

# Event focuses on phenomenon of domestic violence, solutions

Institute of Judicial and Legal Studies organizes symposium

## 'Total FDI from Gulf to Turkey reaches \$12 bln'

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 24: Head of the Foreign Investment Office in Turkey Burak Oghlo said the total foreign direct investment flows from the Gulf countries to the Turkish Republic reached \$12 billion from 2003 until the end of the first half of 2021, reports Al-Anba daily.

In an exclusive interview with the dai-

ly, Oghlo revealed that Kuwait's share of the total Gulf investments in Turkey reached \$2 billion or 16 percent.

He added Kuwait ranked fourth in the Gulf after the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

He also disclosed that the number of Kuwaiti companies in Turkey has reached 400.

These companies are operating in various investment fields and sectors. The Kuwaiti investor ranked third in the Gulf in terms of the number of investment companies operating in Turkey - after Saudi Arabia and the UAE - with 15 percent of the total number of Gulf companies, he concluded.

**KUWAIT CITY, Nov 24, (KUNA): The Kuwait Institute for Judicial and Legal Studies organized a symposium on Wednesday under the title 'The Phenomenon of Domestic Violence, the Problem and Solutions', with the participation of a number of jurists and specialists in psychological and social sciences.**

In her speech, the Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Family Affairs and Assistant Undersecretary for Social Development at the Ministry of Social Affairs, Hana Al-Hajri, stressed the need to raise the level of religious and moral awareness in society and to develop media strategies to highlight the seriousness of domestic violence.

Al-Hajri explained that the causes of domestic violence are many, including socialization, family disintegration, drug abuse, and others, pointing to the need for accurate information and statistics that would identify domestic violence as a problem or a phenomenon.

### Behaviors

For his part, the Director of the Kuwait Center for Addiction Treatment and a member of the Faculty of Medicine at Kuwait University Dr Adel Al-Zaid said in his speech that domestic violence is not limited to beating only, so it is necessary to understand the behaviors that fall under the concept of violence.

Dr Al-Zaid added that beatings are unacceptable, pointing out in this regard that it is necessary to raise the level of culture in society as a whole and educate its members.

For his part, Head of the Department of Psychiatry at the College of Medicine at Kuwait University Dr Suleiman Al-Khodari said that violence is a complex phenomenon and cannot be taken from one angle. There are several types of violence, including physical, verbal and other types that are related to the personality of the individual and his psychological state, explaining that most psychological disorders can lead to violence if not treated.

Al-Khodari added that the era in which societies have opened up due to electronic openness, the culture of societies is seeping into other societies, indicating that discussing any topic related to judicial studies does not mean the need for legislation or law as much as the need to develop culture and awareness in society and the concerted efforts of various state agencies.

In turn, the head of the Juvenile Prosecution at the Public Prosecution at the Ministry of Justice, Nasser Al-Sumait, said, "The Domestic Violence Law was issued more than a year ago, and since that time we have faced more than 2,000 cases, of which 50 percent have been waived and 80 percent are against women, which indicates that we are facing a phenomenon primarily violence against women."

Al-Sumait indicated that the community police have a major role in dealing with these cases of domestic violence, pointing out the importance of the police stations being prepared to deal with cases of violence.

He pointed out that the issue of drug abuse is closely related to domestic violence issues, as 80 percent of violence cases are related to addiction.

**KCCI chief praises Kuwait pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai**

By Bader Al-Slaih

DUBAI, Nov 24, (KUNA): The Kuwait pavilion at the Expo 2020 Dubai is a window peering into the country's history, tradition and development, Chairman of the Board for the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Mohammad Al-Saqer said on Wednesday.

Speaking to KUNA after visiting the pavilion, Al-Saqer said that he was amazed by what the pavilion had to offer to visitors, indicating that the architectural design complemented the State of Kuwait's vision in a sustainably developed region creating various career opportunities and business.

The Expo, held for the first time in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia regions, was a triumph not only for the UAE but also for all Gulf countries as well including Kuwait.

Holding the Expo during the challenges posed by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic successful was also another point of achievement for the UAE, he affirmed.



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HH the Crown Prince with Speaker Al-Ghanim.

### HH Crown Prince receives Speaker, PM

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace, Wednesday, Speaker of the National

Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. (KUNA)



The ambassador with Sheikh Abdullah Ali Al-Abdullah.

### Indian envoy calls on Civil Aviation chief

The Indian Ambassador to Kuwait HE Sibi George called on HE Sheikh Abdullah Ali Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, President of Civil Aviation, State of Kuwait, on Nov 24 and held

wide ranging discussions, including bilateral ties, ways of enhancing co-operation especially in the domain of civil aviation and other matters of mutual interest.

### Envoy highlights Arab-European co-op

**Speaker Al-Ghanim heads to Madrid to partake in 143rd IPU conference**

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 24, (KUNA): A parliamentary Kuwaiti delegation, headed by Speaker of the Parliament Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim departed on Wednesday to Madrid to participate in 143rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) conference.

Speaker Al-Ghanim will deliver a speech on "contemporary challenges against democracy", National Assembly's news network (Al-Dostor) reported.

Nevertheless, Al-Ghanim will hold discussions with Spanish President of the Congress of Deputies, Meritxell Batet.

He also will participate in meetings that gathers Arab, Asian, and Islamic groups, taking in consideration the issues that going to raised.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the Arab League Ambassador Ahmad Al-Bakr affirmed Tuesday the importance of cooperation between the Arab and

European sides in all domains.

This came in a statement made by Al-Baker to KUNA following leading the second coordinative meeting held by permanent representatives to the League.

The meeting aims at fulfilling preparations for the gatherings set in Cairo on December 1 and 2 on the level of permanent representatives, and political and security committee's ambassadors in the Council of the European Union.

Al-Bakr noted that the meetings scheduled on December 1 and 2 will discuss several issues like weapons of mass destruction, crisis management, early warning, counter-terrorism, migration, organized crime and climate as well as others.

He revealed that the permanent representatives held a meeting today to discuss preparation for the sixth session of the Arab-Russian cooperation forum due in Morocco on December 15.

### MoH adopts new mechanism

**'Info' suspends salaries of 207 employees for not complying with fingerprint system**

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 24: The Ministry of Information has stopped paying the salaries of 207 employees in its various sectors for not complying with the fingerprint system and said this decision comes in implementation of the instructions issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC), reports Al-Jarida daily.

The sources told the daily the ministry has discovered a lot of discrepancies and the lack of commitment by some employees mark the attendance and in coordination with the CSC the two sides took this step which is consistent with the recommendations of regulatory authorities that stress the on need for the employees to adhere to the fingerprint system at their workplaces.

The sources added there are a large number of employees who believe that the fingerprint is not linked with the CSC and therefore they continued to exceed several months, during which the percentage of their commitment to the fingerprint varied, stressing that the ministry does not seek to oppress any of its employees, but at the same time the concerned authorities cannot overlook such behavior as some employees continue to violate the rules and regulations.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health has adopted a new mechanism in dealing with special requests for medicines, devices, medical and laboratory supplies in a bid to prevent delays and respond based on the actual need and budget allocated for the fiscal year according to the mechanism applied in the departments under the Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Sector, reports Al-Anba

daily.

The daily obtained a copy of the new mechanism through which the special requests for medicines, devices, medical and laboratory supplies are sent to the concerned departments in the sector as per the relevant rules and regulations. Requests valued at less than KD75,000 are granted within six months, and nine months for those exceeding KD75,000. The departments respond to the requests in a timely manner in accordance with the legal procedures.

In the meantime, the Ministry of Electricity and Water is suffering due to the delay in resolving several major issues, the most important of which is the vacant undersecretary position that has been filled through secondment since the appointment of former Undersecretary Muhammad Bushehri in February 2020 as head of the electricity and water portfolio, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Other pending files include the yet to be implemented energy production projects, which are facing administrative and financial obstacles. This led to four years delay in the launching of some projects. Minister of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy Dr Mishaan Al-Otaibi announced recently that the ministry might face an electricity crisis in 2025 due to such delays.

Talks on the privatization of some sectors -- foremost of which are Shuaiba North Station and Workshop Sector -- surface from time to time, but nothing has been done until now; while the formation of a committee to complete the privatization process has been announced repeatedly without any action.

Promotion Valid on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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