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Left: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives Speaker (center) with Prime Minister and (right) with His Highness Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah

Audience of His Highness the Crown Prince

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace Monday National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim.

His Highness the Crown Prince received also His Highness Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. (KUNA)

Government prioritizes fighting corruption, enhancing integrity

Move to review state property law

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 27: The Council of Ministers will give priority to issuing procedures to implement 4 initiatives to combat corruption and enhance integrity, including activating the role of the Inspection and Audi Department in ministries to oversee and follow up on financial and administrative affairs, and the establishment of an anti-corruption unit in the

Personnel from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), reports Al-Anba daily quoting ministerial sources.

For its part, informed sources indicated the Parliament during its regular session Monday was to review efforts to complete a number of bills and refer them to the National Assembly including the traffic law which is slated for

amendment.

The sources stressed that the government referred 6 legislation to the Parliament and coordinated their implementation, including a draft law on the right to access information, competition protection, amending the fatwa and legislation law, restructuring wages in the public sector, bankruptcy law, debt restructuring and financial stability, and a conflict of interest law.

In response to what was published about the amendment of the legal support to employment and state property, the sources said, it is being reviewed to see if it is in the National Employment Support Law with the aim of identifying the groups that receive the largest support in certain jobs or the level of specific salaries in order to increase the percentage of Kuwaiti appointments in the private sector, in addition to reviewing also the state property law to reach the most appropriate decision in approving appropriate rents for state-owned lands.

The sources confirmed that the government is keen to issue executive regulations for the laws referred by the council on time, including the executive regulations of the Anti-Doping Authority.



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Deputy Foreign Minister during his meeting with the Italian Ambassador to Kuwait.

Deputy FM meets Italian envoy

Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah met Italian Ambassador to Kuwait Carlo Baldocci on Monday.

During the encounter, they tackled Kuwaiti-Italian relations and the latest regional and international develop-

ments. Assistant Foreign Minister for Europe Affairs Ambassador Walid Al-Khubaizi and Assistant Foreign Minister for the Deputy Foreign Minister's Office Affairs Ambassador Ayham Al-Omar attended the meeting.

Classified among endangered birds

Kuwaiti students document Pelicans migration to Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 27, (KUNA): A team of Kuwaiti students of the "ambassadors of the environment" initiative concluded a trip to Kerkini Lake in Greece, to document the life of the Pelican birds, who migrates to Kuwait annually.

The trip, coordinated by Kuwait's Environmental Lens' team under Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), aims to spread environmental awareness among students, head of the delegation Nora Al-Jabri told KUNA on Sunday.

The trip, which involves students with remarkable nature photography skills, also aims to educate participants on the importance of bird migration and protecting the eco system, she added.

On his part, trip coordinator and team member Omar Al-Sayed Omar, said the annual trip's pro-

gram, that started on Jan 19, included boosting students skills in taking photos of birds on land and water.

Meanwhile, team member Dr Aaref Al-Awadhi affirmed that by photographing ecosystem aspects in Kuwait or abroad, students will learn that damage to one of these areas could affect the bird's migration to Kuwait and increases extinction threat.

Last year, photographer Omar Al-Sayed Omar managed to monitor and take rare photos of the Pelican, which is classified among the endangered birds, according to the World Conservation Organization.

He documented the Pelican's life and searched for its home until he reached Kerkini Lake and won the admiration of the largest global documentary channels interested in nature and living organisms.

Ahmadi Governor congratulates Editor-in-Chief, Arab Times on another year of accomplishment

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 27: Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Fawaz Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah congratulated the Dean of Journalism, Editor-in-Chief of the Arab Times and Al-Seyassah Newspapers on the auspicious occasion of attaining another year of growth, development and accomplishment.

In a letter to the chief editor, Sheikh Fawaz passed on good wishes to the editorial board and entire employees of the Arab Times Newspaper, wish-

ing them many more years of success and prosperity, alongside other national media platforms in the country. "We wish the Arab Times good luck and continuity of its excellent journalism in serving Kuwait through bal-



Sheikh Fawaz

anced reportage and accurate viewpoints amid consistent professionalism and effective contribution to development, being an effective media beacon", he added.

He prayed that Allah the Almighty will continue to guide the newspaper toward serving and promoting the dear nation under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince, and His Highness the Prime Minister (God protect them all).

20 participants attend representing various state bodies

KU join forces with Italian scholars

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 27, (KUNA): Kuwait University is collaborating with Italian scholars to offer special courses on the archeology of Western Asia and the Mediterranean, an initiative geared towards students eager to soak up the region's fascinating history.

The classes are tantamount to a journey through Kuwait's culture and history, the remnants of which date back more than 300 years, according to Dr Humoud Al-Qashan, a professor of sociology at Kuwait University.

The program is an effort to

push forward Kuwait's development strategy for 2035, he added, revealing that a quintet of Italy's most renowned scientists are taking part in this academic endeavor.

The courses revolve around the archeological and geographical histories of the region, said Marco Ramazzotti, a professor of archeology at Rome's famed Sapienza University, pointing out that the primary objective is to familiarize students with Arab civilization.

He went on to thank Kuwait University for organizing the program, saying it is a testament to the

increasing camaraderie between Arab countries and their European partners.

The classes mark the first time Kuwait University has collaborated with the Italian embassy, said Dr Hassan Ashkanani, a researcher at the Experimental Anthropology Lab at Kuwait University.

In addition to the classes, the program, attended by some 20 participants representing various state bodies, also features workshops covering particular time periods in the archeological history of the region, he added.

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News in Brief

MPW to form supervision panel: Ministry of Public Works Undersecretary Eng Ismail Al-Failkawi issued decision to form a committee headed by Assistant Undersecretary for Construction Engineering Ghaleb Safouk to determine the responsibilities of entities involved in the supervision of production and implementation of asphalt works, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The daily obtained a copy of the decision which mandates the committee to determine the responsibilities of the abovementioned entities including the Maintenance Engineering Sector, Public Authority for Roads and Transportation, the governmental Examinations and Researches Center, and Quality Control.

MoH approves co-op protocol: The Ministry of Health has approved the cooperation protocol among technical departments, policy on transferring patients between hospitals, organizational policies followed by emergency departments, policy on requesting X-rays and checkups, and technical consultations among departments, reports Al-Jarida daily.

In a statement posted on its website, the ministry explained the decision is part of strategies to guarantee the safety of patients.

On the other hand, the ministry has announced that the national health campaign aimed at spreading public awareness on cervical cancer will be launched soon in Al-Hamra Tower.

MEW approves power request: The Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) has approved the power connection request for residential buildings in blocs one and seven in West Abdullah Al-Mubarak, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In a letter forwarded to Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) and Kuwait Municipality, the ministry said the Municipality should issue letters regarding the connection of power to 844 buildings – 883 in Block One and 461 in Block Seven – to citizens residing in the above mentioned blocks.

Speaking to the daily, a source expects connection of power to these buildings soon; affirming that PAHW has completed the biggest main station among its projects in West Abdullah Al-Mubarak with a capacity of 960 megawatts to supply 96 megawatts to each of the six main power stations which will, in turn, supply electricity to 125 secondary stations in the residential blocks.