: 08-30 km/h

Friday, March 9
Expected weather: Relatively hot
Sea state: Slight to moderate, rough at times
Wave height: 2-6 ft
Max Temp: 34C
Min Temp: 16C
Wind Direction: SE-NW
Wind Speed: 12-40 km/h

Saturday, March 10
Expected weather: Partly cloudy and with a chance for rising dust over open areas
Sea state: Slight to moderate rough at times
Wave height: 2-6 ft
Max Temp: 30C
Min Temp: 17C
Wind Direction: SE-NW
Wind Speed: 15-42 km/h

Tide times at Shuwaikh Port
1st high tide: 14:55
2nd high tide: 03:18
1st low tide: 08:59
2nd low tide: 21:25
Sunrise: 06:09
Sunset: 17:50

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport
Max temp: 33C
Min temp: 16C
Max Rh: 63%
Min Rh: 18%
Max Wind: S 46km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs: 0 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin
Min/Max/ Air Temp: 19/29C
Min/Max/ Rel Hum: 23/75%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed: S/43 km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht: NI-ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp: -/C
Sea Current: Upwelling

Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.

deaths

Obaid Merthei Hamdan Al Azemi, 86 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Sabah Al Nasser, Block 3, St. 13, House 33 Tel. 55422722 (Women) Sabah Al Nasser, Block 3, St. 13, House 31 Tel. 99886848. Isa Musa Ali Al Naqi, 73 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Dasma, Huseiniyat Al Imran Tel. 66445540 (Women) Dasma, Block 2, St. 24, House 5. Abdul Aziz Nasser Rashed Al Rashed, 95 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem, Block 1, 1st. Ring Road, House 19, entrance of Dahiya from 1st. Ring Road Tel. 99003993 (Women) Rawda, Block 5, Ahmad Al Sebaie St. House 30 Tel. 99667113. Fatima Ali Rahma Al Ajmi, widow of Badah Shafi Al Ajmi, 68 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: Mubarak Al Kabeer, Block 6, St. 8, House 9 Tel. 51355551. Ghanema Mansour Alyan Al Thafeeri, wife of Mohammad Ghanim Al Jamran, 77 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: West Sulalikhah, Block 1, St. 102, House 42 Tel. 94444008. Saud Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al Mishan, 42 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolence: (Men) Qadisiya, Diwan Al Khaled, Block 2, Hamad Al Khaled St. House 35 (Women) Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem, Block 3, Avenue 35, Bader Al Sayer St. House 22. Abdul Latif Abdul Razak Mohammad Al Rabeel, 90 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Mubarak Al Kabeer, Block 3, St. 7, House 11 Tel. 90000188-99611311 (Women) Mubarak Al Kabeer, Block 5, St. 14, House 33 Tel. 55387733. Sameeha Nasser Misbah Al Mesbah, 58 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Shaab, Diwan Al Misbah, Block 1, Manama St. Tel. 55152636-99959448 (Women) Shaab, Block 1, St. 18, House 6 Tel. 66556757-90969004. Fatima Ali Husein Dashti, widow of Ramadan Husein Mulla Ali, 89 years old, buried on Tuesday. Condolences: (Men) Salwa, Huseiniyat Sayed Mohammad Tel. 69024242 (Women) Sabah Al Salem, Block 4, St. 16, House 2 Tel. 66558575.

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