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## HH Amir's huge portrait conveys deep relations between Kuwait, UAE: consul

## Dubai celebrates Kuwait National Days with sand portrait of Amir

DUBAI, Feb 23, (KUNA): The UAE Emirate of Dubai on Thursday celebrated Kuwait's national days with a 170,000 square cubic foot-long sand portrait of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in the sands of the Dubai desert.

On his official Twitter account, UAE Vice-President, Prime Minister and Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al-Maktoum posted a clip of Emirati youth drawing His Highness the Amir photo in the sand.



Al-Rashidi

"This image embodies the fraternity, unity and strong bonds between the two sisterly nations," Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid tweeted.

He stressed that "the love of Kuwait and the Kuwaiti people is engraved in our land, hearts and history. We wish 'the Kuwait of Love' and its Amir, the Humanitarian Leader, a new year of glory, progress and peace".

At Dubai airports, volunteers hoisting Kuwaiti flags received arriving Kuwaiti travellers with flowers, sweets and gifts and greeted them on the occasion.

Kuwait marks February 25 and 26 every year the anniversaries of the Independence Day and Liberation Day respectively. Meanwhile, Kuwait Consul General in Dubai Theyab Al-Rashidi praised on Friday the brotherly initiative made by the UAE by drawing a huge sand portrait of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in the sands of the Dubai desert.

Al-Rashidi said in a statement for KUNA, that this initiative by the UAE Vice-President, Prime Minister and Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, affirms the deep and brotherly relations between the UAE and Kuwait.

"This portrait reflects the personal love Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid has for His Highness the Amir," Al-Rashidi continued.

"The UAE has regularly surprised us in celebrations for the Kuwaiti national holidays which always have a special place in Kuwaitis' hearts," Al-Rashidi added.

## Iraq, Kuwait sign minutes of joint meet to boost commercial co-op

## Two-day gathering concludes

BAGHDAD, Feb 23, (KUNA): The Iraqi and Kuwaiti Ministries of Commerce signed the minutes of a joint meeting to bolster commercial cooperation.

The signing came at the conclusion of a two-day gathering chaired by Kuwaiti Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan and Iraqi Commerce Minister Mohammad Al-A'ni.

According to an Iraqi ministerial statement, Iraq welcomed a proposal to establish a free trade zone with the State of Kuwait near the Safwan-Al-Abdeli border crossing to facilitate, boost, and develop joint commercial exchange.

The two sides agreed on forming a specialized technical committee no further than March 31st to look into the matter, said the statement, adding that there was a suggestion to renovate the border crossing as part of the process.

It added that Iraq and Kuwait agreed on the concept of providing business visas for Iraqi personnel through the cooperation between concerned Iraqi authorities and the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) with the result of the process being the establishment of a whitelist of Iraqi businessmen updated periodically.

A similar process will be done to Kuwaiti business personnel, indicated the statement, adding that procedures should be agreed upon prior to March 31st.

## Benefits

The ministerial statement went on to say that the two sides touched on the idea of creating a railway network, a matter referred to specialized authorities to look into the actual applications and benefits of such venture.

Kuwait and Iraq stressed the importance of speeding up efforts for developing commercial cooperation, calling for a joint committee meeting as soon as it is permissible.

The statement indicated that an economic committee - headed by the ministers in both countries - was established during the course of the concluded meeting.

The minutes of the meeting also touched on the issue of protecting mutual investments in light of the December 2013 agreement in this regard, the statement added.

An agreement was reached to following up on the results and recom-



A celebration by Kuwait's Foreign Ministry on the occasion of national holidays.

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Kuwait Airways launches the transit hall in passenger terminal (T4).

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## Meeting to promote economic, technical co-op

## Kuwaiti-Greek ministerial panel to meet in March

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 23, (KUNA): The first Kuwaiti-Greek joint ministerial committee meeting will be held on March 13-15 to promote economic and technical cooperation, Kuwait's Ambassador to Greece Saud Al-Duwaihi said on Friday.

In a telephone conversation with KUNA, Al-Duwaihi said the meeting will be chaired by Minister of Finance Nayef Al-Hajraf would discuss several bilateral agreements

and memos aiming to promote the bilateral ties in different domains.

The ambassador stressed keenness of the two countries' officials on expanding horizons of commercial and economic collaboration.

He indicated that exchanging visits between the two sides' delegations has a key role in bolstering cooperative frameworks.

Al-Duwaihi commended the level of bilateral relationship in all fields, af-

firming the desire of the two countries' leaderships to boost these ties to be in the interest of their nations.

The Greek government has enacted new legislation to create a suitable investment environment, with the aim of attracting more foreign investors.

The Kuwaiti-Greek ties have been established for more than 55 years. The two sides have inked some 15 agreements covering economy, commerce, culture, sports and media.

mentations, which came out of the Kuwait International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq (KICRI), said the ministerial statement, indicating that both countries agreed to exchange data on mu-

tual exports and imports to further develop commercial exchange.

The meeting also came up with a joint customs committee that will look into facilitating movements of goods between the two

countries.

Iraq vowed to look into a technical document on exchanging digital customs data, while the Kuwaiti side offered to submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) concerning joint ad-

ministrative cooperation.

Following the meeting, Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan left the country after concluding his two-day visit where he met with officials and businessmen.

## Qatar tops list of Gulf states

## Kuwait ranks 4th in GCC and 38th globally in index of Internet speed

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 23: Kuwait ranked fourth in the GCC and 38th internationally in the recent index of mobile Internet speed with 33.02 megabytes per second; while it also ranked fourth in the GCC and 78th globally in terms of fixed broadband Internet with 23.39 megabytes, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to the Speedtest website which publishes the index monthly, the average loading speed of mobile Internet in Kuwait is 16.76 megabytes per second and that of fixed broadband is 19.59 megabytes. Meanwhile, Qatar topped the list of GCC countries and ranked fourth in the world with mobile Internet speed of 59.05 megabytes, followed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) which ranked 12th rank with 49.49 megabytes, Oman ranked 34th with 34.97 megabytes, Saudi Arabia ranked 48th with 30.80 megabytes, and Bahrain ranked 68th with 22.96 megabytes.

## 'Fatwa, Legislation Dept'

## Statistics on employees

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 23: In response to a parliamentary question concerning employee statistics, Fatwa and Legislation Department said there are nearly 441 Kuwaiti employees working in administrative positions as well as 14 expatriate employees in such positions on contract basis, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Regarding technicians, the department revealed that there are 431 Kuwaitis and 61 expatriates, indicating that the services of six consultants will be terminated, and the services of two consultants were earlier terminated but the rest have been retained for public interest.

The First Cinema Team, in cooperation with Cinescape Company, organized the premiere of the film, "Sa' at Zamm," reports Al-Seyassah daily. The cast include Tariq Al-Ali, Mohamad Jaber, Jamal AlRadhan, Heba AlDarri and Mohamad Al-Hamli while the director is Ramadan Khasroh.

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## Prayer Timings

Fajr	05:00
Sunrise	06:19
Dohr	12:31
Asr	15:17
Maghreb	17:44
Isha	19:01

Umm Madiyah	-	-	4ft	SW
Beacon M28	-	-	4ft	SW
Beacon N6	-	-	4ft	SW
Qaruh Island	20	18	4ft	SW
Umm Al-Maradem	20	17	4ft	SW
Sea Island Buoy	-	-	-	-
Salmiyah	18	16	4ft	SW

## 4 days forecast - Marine

**Sunday, Feb 24**  
Expected weather: Warm and visibility will improve gradually and some high clouds will appear

Sea state	Slight to moderate
Wave height	1-3 ft
Max Temp	23C
Min Temp	11C
Wind Direction	VRB-NW
Wind Speed	08-28 km/h

**Monday, Feb 25**  
Expected weather: Warm

Sea state	Slight to moderate
Wave height	1-4 ft
Max Temp	24C
Min Temp	10C
Wind Direction	NW
Wind Speed	12-30 km/h

**Tuesday, Feb 26** Expected weather: Partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance for rain that might be thundery later on

Sea state	Slight to moderate, rough at times
Wave height	2-6 ft
Max Temp	23C
Min Temp	09C
Wind Direction	VRB-SE
Wind Speed	10-40 km/h

**Wednesday, Feb 27**  
Expected weather: Cloudy and rising dust with a chance for rain that might be thundery later on

Wave height	3-7 ft
Max Temp	22C
Min Temp	15C
Wind Direction	SE-NW
Wind Speed	15-50 km/h

## Tide times at Shuwaikh Port

1st high tide	14:53
2nd high tide	02:48
1st low tide	08:46
2nd low tide	21:03
Sunrise	06:20
Sunset	17:43

## Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max Temp	22C
Min Temp	08C
Max Rh	100%
Min Rh	27%
Max Wind	SE 28 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs	0 mm

## Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max Air Temp	-1/-C
Min/Max Rel Hum	-/-%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed	N/- km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht	N/-ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp	-/-C
Sea Current	Upwelling
-- Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.	

## deaths

**Fahad Fehaid Fahad Al Batel Al Ajmi**, 93 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) at the cemetery only, Tel. 66082858 (Women) Saad Al Abdullah, Block 1, Street 104, House 9, Tel. 99878363. **Badriya Bader Najem**, 69 years old, wife of Hashim Sayed Hussein Al Kabasi, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Rumalithiya, Block 7, Hasan Al Bana Street, House 15, Tel. 60001451 (Women) Ardiya, Block 11, Street 4, Avenue 10, House 22, Tel. 60001464. **Zalekha Abdullah Ali Awad**, 74 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Mansouriya, Block 1, Jassim Al Wazzan Street, House 32, Tel. 97614110 (Women) Rumalithiya, Huseiniyat Umm Al Baneen, Tel. 69905080. **Belqees Mohammad Hussein**, 84 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Dasma, Al Naqi Mosque, Tel. 66529904 (Women) Bneid Al Gar, Huseiniyat Sayed Ali Al Musawi, Tel. 99584061. **Wafaa Rashed Humma Bouftain**, 65 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) at the cemetery only, Tel. 50448585 (Women) Mariya, Block 3, Street 8, House 27, Tel. 65854412. **Saud Khaleel Ibrahim Al Yaseen**, 74 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Rawda, Block 4, Street 43, Opp. Nuzha, Diwan Al Yaseen, House 17, Tel. 55559394 (Women) Mishref, Block 5, Street 5 Avenue 2, House 8, Tel. 25380510. **Jameela Khamash Shaltagh Al Husein**, 69 years old, widow of Abdul Rahman Hejab Al Saeed, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) at the cemetery only, Tel. 94444098 (Women) Faiha, Block 2, Street 27, House 12, Tel. 97870300. **Khadeeja Haji Husein Bouzbour**, 66 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Khaldiya, Block 2, Street 29, House 15, Tel. 69676066 (Women) Qortuba, Block 2, Street 1, Avenue 2, House 27, Tel. 65555505. **Ali Ahmad Al Najdi**, 79 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Yarmouk, Block 3, Street 2, Avenue 4, House 4, Tel. 97475700 (Women) Dasma, Block 4, Street 48, House 1, Tel. 99787003. **Fatima Nasser Falah Al Noon**, 60 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: Rabiya, Block 4, Street 8, House 19, Tel. 99799994, 99768555. **Nasser Mohammad Ahmad Shams Al Deen**, 56 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Shaab, Diwan Al Kanadra, Tel. 99640101 (Women) Hadiya, Block 5, Street 14, House 6, Tel. 94411557. **Sheikha Musa Abdullah Al Awad**, 84 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Mansouriya, Block 1, Jassim Al Wazzan Street, House 32, Tel. 97614110 (Women) Rumalithiya, Block 7, Street 77, House 13, Tel. 66014561. **Faraj Eid Baraak Al Shamari**, 81 years old, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Riqa, Tent beside Riqa petrol pump, Opp. Fahaeel Motorway, Tel. 97423444 (Women) Riqa, Block 1, Street 3, House 53. **Bata Salem Rajaan Al Azemi**, 9 years old, widow of Batel Thameed Nayem Al Azemi, to be buried on Sunday at 9:00 am. Condolences: (Men) Doha, Block 4, Street 2, House 35, Tel. 97677996 (Women) Qairawan, Block 2, Street 210, House 61. **Mohammad Awad Saad Al Mutairi**, 74 years old, to be buried on Sunday after Asr prayers. Condolences: (Men) Ardiya, Block 7, Street 1, Avenue 2, House 11, Tel. 65573777, 65553931 (Women) Ardiya, Block 6, Street 1, Avenue 2, House 28, Tel. 65551797. **Maleeha Abbas Ahmad Al Taib**, 73 years old, widow of Abdul Rasoul Abdullah Al Fayez, buried on Saturday. Condolences: (Men) Da'iyah, Huseiniyat Bouhamed, Tel. 97113244 (Women) Zahra, Block 1, Street 111, House 14. **Qamasha Ahmad Al Yousef Al Barahim**, 83 years old, to be buried on Sunday after Asr prayers. Condolences: (Men) Surra, Block 5, Hamad Al Roomi Street, House 39, Diwan Al Masoud, Tel. 67003559, 99191913 (Women) Dasma, Block 5, Al Rafeie Street, House 1, Tel. 99550033.

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