

Kuwait's Deputy FM 'praises' strong deeply-rooted relations with France

'Joint steering panel meetings with UK fruitful'



Photos from the event

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Bid to spread values of Islam

IICO honors 225 Holy Quran students in Tunisia

TUNIS, July 15, (KUNA): Kuwait-based International Islamic Charitable Organization (IICO) on Sunday honored 225 persons who memorized the Holy Quran after concluding a course of Al-Shafi' project for Quran memorization, held in Tunis.

The graduation ceremony was attended by Kuwait's Ambassador to Tunisia Ali Al-Dhefiri, a number of

former and present Tunisian officials and many Islamic scholars, in addition to the Director of Al-Shafi' project Khaled Al-Qassar, and representatives from the Kuwaiti Zakat House and Al-Nouri Charity Society.

During the ceremony, organized in collaboration with Marhamah Charity Society, Al-Qassar said that the project have succeeded in strength-

ening bonds between the people of Kuwait and Tunisia.

He Al-Shafi' project, which was launched six years ago, contributed to spreading tolerance values of Islam.

Al-Shafi' project targets the youth and helps them avoid extreme ideologies that are threatening societies in the Islamic and Arab world, he added.

Kuwait to witness partial lunar eclipse on Wednesday

KUWAIT CITY, July 15: Astronomer Adel Sa'adoun said Kuwait will witness a partial eclipse of the moon at 12.32 am (past midnight) Wednesday, reports Al-Rai daily.

Al-Sa'adoun said the phenomenon will begin at 8 pm when the moon enters the earth's orbit at 8 pm and will continue past beyond midnight until it begins to emerge from the

Earth's orbit. He said because the moon enters into the earth's 1,400,000 km area, the earth obscures the sun from the moon.

KUWAIT CITY, July 15, (KUNA): Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah has lauded Kuwait's strong and deeply-rooted ties with France.

In a statement to reporters on sidelines of his participation in a function held by the French embassy in Kuwait to mark the national day, Al-Jarallah congratulated the French government and people on their "dear national occasion."

He highlighted the continued cooperation between Kuwait and France in all domains, especially, economy, investment, energy, culture, education and military.

Al-Jarallah expressed satisfaction with the level of military cooperation between the two friendly countries.

Many of the Defense Ministry's personnel are receiving military education and training in France, he pointed out.

He expressed Kuwait's appreciation to France for its role in maintaining the security and stability of Kuwait and the whole region as well as to its principled supportive stance to Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation time and its contribution to Kuwait's liberation war.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah described Sunday that the meetings of the joint steering committee with the UK as fruitful and constructive.

"We, along with the British side, have achieved fruitful results," Al-Jarallah told reporters on sidelines of a reception by the French Embassy on occasion of the European country's national day.

"Kuwait and Britain have always been keen to meet the joint steering committee in its various fields, including military cooperation," he added.

Al-Jarallah noted that military cooperation with the UK is historic and "we look forward to strengthening it."

He pointed out that the talks about a British military presence in Kuwait are a subject under discussion, stressing the two sides' keenness to reach the best means of cooperation will enable to reach an understanding in this regard.



Top: Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, with French ambassador cutting the cake at a function held by the French embassy to mark the national day. Above: French envoy poses for a photograph with some invitees.

MoJ outstanding workers to receive bonus

Port workers honoured for dedicated work to protect security of homeland

KUWAIT CITY, July 15: Assistant Undersecretary for Ports Security Affairs Major General Mansour Al-Awadhi, in the presence of the Director-General of the Directorate General of Ground Security Brigadier General Iyad Al-Haddad and Deputy Director Salim Ali Al-Tammar and data recorder Mohammed Saud Al-Husseini of the Salmi Port honored some port employees in recognition of their efforts and dedication to work to protect the security of the homeland, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, Al-Nham conveyed the greetings and appreciation of the Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Lt-Gen Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah to the honorees, stressing that they deserve all the appreciation and honor due to their sincere and distinguished efforts in the performance of their tasks, which represents an outstanding effort and an integrated work in preventing the entry of narcotics and banned material and also preventing the entry and exit of people wanted by law the last of who was the arrest of a Kuwaiti who was attempting to leave the country using his

brother's passport.

The security personnel urged the noble people to continue their efforts and make outstanding contribution that embodies their love for their precious country and maintains the effective security by combating crime.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Justice has revealed that excellent performance bonuses will be disbursed by Aug 1, reports Al-Anba daily quoting reliable sources.

They said the ministry is preparing the names of the employees who deserve the bonuses, explaining that the deserving employees are selected based on the ministerial resolutions and conditions of Civil Service Commission (CSC) regarding the granting of excellent performance bonuses such as the employee should not have taken more than 25 days of sick leave, and he/she should have attended work regularly for at least 180 days. The sources stressed that the preparation of lists based on the specified standards will be completed by July last week prior to disbursing the excellent performance bonuses by Aug 1.

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Project to end by next month: Kuwait Gulf Oil Company (representative of Kuwait in Al-Khafji Joint Operations Zone) and the authorized partner for the Saudi Arabia side Aramco will complete the first phase of the environmental projects either by the end of July or next month, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

On handing over these projects, sources explained the operation of productive wells is necessary to affirm completion of the first phase and ensure the safety of these projects.

Health office to be closed: Ministry of Health has started applying the new overseas treatment list approved by the minister Sheikh Dr Bassel Al-Sabah, reports Al-Anba daily.

The ministry has formed special medical committees in various hospitals and medical centers.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Health will close down Kuwait Health Office in Germany within one month after completing the treatment and other procedures of the patients there.

It is worth mentioning that the minister Sheikh Dr Bassel has decided to repatriate all health attachés of the health office in Germany. He has assigned Dr Khalid Al-Abdulghani to supervise the procedures of the Kuwaiti patients in Germany starting from August 1.

Awqaf renews contract: Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and State Minister for Municipality Affairs Fahad Al-Shua'la has confirmed the renewal of the contracts of 143 non-Kuwaiti employees above 60 years old based on the nature of their jobs, reports Al-Rai daily.

In response to a parliamentary inquiry, the minister explained that majority of these employees are washers of dead bodies and grave diggers. He added the Kuwait Municipality needs some of these employees due to their long experience in legal, engineering or financial works.

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