

Left: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah with National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim (center), with Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi and (right), with Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.



Left: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah with Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait Dr Mohammad Al-Hashel (center), with Chairman of Kuwait's Supreme Judicial Council and the Cassation Court, and President of the Constitutional Court, Justice Yousef Jassem Al-Mutawaa and (right), with Kuwait's Ambassador to Iran Majdi Al-Dhafiri.

His Highness the Crown Prince receives top officials

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His Highness the Crown Prince then received Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait Dr. Mohammad Al-Hashel and Kuwait's ambassador to Iran Majdi Al-Dhafiri. (KUNA)

Airport to use biometric tech for better passenger handling

DGCA to add more features to new terminal

KUWAIT CITY, July 3, (KUNA): Kuwait's Directorate General of Civil Aviation marks one year since the launching of Terminal 4 allocated for Kuwait Airways, which falls on Thursday, by launching biometric technology.

Kuwait's International Airport will start using facial recognition technology at its newly built Terminal 4t (T4) for a trial period of three months, the country's civil aviation authority said on Wednesday.

The biometric technology is part of a digital strategy put in place at the airport, where passenger and flight information will be available upon facial recognition, the director general of Kuwait's Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) Yousef Al-Fouzan said in a statement a year after the terminal was

Kuwaiti diplomat highlights support for Palestinians

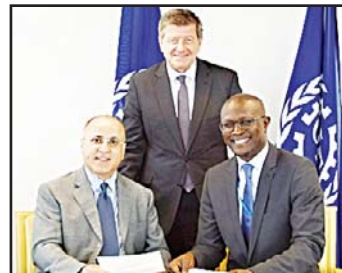
GENEVA, July 3, (KUNA): Kuwait is a major proponent of the International Labor Organization's (ILO) endeavors in Palestinian territories, its permanent delegate to the UN Jamal Al-Ghunaim said on Wednesday.

The Kuwaiti diplomat's remarks came after an encounter with ILO's Director General Guy Ryder, where they held talks over bilateral ties.

The bulk of financial aid the ILO receives from Kuwait is allocated for various projects in Palestinian territories, said the envoy, which is crucial given the hardships the Palestinians have had to withstand.

Besides better passenger handling, the system will also be able to locate the whereabouts of passengers at all times, resulting in better airport services, he explained.

Kuwait's civil aviation body is in the process of adding more features to the new terminal, according to the head of DGCA's engineering department Saleh Al-Fadagi, who



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revealed the extra services are worth KD 46.4 million.

On a related note, he revealed that National carrier Kuwait Airways would begin flying directly to New York out of T4 this month once aviation safety measures are complete.

Kuwait International Airport has seen a spike of up to 10 percent in passenger traffic with the comple-

tion of the sprawling terminal, with officials expecting to bring the figure closer to six million passengers.

Kuwait launched its new airport terminal last year as part of its 2035 development plan, hoping it would push the country one step closer towards becoming a global financial and commercial hub.

Kuwait major proponent of UNIDO

Kuwait to set up 1st techno-complex

VIENNA, July 3, (KUNA): Kuwait plans to build its first techno-complex to develop its industrial capacity, said Director-General of the Public Authority for Industry (PAI) Abdul Karim Taqi.

Speaking on sidelines of the 47th Session of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), Taqi said consultancy studies for the components, sections and management of the complex, to be built on an area of 200,000 square meters, would be completed before the end of this year.

In a statement to KUNA, he explained that Local and international expertise will be used to execute the project as well as benefit from the experience of (UNIDO) in this field.

Taqi pointed out that the venture will contribute to industrial and technical research and innovation, especially in the petrochemical, renewable energy and water resources sectors.

It will provide training and rehabilitation centers for the industrial sector, in addition to some parts of the complex that will be allocated to small and medium-sized enterprises.

A delegation from the Public Authority for Industry headed by Taqi is participating in the 47th Session of the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), launched on Tuesday.

The meetings were held with participation of experts from (UNIDO) member countries, beside representatives of international and civil society organizations and media.

Kuwait is a major proponent of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) as it seeks to push its sustained development plans,

Industrial growth is among the focal points of sustained development goals, the Director General of Kuwait's Public Authority for Industry Abdulkarim Taqi said amid UNIDO talks.

The Kuwaiti delegation to the talks were acquainted with the specialized UN body's latest endeavors, added the official, saying that Arab nations should work closely with UNIDO in efforts to bring their economic goals to fruition.

"Countries all over the world need UNIDO's support to draw up their development plans," he highlighted, pointing out that failing to keep abreast of the latest industrial trends can often throw these goals off track.

Kuwait is committed to its sustained development goals and the UN body's support is crucial for overall industrial growth, he added.

Kuwait is eager to develop its industrial sector as per global standards in efforts to push its 2035 sustained development plan, said an official on Monday.

It is imperative to cooperate with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to achieve the aforementioned goal, the director general of Kuwait's Public Authority for Industry Abdulkarim Taqi told KUNA on the sidelines of UNIDO talks.

The talks revolve around international efforts to fight poverty and corruption, amongst other matters, the Kuwaiti official said.

He highlighted such gatherings as crucial in allowing Kuwait the opportunity to pick up some insight into economic development plans, added the official.

As a specialized UN body, UNIDO aims to promote and accelerate global industrial development.

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News in Brief

PAI has lowest number of expats: Minister of Commerce and Industry Khalid Al-Roudhan revealed that the Public Authority for Industry has the lowest number of expatriate employees, who constitute 2.6 percent of the total employees, reports Al-Rai daily.

In response to a parliamentary question, the minister clarified that the total number of employees in PAI is 1,047 out of who 1,020 are Kuwaiti citizens, about 96.4 percent, and 27 are non-Kuwaitis, about 2.6 percent only.

He affirmed that PAI abides by the policy to replace expatriate employees with Kuwaiti citizens.

PM vows

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about the best manner by which the instructions, directives and warnings of HH the Amir are realized. "This great responsibility intensifies in times of uncertainty, considering the latest developments in the region. Therefore, the highest possible level of responsibility, wisdom and determination should be kept close to the heart in order to exert the best possible legislative efforts and all-inclusive political dialogues," he added.

Furthermore, the Assembly approved the general State budget for fiscal 2019/2020. After a closed door session as per the request of the government, Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim confirmed approval of a parliamentary recommendation for the government to conform to international regulations and standards on national budget, future reserves and general governmental expenditures. He added that the report on the financial situation of the country has been referred to the State Audit Bureau (SAB) for review.

Additionally, after heated deliberations, the Assembly agreed to refer reports of all parliamentary committees on violations in the Ministry of Health, inability of the country's infrastructure to handle the recent volume of rain and its consequences, Al-Zour refineries and agricultural plots to the Public Prosecution along with relevant reports from SAB.

During the closing ceremony, Al-Ghanim stated that "as legislative and executive authorities, we must evaluate matters and execute decisions based on the language of numbers and facts like a transparent and open document for the general public."