

'Kuwaiti diplomatic heritage has become an example for the countries of the world'

EU appreciates Kuwait's 'constructive and positive role' in the region

BRUSSELS, Nov 24, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Majdi Al-Dhafiri concluded his one-day visit to Brussels Tuesday evening after holding constructive and successful talks with European Union and Belgian officials.

"I heard today from the EU 'highest appreciation' of Kuwait's role in the region and its foreign policy which was led by the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and is being completed by determination and strength by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah," he told the Kuwait news agency (KUNA) and Kuwait TV, after the talks.



Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Majdi Al-Dhafiri meets with Secretary-General of the EEAS Stefano Sannino.



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He said Kuwait is leading the "active diplomacy" by having contacts and communication with the countries of the region to create a climate of regional stability and security.

"The Kuwaiti diplomatic heritage has become an example for the countries of the world and the EU speaks about this Kuwaiti example," stressed Al-Dhafiri.

He said that dialogue with the EU is essential and a strategy for the state of Kuwait, and added that "we are continuing this dialogue with all our determination to deepen the bilateral ties."

It was very heartwarming to hear that the EU intends to respond to the Kuwaiti request to lift the Schengen visa for Kuwaitis be-

cause of the high trust for Kuwait in Brussels he said and hoped that this would happen in the near future.

"The EU-Kuwaiti relations are strong and distinguished by their untiring efforts for peace and stability and resolving problems based on international law and the UN charter," he added.

Earlier today he met the Secretary-General of the EU External Action Service (EEAS) Stefano Sannino who said "the relationship between the EU and Kuwait are very important, very relevant for us."

"It is a key country in the Gulf region but also beyond playing a very positive and constructive role in

the region," Sannino said welcoming the Kuwaiti delegation.

"We appreciate this. We are trying to enhance the relationship with the region. We are going to create a communication relation with the EU and countries of the Gulf which is shaping a framework in enhancing our common work," he added.

Al-Dhafiri also met Theodora

Genzits Director General of the Belgian foreign ministry Tuesday afternoon and discussed Belgian-Kuwaiti relations and ways to strengthen and deepen the relations in all sectors, trade, economic, investments or security.

"We are happy to have a strong relationship with the Kingdom of Belgium and Belgium and we seek to develop this relation to the strategic level," he told KUNA and Kuwait TV.

"Belgium's role is pivotal and Kuwait's role is also pivotal in the region," he stressed.

Al Dhafiri's visit began with a luncheon meeting in Brussels today with Enrique Mora, Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs, Political Director of the EEAS.

Ambassador Ayham al Omar assistant foreign minister for the office of deputy foreign minister and Ambassador Naser Al Hain assistant foreign minister for European affairs, Kuwait's ambassador to the EU, Belgium and NATO Jasem al Budaiwi also attended the meetings.

'Cybersecurity' conference seeks to protect vital national infrastructure

Seminars related to public awareness set

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 24, (KUNA): The activities of the third edition of the Cyber security Education and Research Conference under the title 'Capacity Building in Cyber Security and Awareness' kicked off on Tuesday, and will be hosted by the College of Life Sciences at Sabah Al-Salem University City over two days.

The conference, which is a joint project organized by the UK government in cooperation with Kuwait University, the Communications and Information Technology Authority and the Kuwait College of Science and Technology, will discuss techniques for protecting advanced technology

and vital national infrastructure.

The conference, which includes a set of presentations and seminars on the most important challenges related to public awareness, capacity-building and local expertise in the field of cybersecurity, as well as exchanging experiences and establishing links between researchers from Kuwait and the United Kingdom.

In the opening speech, Acting Assistant Vice President of Kuwait University for Institutional Development Dr. Dari Al-Huwail said that the university realizes the importance of education and research in the field of cybersecurity, and this was reflected in its support and funding of related research and the master's course in the field of information security offered by the Department of Information Sciences.



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Part of the launch of the activities of the third conference on Cybersecurity Education and research at the College of Life Sciences at Sabah Al-Salem University City.

For her part, Chargé d'Affaires of the United Kingdom Embassy in the country Sani Ahmed said in a speech on behalf of Ambassador Belinda Lewis that the conference is not only evidence of the existing cooperation between the two governments, but rather reflects the cooperation of private and public organizations and commercial sectors in academia.

Happiness

Ahmed expressed her happiness to continue building the strong partnership between the State of Kuwait and the United Kingdom and to develop areas of cooperation with training talented people to be the best globally in combating cyber threats in the future.

For his part, the President of the Kuwait College of Science and Technology, Professor Khaled Al-Baqa'in, said in his speech that the organization of the conference is a wonderful testimony to the success of cooperation between all contributing parties since the launch of its initial idea in February 2019.

Al-Baqa'in affirmed the commitment of Kuwait College of Science and Technology to develop the education and research agenda in the field of cybersecurity in the State of Kuwait through its advanced programs supported by unique laboratories and facilities in addition to cooperation and effective research.

'Kuwait works to leverage AI applications across industry'

DUBAI, Nov 24, (KUNA): Director-General of Kuwait Public Authority for Industry (PAI) Abdul-Karim Taqi said Tuesday his country works to promote usage of digital technology and artificial intelligence (AI) applications across the industrial sector.

The adoption of digital and AI-powered systems requires employment of skilled human cadres and will lead to the emergence of new labor market and smart industry, he said in a speech to the Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit (GMIS-2021).

"The leveraging of these systems opens new horizons for individual entrepreneurs and enriches the added-value of industry, thus contributing to the development of a sustainable digitalized future," Taqi affirmed.

"This will definitely play an essential role in the upgrading of the industrial sector due to increasing reliance on the Internet, G5 and cloud computing services in communications," the PAI chief pointed out.

To build virtual bridges of communication and harmony among the three key elements of technology, industry and man is a nice challenge, which will open horizons for science fiction, bring peoples closer to each other and create a real AI-powered world.

The State of Kuwait will set up the first industrial park connecting industrialists to IT experts to maximize benefit from technological advancement, he added.

The GMIS-2021, opened yesterday as part of the Expo 2020 Dubai, is co-organized by the UAE Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization UNIDO.

It offers a cross-functional platform for more than 250 speakers, including UNIDO representative, the US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate and 22 ministers of industry, to debate and shape the future of manufacturing while presenting opportunities for invest-



KUNA photo Director-General of Kuwait Public Authority for Industry (PAI) Abdul-Karim Taqi

ments. The activities of the session, which will continue until November 27, will be held at the Dubai Exhibition Centre at Expo 2020.

GMIS will host UN leaders, heads of state, ministers and CEOs of major global industrial companies to discuss the latest technological and industrial trends, as well as identify strategies that will achieve the UN sustainable development goals.

The summit, a joint initiative between the UAE Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology and the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), will be held over six days under the theme, Rewiring Societies: Repurposing Digitalization for Prosperity.

The days of the summit will host over 70 sessions regarding the role of technology in shaping the future of the industrial sector, green manufacturing, sustainable energy, climate change, decision-making, investments, artificial intelligence and other topics.

GMIS contains the participation of 25 ministers, senior government officials and representatives of major international academic institutions from Imperial College London, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Tokyo, University of Trieste and University of Cambridge.

In this context, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, co-chair of GMIS, said that he was pleased to host the fourth edition of the summit.

Swimmer breaks stereotypes

The Guest Show hosts Olympian Lara Dashti

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 24: When young Lara Dashti walked out at as the head of her team at the Tokyo Olympics she made history.

Lara is the first-ever female Olympic flag bearer of Kuwait, and the second Kuwaiti female Olympic swimmer. Last month, she made history again by winning gold at the Arab Championship for short-distance swimming in Abu Dhabi. But irrespective of these achievements and accolades, which she has managed to collect at the young age of 17, there is something different about Lara. She is a very special Kuwaiti teenager. Highly focused, exceedingly well-spoken, mature and hardworking, her life revolves around swimming and academics.

Despite her crazy training schedules and tournament travels, Lara is a stellar student. What is also interesting is her strong work ethic. A role model and a youth icon, Lara Dashti not only breaks stereotypes about Arab women athletes, but she also draws attention to the potential that is there in the Arab youth.

Tune in to this story of her journey this Thursday on Radio Kuwait.



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