

# Kuwait ranks low in FM Global Resilience Index for '21: report

Data being collected tied to economy, supply chain and risk quality



Ambassador Sibi George in a group photo during his meeting with EPA Chairman Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Sabah.

## Indian ambassador calls on EPA Chief Sheikh Abdullah

The Indian Ambassador to Kuwait H.E. Sibi George called on Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Hmoud Al-Sabah, Chairman and Director-General of the Environment Public Authority (EPA) and

discussed ways of enhancing bilateral cooperation in the domains of clean energy particularly solar energy, environment and other areas of mutual interest.

## Travel restrictions increase pressure on electricity

# Kuwait may burn more crude oil this summer to meet electricity demand

KUWAIT CITY, June 10: The Argos website has reported that Kuwait may have to increase the burning of crude oil in power plants this summer in order to meet the high demand for electricity, which has reached a record level due to the rising temperatures in the country, reports Al-Rai daily.

The website explained that, due to the travel restrictions imposed by the country because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many citizens and residents will not be able to travel this summer to escape the hot weather. This makes

the pressure on electricity in Kuwait continue.

The demand for electricity at the peak exceeded 15.07 gigawatts, which is a new record after the temperature rose above 50 degrees Celsius, according to the Ministry of Electricity and Water. The load rose to the peak by about 16.8 percent compared to the same time last year, and is likely to continue to rise over the next few days.

The website highlighted that Kuwait usually relies on a large extent on associated gas for power generation. In

the summer, it uses imported liquefied natural gas in a floating storage and regasification unit, but when the demand for electricity rose last year, the decrease in associated gas production, because of a restriction in production based on an agreement of OPEC-Plus, led to Kuwait burning record quantities of crude oil to generate electricity, the peak load of which reached 14.96 gigawatts in July 2020. This prompted Kuwait to burn about 184,000 barrels per day, or nearly ten times the amount used for energy in 2019.

## Info sets special e-mail to be in touch with all electronic media

KUWAIT CITY, June 10, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti Ministry of Information's Undersecretary for Press, Publications and Publishing, Adel Al-Azmi, announced that the ministry has allocated a special e-mail to communicate with all electronic publishing media licensed by the ministry to communicate with it and identify the challenges it faces in order to overcome them and find solutions.

Without delay to upgrade professional level Al-Azmi told Kuwait News Agency Wednesday that this decision comes from the Ministry of Information's keenness to extend bridges of cooperation with all local newspapers and electronic news services with the aim of joint cooperation with them and facilitating all procedures and their needs in appreciation of its important role in enriching Kuwaiti media.

He explained that these newspapers and electronic services can send their inquiries to the ministry via the mail designated for this purpose, which is elaw@media.gov.kw, stressing that this step comes from the constant endeavor of the Ministry of Information with all its partners in the traditional and new media fields.

He praised the prominent role played by local newspapers and electronic news services in transmitting news and

## CSC takes 'stricter measures' in tackling govt agencies requests

KUWAIT CITY, June 10: The Civil Service Commission (CSC) has taken stricter measures in handling the requests of government agencies to recruit non-Kuwaitis, as it is no longer satisfied with merely rejecting the request, so it has opted to nominate Kuwaitis with the required specialization, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting sources.

Sources confirmed that some government agencies have started sending letters to the CSC requesting for the recruitment of non-Kuwaitis with certain specializations; but such requests were rejected, especially for posts in which the

providing direct and immediate coverage of everything that happens in the local and regional arena, as it is one of the effective media outlets and the most important tributary of the national media process in this era where social media is dominating the media scene.

He affirmed the ministry's readiness

required specialization is found among the citizens registered in the central employment system.

Sources disclosed this step was taken after the government agencies sent the list of expatriate employees who were terminated in line with the Kuwaitization policy; while others once again asked the CSC regarding the recruitment of non-Kuwaitis under new contracts. These agencies justified their request by affirming their need for the services of non-Kuwaiti employees who will be under the 'remuneration' item, sources added.

to receive any comments and inquiries from electronic news and print media, hoping that this step would usher in positive and serious cooperation that would benefit the media scene in Kuwait and a first step on the road to further achievements that are in the interest of the country and the citizens.

KUWAIT CITY, June 10: Kuwait ranked 86th in the FM Global Resilience Index for the year 2021, scoring only 42.1 points out of 100 points. It came last among the Gulf countries and ninth in the Arab world, reports Al-Rai daily.

The Global Resilience Index 2021 is the only tool that collects data related to economy, supply chain and risk quality from nearly 130 countries in order to assess resilience worldwide.

The international company FM, which specializes in mutual insurance, issues the Resilience Index that aims to help companies choose facilities and suppliers, and assess the weaknesses of the supply chain.

The index measures the resilience of countries by evaluating certain factors such as political risks, corruption control, infrastructure, exposure to fire hazards, and others. It also reflects data on economic aspects, natural hazards and supply chains. It addresses deep concerns about business risks such as cyber attacks, political unrest, fires and hurricanes. Flexibility is meant to resist disturbances and deviations that occur in the work environment, and to speed up recovery if they occur.

In terms of the economic factors, Kuwait ranked 74th in the world with 44 points. In risk quality, it ranked 101st with 22.5 points, and in the supply chain aspect, it ranked 82th, recording 48.1 points out of 100.

Internationally, Denmark came first, followed by Norway in second place, Luxembourg in third, Germany in fourth, Switzerland in fifth, Finland in sixth, Sweden in seventh, Austria in eighth, the United States in ninth, and the United Kingdom in tenth.

According to the index, countries in Western and Central Europe are better equipped to deal with environmental and political risks that could put business investments at risk.

As per the agreement of Kuwait and the Arab Republic of Egypt and within the framework of the joint consular committee between the two countries; Kuwait's Ministry of Interior has recommended assessing the latest developments in Egypt in terms of securing prisons, methods of rehabilitating inmates, and developments in the implementation of criminal and civil sentences, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

Sources revealed the Interior Ministry of Kuwait presented the recommendation through official communications with its foreign affairs counterpart in preparation for the fifth meeting of the joint committee whose agenda include views on cooperation between the two countries, as well as the recommendations of the Planning and Training Department in the Correctional Institutions Affairs and the Execution of Judgments sectors.

## National Day greetings sent

# HH Amir congratulates Portugal

KUWAIT CITY, June 10, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent Thursday a cable to President of Portugal Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa to congratulate him on his country's National Day, wishing him good health

and for his country further progress and prosperity. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables.



UAE Ambassador Dr Matar Al-Neyadi.



French Ambassador Anne-Claire Legendre.



British Ambassador Belinda Lewis.

## PM meets newly-appointed foreign envoys

Kuwait's Prime Minister His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah held talks on Thursday with a number of foreign ambassadors, all of whom have just started their respective tenures.

UAE's Ambassador Dr Matar Al-Neyadi, in addition to France's and

the UK's envoys, Anne-Claire Legendre and Belinda Lewis, respectively, were among those to have met His Highness the Prime Minister.

The Vatican's Ambassador to Kuwait Eugene Martin Nugent also had an encounter with His Highness the Prime Minister. (KUNA)

## Registration begins

# 'Quranic competition aims at refining talents of youth'

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KUWAIT CITY, June 10: The Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs for the Holy Qur'an Affairs and Islamic Studies Sector, Fahad Al-Jenfawi, announced registration begins Thursday for Safwa Al-Awael Quranic competition.

The competition is organized in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.

Al-Jenfawi said during a press conference which was held in his office that the idea of this competition is aimed at refining the talents of Kuwaiti youth in memorizing the noble Qur'an and mastering its recitation by creating a competitive atmosphere in an encouraging manner.

He announced the winners of the competition -- both male and female will walk away with 8,000 dinars each.

He indicated that one of the conditions of the competition is that the contestant should be Kuwaiti and mastered the art of memorizing the entire Holy Quran.

## Corona effects studied

# TEC finalizes its strategic plan for the next 10 years

KUWAIT CITY, June 10: The Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) has finalized its strategic plan for the next 10 years, which was prepared after studying the effects of the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) based on Council of Ministers Decision No. 728 of 2020, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Sources confirmed the company has fulfilled the specified percentage of national workers as it currently employs about 694 non-Kuwaitis -- 656 under the local and foreign contracts, and 38 under special contracts. Sources said Kuwaitis occupy most of the leadership and supervisory positions in the company; indicating TEC has recruited 108 Kuwaitis over the last five years, while 810 non-Kuwaiti workers were terminated within the same period.

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