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Prayer Timings			
Fajr	03:28	Umm Al-Maradem	43 32 - 6ft SE
Sunrise	05:00	Sea Island Buo	- - - 6ft SE
Zohr	11:54	Salmiyah	42 33 - 6ft SE
Asr	15:29		
Maghrib	18:48		
Isha	20:17		

4 days forecast - Marine			
Friday, July 19			
Expected weather	Hot and rising dust		
Sea state	Moderate to rough		
Wave height	3-7 ft		
Max Temp	45C		
Min Temp	34C		
Wind Direction	NW		
Wind Speed	30-65 km/h		
Saturday, July 20			
Expected weather	Very hot and rising dust over open areas		
Sea state	Moderate to rough		
Wave height	3-8 ft		
Max Temp	48C		
Min Temp	33C		
Wind Direction	NW		
Wind Speed	20-45 km/h		
Sunday, July 21			
Expected weather	Very hot		
Sea state	Slight to moderate		
Wave height	1-4 ft		
Max Temp	49C		
Min Temp	32C		
Wind Direction	NW-VRB		
Wind Speed	12-38 km/h		
Monday, July 22			
Expected weather	Hot and relatively humid specially over coastal areas		
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Marine Forecast			
Station	Max Rec	Min Exp	Today's Surf
South Dolphin	-	-	6ft SE
Umm Madiyah	-	-	6ft SE
Beacon M28	-	-	6ft SE
Beacon N6	-	-	6ft SE
Garuh Island	37	32	6ft SE

deaths

Shaikha Maryam Bader Abdul Aziz Malek Al Sabah, 26 years old, buried. Condolences: (Men) at the cemetery for one day only, Tel. 25355074. (Women) Jabriya, Block 12, Street 5, House 396; **Alya Hamza Ali Hamza**, 24 years old, buried. Condolences: (Men) Da'ya, Baharna Mosque, Tel. 97444544. (Women) Bneid Al-Gar, Husseinayat Sayed Ali, at Asr only, Tel. 67777003; **Mona Fahad Saad Saud Al Azemi**, 51 years old, wife of Bader Mohammad Saad Al Azemi, buried. Condolences: (Men) Salwa, Block 8, Salem Al Heras Street, House 24, Tel. 60005010. (Women) Salwa, Block 9, Street 4, House 33; **Haya Mohammad Sulaiman Al Habib**, 75 years old, widow of Mohammad Hamad Al Jumma, buried. Condolences: (Men) Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem, Block 1, Nesf Al Yousef Street, Diwan Al Habib, House 36, Tel. 90977222. (Women) Hiteen, Block 3, Street 315, House 31, Tel. 55572015; **Wathna Jassem Khalaf Al Thunayan**, 72 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Mubarak Al Kabeer, Block 1, Street 17, House 31, Tel. 96088839, 96690043. (Women) Qosour, Block 2, Street 4, House 16, Tel. 97602001; **Thamer Knather Mohammad Al Khalidi**, 80 years old, buried. Condolences: (Men) Ardiya Industrial Area, Mubarakiya Ballroom, Opp. Commercial Institute, Tel. 97777957. (Women) Ardiya, Block 11, Street 2, Avenue 1, House 19, Tel. 96621222; **Mudhi Nasser Mubarak Al Mandel**, 88 years old, widow of Khalaf Mubarak Al Mandel, buried. Condolences: (Men) Omariya, Block 2, Street 4, House 41, Diwan Al Mandel, Tel. 97433331. (Women) Sabah Al Salem, Block 10, Avenue 4, House 24, Tel. 99021841; **Abdul Mohsen Mohammad Mubarak Al Saeed**, 77 years old, buried. Condolences: (Men) Hiteen, Block 2, Street 224, House 7, Tel. 66677707. (Women) Qortoba, Block 3, Street 1, Avenue 3, House 8; **Wasmiya Abdullatif Khalid Al Hatem**, wife of Bader Nasser Abdullah Al Maghawi, years old, buried. Condolences: (Men) Sabah Al Salem, Block 10, Street 1, Avenue 13, House 40, Tel. 66666717. (Women) Ardiya, Block 7, Street 3, Avenue 4, House 27, Tel. 66226211; **Ali Hussein Mahmoud Saleh Al Faras**, 28 years old, buried. Condolences: (Men) West Mishref, Al Wazzan Mosque, begins from Friday, Tel. 99797580. (Women) Salwa, Husseinayat Al Imam Al Hussein, Block 7, Street 7, House 27, begins from Friday at Asr prayer time, Tel. 65596900; **Mubarak Mahdi Hassan Al Ajmi**, 19 years old, buried. Condolences: Adan, Block 2, Street 23, House 20, Tel. 65582228; **Fatima Al Zahra Ahmad Yousef Al Hassan**, 21 years old, buried. Condolences: (Women) Rumalithiya, Husseinayat Bouhamad, with effect from Friday, Tel. 97974228. (Men) morning and Asr time only, Tel. 98020530; **Saleh Mohammad Sulaiman Al Habib**, 59 years old, buried. Condolences: (Men) Abdullah Al Salem, Block 1, Nesf Al-Yousef Street, Opp. Mosque, Tel. 55154422 (Women) Salam, Block 2, Street 221, House 8.

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For the first time in three months Kuwait's trade surplus with Japan down

TOKYO, July 18, (KUNA): Kuwait's trade surplus with Japan shrank 29.8 percent from a year earlier to JPY 33.8 billion (\$313 million) in June, down for the first time in three months due to weak exports, the Finance Ministry said Thursday.

But Kuwait stayed in black ink with Japan for 11 years and five months, as exports still outpaced its imports by a big margin, the ministry said in a preliminary report.

Kuwaiti overall exports to Japan

plunged 26.6 percent year-on-year to JPY 45.8 billion (\$425 million) for the first drop in three months. Imports from Japan also declined 9.6 percent to JPY 12.0 billion (\$112 million), down for the fourth month in a row.

Middle East's trade surplus with Japan decreased 1.5 percent to JPY 478.1 billion (\$4.4 billion) last month, with Japan-bound exports from the region falling 6.0 percent from a year earlier. Crude oil, re-

financed products, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and other natural resources, which accounted for 95.6 percent of the region's total exports to Japan, went down 5.5 percent. The region's overall imports from Japan slid 16.4 percent, chiefly due to weak demand for automobiles, machinery and electric equipment.

Japan's global trade balance returned to surplus in June despite sluggish exports to China amid US-China trade tensions. The world's

third-biggest economy posted the first trade black ink in two months at JPY 589.5 billion (\$547 million).

Exports fell 6.7 percent from the year before on weak shipments of vessels, auto parts and steel, while imports shrank 5.2 percent with value of LNG falling 11.7 percent. China remained Japan's biggest trade partner, followed by the US. The trade data are measured on a customs-cleared basis before adjustment for seasonal factors.

Kuwait addresses UN forum on national sustainable dev

First voluntary report presented on its objectives

KUWAIT CITY, July 18, (KUNA): The State of Kuwait delegation that took part in United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) - themed "empowering people and ensuring integration and equality" - presented the country's first voluntary report on objectives of sustainable development at the national level.

In a statement following the forum, Secretary General of the Supreme Planning and Development Council Dr Khaled Mahdi said Kuwait is proud of participating in the forum which witnessed, the first time, the Kuwaiti side presentation of the report with respect of implementing objectives of the sustainable development for the 2030 agenda, in cooperation with EQUATE Petrochemical Company, Environment Public Authority (EPA), Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of Sciences and the Kuwaiti Umniah Environmental Project.

The Kuwaiti delegation shed light on executed projects included in the 2030 agenda, Dr Mahdi said, also noting in this respect active participation of the Kuwaiti private sector, civil societies as well as the public sector in the execution of the relevant ventures.



FM Sheikh Sabah Khaled receiving German Ambassador Berger.



FM Sheikh Sabah Khaled receiving Pakistani Ambassador Dastgir.

FM receives outgoing German, Pakistani ambassadors

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Sabah received on Thursday the German Ambassador to Kuwait Karlfried Berger on the occasion of his term ending.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Sabah Khaled also received at his office on Thursday Ambassador of Pakistan to Kuwait Ghulam Dastgir, out of respect for ending his term as ambassador to Kuwait.

During the meeting, Sheikh Sabah Khaled commended the ambassador's efforts during his tenure in the country and his contributions in supporting and strengthening the strong bilateral ties between both sides.

Assistant Foreign Minister for the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister's Office Ambassador Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah and a number of high ranking officials in the foreign ministry attended the meetings. (KUNA)

'Fruit of cooperation between Parliament & govt'

MP commends Cabinet decision to increase 'housing loan' for women

By Ahmed Al-Naqeeb
 Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, July 18: MP Safaa Al-Hashem commended the recent decision of the Cabinet to increase the housing loan for women, describing it as the fruit of cooperation between the Parliament and the government.

During talks with State Minister of Housing Affairs Jenaan Boushchri, it was highlighted that although the report on the proposal to increase the housing loan for women was withdrawn from the parliamentary agenda; the matter was important enough for the government to issue a decree in this regard, taking into consideration the consensus between the two authorities, the lawmaker disclosed.

She also proposed adding two categories to the list of women who are eligible for housing loan - divorcees or widows with children and unmarried women who lost their father.

She said a statistical analysis showed that the next 30 years will not impact the country's financial obligations as the number of individuals entitled to housing care and allowance is not that big.

In her capacity as Chairperson of the Women and Family Affairs Committee in the Parliament, Al-Hashem confirmed the committee will focus on the Domestic Violence Bill in the next legislative round. She clarified the bill is almost complete but it was postponed because the committee had to work on other proposals.

Furthermore, MP Rakaan Al-Nusuf is looking forward to the

Who do we believe, PAM or the Egyptian ministry?

KUWAIT CITY, July 18: For the sixth day in a row, there are popular and parliamentary reactions to the denial of the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) to the news published by the Al-Rai daily last Thursday under the title '5,000 Egyptians are recruited to work in Kuwait every month' according to the official statement of the Egyptian Ministry of Manpower through its directorate in Cairo, reports Al-Rai daily.

PAM denied the statement issued by the Egyptian Ministry of Manpower saying its directorate in Cairo monthly receives 5,000 applications from people who want to work in Kuwait and everything is done in cooperation with the Kuwaiti Embassy in Cairo.

The denial of PAM raises the question: "Who do we believe, the Kuwaiti Public Authority for Manpower or the Egyptian Ministry? Why did PAM wait for five days to issue an explanation and responded only after the popular parliamentary reaction?"

The PAM's statement said that the statistics are inaccurate and that they spare no efforts to communicate with all parties, whether media or otherwise, to provide data.

Al-Rai replied and said it did not publish the statistics, but has quoted an official statement issued by an Egyptian government agency and therefore the government should address its concerned counterpart in the country rather than issuing a belated and ambiguous clarification.

next legislative round; hoping for ratification of more laws in the interest of the public, especially the youths.

He also stressed the need to focus on strengthening the financial structure of the country in view of the current regional tension.

He asserted that laws supporting the financial development of businesses managed by Kuwaiti youths will ultimately strengthen the financial structure of the country; hence, the need to prioritize such laws in the next legislative round.

In another development, MP Khaleel Abul submitted a proposal to nationalize vital positions at the Ministry of Education's cultural offices abroad. He explained that vital positions such as financial managers and general managers should be given only to Kuwaitis to ensure rights are protected.