



The group of women engineers after completing the training program pose for a picture.

Women engineers end training program

The closing ceremony of the 3rd Kuwait Women Engineers training program was held recently.

According to a press release, the training program was organized with the cooperation of College of Engineering and Petroleum in Kuwait University, Bogazici University Lifelong Learning Center in Turkey, and Li-

mak Holding Company.

The training program was aimed at providing necessary administrative information to the engineers in various departments of the College of Engineering and Petroleum, and enhancing their practical capabilities.

Kuwait eager to promote peace worldwide, says IICO chairman

MoE may hire teachers locally

ABU DHABI, Dec 9, (KUNA): Chairman of Kuwait's International Islamic Charity Organization (IICO) and Amiri Diwan advisor Dr Abdullah Al-Matouq underlined the importance of tolerance in creating stability in societies.

His remarks came in the opening session of the sixth annual assembly of the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, held in Abu Dhabi on Monday.

The event is themed "the Role of Religions in Promoting Tolerance: From Possibility to Necessity," and is attended by about 1,000 international religious and cultural figures.

Religious tolerance is a big part of Islam, said Al-Matouq, who is also special advisor for the UN Secretary General.

Tolerance is built on protecting the freedom and dignity of individuals, despite their religions or beliefs, he said.

On his part, UAE's Minister of State for Tolerance Nahyan bin Mubarak Al-Nahyan noted that fighting extremism is the responsibility of all human beings.

He affirmed the importance of creating dialogue between people of different cultures and religions to resolve issues facing the international community.

The three-day meeting will see the honoring of winners of the Al-Hassan bin Ali Award for international peace, presented by the forum.

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Teachers local hiring: The Ministry

of Education is in the process of opening the door for local hiring of teachers in December, at the same time confirming the arrival of 250 Palestinian teachers who were granted direct contract in schools after the ministry completed the procedures for their appointment with other government agencies, reports Al-Rai daily.

The sources said that "the teachers who have expressed their inability to join does not exceed 8, and that 69 male and female teachers are from Ramallah alone."

The sources noted that the Israeli authorities "have released one of the 12 teachers who were prevented from leaving the Palestinian territories and he is one of the teachers that will join the other teachers in Kuwait. According to the sources the teacher is in Cairo right now and he will arrive in Kuwait soon to join to his colleagues."

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

'GCC Summit likely to cement ties'

'Gulf Cup brings thaw in relations'

"THE good begins with a drop and it follows with good tidings," columnist *Sattam Ahmed Al-Jarallah* wrote for *Al-Seyassah* daily.

"Such being the case, the success of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) soccer tournament – the Arabian Gulf Cup – which was organized and hosted recently by the State of Qatar can be seen as the beginning for the return of the Gulf-Gulf relations on the right track.

"We want to emphasize here the 'thaw' in relations would have never been realized without the good offices exerted by the Wise Man of the Arabs – His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad. We pray to Almighty Allah to protect him.

"In this connection, we point out that HH the Amir since the very beginning of the crisis was determined to surmount all difficulties and solve the crisis and has spared no efforts in this regard.

"He has been tirelessly working behind closed doors because the most sublime objective of His Highness is to protect the Gulf House and the GCC unity motivated by his belief that this 'edifice' must be protected at any cost.

"He sees this Gulf organization represents the forward march and destiny simultaneously and any threat to this organization shall constitute a threat to all member states.

"After a few days, the Saudi capital Al-Riyadh will host the GCC summit. There is no doubt that Qatar will participate in this summit, because the dark clouds from the horizon have started vanishing. We know all Gulf citizens have observed how Qatar has embraced all Gulf citizens on equal footing without any differentiation because what has been built over the centuries cannot be destroyed by a storm as long as the structure is built on strong foundations.

"Certainly, the upcoming GCC summit will be different in terms of its essence and content in addition to the subsequent effects.

"The significance of this summit will depend on the positive aspects that we shall see emerging over the next few days and weeks, because they constitute the essentials for a developed and modern march of the Gulf during which priority will be given to the interests of the nation at the expense of any other state, because our current age is the age of the strong bonds, not individualism because individualism can be easily attacked and weakened with the power of might.

"However, through the 'Gulf Cup' or rather the sports wedding that has never witnessed any mishap, is real pearl in the crown because this tournament, has actually frustrated those who were wishing ill to the Gulf region.

"In other words, the destructive schemes of these foes are drastically doomed to failure, because the cohesion and awareness of the Gulf brothers are stronger than their conspiracies. We know that these brothers have translated their endeavor to peace and love through solidarity and cooperation and this represents a constructive, positive aspect to which everybody in the Gulf attaches hopes.

"As a matter of fact, the upcoming GCC summit will begin with reconciliation among the brothers who some time ago were at loggerheads. Hence, it is but natural that all eyes are on the Al-Riyadh City, the house of the Arabs."

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"Based on the reciprocal statements and positive messages, it looks like the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summit that shall take place in Al-Riyadh city tomorrow will be held under the atmosphere of tolerance and reconciliation," columnist *Dr Nasser Khamees Al-Mutairi* wrote for *Annahar* daily.

"This will happen, because all parties have realized that the current events as well as the security and political challenges should be seen through a vision taking into account the importance of protecting the stability and cohesion of the Gulf House to encounter the storms bashing the region.

"It is needless to say there are signs of détente in the Gulf crisis, and this is the fruit of Kuwaiti efforts that have been exerted in the framework of diplomatic mediation led by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad. We pray to Almighty Allah to protect him.

"This mediation is smart, wise and the most important step that has helped bond the Gulf nations together and open the diplomatic doors of reactivation of mediation motivated by His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad's keenness to convene the first GCC summit a few months post the eruption of the Gulf crisis in the State of Kuwait in December 2017 in spite of the political escalations among the relevant GCC parties.

"As a matter of fact, the Kuwaiti summit actually sent a message that the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) as an organization is a joint strategic interest that is above all differences and unexpected tensions.

"Not just that, the Kuwaiti diplomacy motivated by its wisdom and farsightedness, was keen to maintain the persistence of the Gulf football tournament championship in order to keep the Gulf sports as a window to open the room of convergence and communication lines for the relevant parties in a sporting spirit.

"Such being the case, we saw how the Kuwaiti diplomacy throughout the past has made quiet and accurate moves based on considerations and understanding of the demands of the Gulf crisis parties.

"This diplomacy has always attempted to narrow the differences among the relevant parties by playing a neutral and positive role far away from the media, because these efforts were sincere in nature and striving only to achieve the interest of the entire Gulf states."

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"Do we remember the streets and pavements that we walked on in Arab capitals? Or it disappeared from our memory and got lost in the museums, the places that evoke memories and feel the absence but has not ended, but remained stuck in a dark corner of the memory", columnist and former Director of the Culture Department at the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters *Waleed Al-Rujaib* wrote for *Al-Rai* daily Monday.

"We remember all streets with its smell, a mixture of the vegetables and fruits sold on the pavements, the smells of perfumeries and butcheries and shoe skins neatly stacked in the cobbler shop, and the

scents of tea, coffee and hookah emitting from cafés, accompanied by the clamor of the visitors and the shouting of the sellers.

"Those things alone are related to the distant memory in Arab capitals, the scenes may disappear and change, but the smell does not change, and the faces remain the same but the souls are disturbed and get more indignant although we thought everything will remain the same in Beirut and Baghdad, but nothing has remained as it is.

"The heels pounded on the sidewalks, the shouts and anger echoed in the distance and the fists waved in the air, creating a sweeping human cyclone for clubs, guns and military machines, and it did not stop in the morning or evening, and the smells of the sidewalk now gives the stench of smoke and burning flesh.

"Suddenly the familiar sidewalks are soaked in blood, and the young and old, have collapsed with bullets of corruption or the baton of sectarian party militias, in an attempt to stop the dreadful hurricane, which thunders and silences the robbers afraid of acquiescence."

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"Kuwait has bid farewell to Abdulmohsen Al-Fares, the knight of patriotism, administration, sincerity and principles. Kuwait bid farewell for our inspiration, for our teacher and our example," columnist *Saud Al-Samaka* wrote for *Al-Seyassah* daily.

"We are the generation of Al-Qadisiyah Club. The name Abdulmohsen Al-Fares, means 'Al-Jazeera' Club, and after it the 'Al-Qadisiyah'. He was a knight on the playground and a knight in management of affairs and good mannerism. He was the man for all situations in every sense of the word – a brave man who always respected the truth.

"Abdelmohsen Al-Fares, led the Qadisiyah Club with sincerity, professionalism and competence, until he lifted it up to the peaks of success, and produced stars from this club, such as Abdel-Asfour, may God have mercy on him, Muhammad Al-Masoud, Jassem Yaqoub and many others, as he was the spiritual father of all in the 'Qadisiyah' Club, everyone loved him and he spent his life in the service of the sports field, and 'Qadisiyah' in particular.

"Today, the knight Abdulmohsen is no more among us, but his memory will remain engraved in the consciences of his lovers and his students.

"We lost him after he gave a lot to Kuwait and its sport with sincerity and love, and without financial compensation, but out of his love for his country, and for the sake of his highness ... He gave a lot with kindness, high spirit, and imposed his presence through high moral and charisma. We pray to God to have mercy on him, a righteous man in the full sense of the word."

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"I wish the State represented by Cabinet adopted the initiative of honoring expatriates who spent 50 years in Kuwait.

The humanitarian initiative adopted by Kuwait Friendship Society witnessed honor bestowed on a number of expatriates who have spent most of their life in serving Kuwait in sincerity, columnist *Iqbal Al-Ahmad* wrote for *Al-Qabas* daily.

"The honorees came up the stage and some of them were so old that they leaned on their children and friends. They included men and women who came to Kuwait for the first time more than half a century ago while they were young. They have considered Kuwait as beloved as their homeland and left their fingerprints by contributing to the establishment of Kuwait- even if they have worked in private sector.

"They had a mixed feeling of joy and surprise standing on the stage and watching the crowd applaud them. It was an exceptional moment when they felt that their efforts have been recognized, and the least the state can do for this special category of expatriates is to grant them permanent residencies without any extra benefits. They only require permanent residency to secure their stay in Kuwait. Permanent residency preserves their dignity and reflects the level of appreciation they deserve.

"Although the ceremony and distribution of gifts was simple, it made positive impact on the honorees. I would like to tell expatriates living among us, including those who were honored and those who were not. We respect you because you respect your stay in your second homeland- Kuwait. We love you as much as you love Kuwait. We appreciate your coming to Kuwait as a youth and willingly giving your productive years to Kuwait. A big thanks to you and to those who honored you."

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"The three authorities in modern states play different roles within their prerogatives as enshrined in the constitution and their duties may appear interwoven and overlapping in some instances, and may clash or contradict in other cases", *Abdullah Ali Al-Ruqa'ie* wrote for *Al-Rai* daily.

"This may give those following up the situation an impression that 'separation of powers' should be discarded but doing so will weaken the essence of distributing responsibilities based on several factors to ensure precedence of the rule of law, protection of human rights, duties, freedom and good government in the country.


"In this case, we see the executive authority playing its administrative and financial roles with the prerogative to execute laws. The legislative authority promulgates laws and bylaws in addition to its oversight role, while monitoring the activities of the executive authority. "As for the judiciary, it is the third authority saddled with settling and determining dispute, while it's responsible for interpreting laws to ensure desirable justice in full.

"Regardless of the constitution stipulating the existence of three authorities, we notice the executive and legislative authorities are conspicuous in their activities, leaving the judiciary below the line.

"It is the constitution that puts the judiciary at the mercy of the legislative authority. The situation is even worse and scary in a scenario where the constitution allows the executive authority to interfere in organizing the judiciary.

"The judiciary should be made independent and free from any possible interference from other authorities. There is always discussion within the executive and legislative circles concerning the principle of judicial independence, legislative development, and the rate of its relevance to rights and responsibilities with other constitutional principles"


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