

Prayer Timings

Fajr	04:28	Asr	14:55
Sunrise ..	05:47	Maghrib ..	17:24
Zohr	11:35	Isha	18:40

Local

VACCINE REGISTRATION WEBSITE: https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD_19_Vaccine_Registration.aspx



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Role of drones

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8 - Paravar Pars Company and Sepehr Airport

In 1995, the IRGC began setting up an airport and a military-industrial complex east of Imam Hossein University. The Sepehr Airport and the complex operate under the supervision of Paravar Pars Company, which belongs to the Aviation Research Unit of the IRGC's Imam Hossein University. The company copies existing models and builds UAVs, ultralight planes, and drones and also installs cameras and other equipment on drones. The Paravar Pars Company and Sepehr Airport have been placed under the control of the IRGC Aerospace Force since 2005. The Aerospace Force of the IRGC uses this airport for training with drones and light aircraft.

Section 2

Storage and utilization centers for drones used by the IRGC Aerospace Force

The IRGC Aerospace Force, which has replaced the Air Force in the IRGC structure, has five commands, one of which is the UAV Command. The UAV Command has several groups that are stationed at various bases in Iran.

IRGC Aerospace Force UAV Command: In addition to UAV command, the IRGC Aerospace Force includes Missile Command, Air Command, Air Defense Command, and Space Command.

The IRGC Aerospace Force Drone Command Center: The Drone Command Center is one of the subdivisions of the Aerospace Force. The Aerospace Force, headed by IRGC Brig. General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, also includes the missiles command, air command, air defense command, and the space command units. There are 7 UAV maintenance and utilization centers, which include:

- The headquarters of the drone command center in Dastvareh (headquarters of the IRGC Aerospace Force) in northwest Tehran
- Karimi Air Base in Kashan
- Badr Base in Isfahan
- Aerospace Base in Ahvaz
- The UAV unit in Kermanshah
- Sajjad Garrison and Falaq Garrison belonging to the IRGC Aerospace Force in the Mallard region (west of Tehran)

UAV command post in the Aerospace Force (Dastvareh Garrison):

The UAV command post is located in Dastvareh Garrison, which is also the headquarters of the IRGC Aerospace Force located in a separate building. Brigadier General Saeed Aqajani, the current commander of the UAV Command, is stationed at this location.

Section 3

Organizational structure of the Quds Force in relation to UAVs

The IRGC's Quds Force has assigned departments in its headquarters to the drone program in a bid to equip its mercenaries and militias in the region with UAVs.

Quds Force Intelligence Department:

Within the Quds Force Intelligence Department, a division is responsible for ordering and procuring UAVs. This division identifies the quantity and types of UAVs needed in accordance with the particular designs and objectives for each target country. These requests are then submitted to the Ministry of Defense. The requested drones are primarily provided by the main drone production facility, which is a subsidiary of the Aviation Industries Organization in the regime's Ministry of Defense.

Quds Force Training Department:

The Quds Force Training Department is in charge of training the regime's mercenaries and proxies. It brings the mercenaries of militant groups from different countries to Iran and specifically to the headquarters of this department at the Imam Ali Garrison. Subsequently, the agents are sent to various sections based on the kind of UAV training they need in relation to the level and type of their intended missions.

In addition to training on the use of missiles and sabotage operations, the Quds Force Training Department provides systematic training on the use of drones. There are different training groups at the Quds Force Imam Ali Garrison (located at the 20km exit of the Tehran-Karaj highway). One of the groups is the so-called specialized (technical) unit. This group includes three subdivisions: UAV, missiles, and heavy weaponry and its repair.

The missile training section is known as code 340. UAV training is code 330. Heavy weapons and repairs is code 320.

In addition to providing training on the use of missiles, the specialized unit of the Training Department, which is located near the city of Sennan, provides training on the use of drones to the mercenaries of the Quds Force.

Some areas of higher-level training on the use of UAVs are provided by UAV experts of the IRGC Aerospace Force at the Karimi Base in Kashan.

Quds Force Logistics Department:

Within the Quds Force Logistics Department, there is a smuggling office in charge of smuggling weapons and equipment to agents in regional countries.

This office uses various air, land and sea pathways to send weapons and equipment, including UAV parts, to the countries of the region.

Air: Some of the weapons and equipment are routinely sent to target countries through the IRGC base at Mehrabad Airport.

Land: Some of this equipment, hidden in containers, is sent by truck to Iraq, Syria and Lebanon via the land border.

Sea: Other equipment is smuggled on IRGC boats through ports controlled by the IRGC to Yemen and other areas.

In this way, the Quds Force, in conjunction with the Ministry of Defense and the Aerospace Force, transfers UAV weapons and training and other requirements to its mercenary groups.

Terrorist attacks using drones in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and Palestine

After the drones are sent by the Quds Force headquarters in Iran to other countries in the region, they are assembled in military barracks (such as the former Camp Ashraf in Iraq) by trained personnel.

The drones that are subsequently either produced by the IRGC Aerospace Force officers, who operate under the command of the Quds Force branch in that country, or by trained personnel of the Quds Force mercenary groups, are used in reconnaissance or operational missions in the host country.

How the Quds Force uses drones in 5 specific regions:

Syria: Over the course of the Syrian conflict, the IRGC has consistently used UAVs to identify and attack Syrian opposition forces and to shore up the Bashar Assad army. A number of IRGC Aerospace Force personnel are currently stationed in Syria (as of the summer of 2021). One of the airports used to operate UAVs is the Palmyra Airport. The IRGC Aerospace Force personnel go to this airport to carry out missions. The headquarters of the IRGC Aerospace Force is in the city of Palmyra. The drones sent to Syria are sent in pieces, and assembled by the IRGC in its workshops and factories in Syria. Some parts, such as UAV engines, are procured directly from China and shipped to Syria.

Iraq: In the years since the withdrawal of the multinational coalition forces, the IRGC has made extensive use of drones inside Iraq, making them available to IRGC-affiliated militant groups. An example of this is shown in this photo of the drones delivered to the Al-Nujaba group in Iraq, which acts as one of the mercenaries of the Quds Force. In a parade organized by the Popular Mobilization Front in June 2021, these groups, including Al-Nujaba, displayed their drones. All the parts of these drones had been sent by the IRGC from Iran.

Drone parts are sent separately by air to Baghdad airport or by land to the Hashad al-Shaabi groups. These parts are assembled in IRGC-affiliated workshops.

Lebanon: In 2003, seven members of the Lebanese Hezbollah received training for the first time on the Mohajer-4 aircraft at the Quds Air Industries, which produces UAVs. Subsequently, the regime sent several of these aircraft to Hezbollah in Lebanon. Due to the importance of using UAVs for terrorist acts, in 2006, Imad Mughniyeh visited Sepehr Airport during a visit to Tehran to see how UAVs were launched from vehicles.

Yemen: The IRGC's Quds Force also provides drones to the Yemeni Ansarollah (Houthis) on a wide scale. The Houthis consistently use drones in their attacks, and their drones are constantly shot down in Saudi territory. According to a report on November 27, 2016, the seizure of six Qasf-1 UAVs being transferred from Oman to Yemen (which is a common smuggling route to Yemen) shows that Qasf-1 was not made in Yemen but transferred from Iran. The Qasf-1 drone is similar to the Ababil-2 drones built by the IRGC.

Kurdish regions: The clerical regime also uses drones to attack the Kurdish regions in order to suppress Iranian Kurdish groups and refugees. In recent weeks, the regime has used such drones to suppress Iranian Kurds in these regions.

Conclusion*:

A review of the complete cycle of production, use and export of drones and its expansion in recent years reveals the following:

1. Despite and in part due to the concessions made through the nuclear deal and Western countries' decision to turn a blind eye to the clerical regime's destabilizing activities, the export of terrorism and incitement to war in the region remain a pillar for the regime's preservation, and have gained more prominence in the eyes of the regime.

2. The regime is spending billions of dollars on its missiles and UAV programs while 80 percent of the Iranian people live under the poverty line and the budgets for health care, education and other national requirements are abysmally lower than military expenditures. During the coronavirus pandemic, the regime did not assist the Iranian people in any way and the number of victims has reached 450,000 to date, by far outpacing other countries on a per capita basis. Over the past few years, the Iranian people have chanted "No to Gaza, no to Lebanon, my life only for Iran," and "Leave Syria, think about us instead."

3. These activities prove that the billions of dollars that the regime earned from the easing of sanctions in the context of the nuclear deal and plundered from Iran's national wealth are expropriated by the regime to build and produce such weapons in order to export terrorism and warmongering in the region.

4. Any dealings with the regime in Tehran by all Western sides, especially after the ascendance of Raisi, must end. All activities, including production, use and research on drones and the regime's missile program must be included in demands. Otherwise, because of its severe domestic weaknesses, the clerical regime will place more emphasis on creating regional instability in order to buy time and to preserve its rule.

5. None of the sanctions against the regime should be lifted until it has stopped all its rogue behavior and intransigence in the region and its repression of the Iranian people.

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Day: Hot with light to moderate freshening at times north westerly wind with speeds of 12-40 km/h.
By Night: Fair weather with

Weather

light to moderate north westerly wind with speeds of 12-35 km/h.
Station **Max Exp** **Min Rec**
Kuwait City 40 27
Kuwait Airport 40 27
Abdaly 39 23

Jahra	41	26
Salmiyah	37	28
Ahmadi	36	29
Wafra	39	26
Salmiya	37	23
Jal Aliyah	38	24
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British Embassy Press Release

'Bonds between UK, Kuwait strong'

The Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman William Russell, visited Kuwait from 6-8 October. The Lord Mayor is an international ambassador for the UK's financial and professional services sector. The UK is the leading exporter of financial services across the world, to the value of £64bn. London houses more foreign banks, and accounts for more international bank lending, than any other centre. The UK also offers exceptional maritime services, Islamic finance, legal services, insurance, education, and infrastructure financing and delivery. The Lord Mayor also heads the City of London Corporation, the governing body of the Square Mile dedicated to a vibrant and thriving City, supporting a diverse and sustainable London within a globally-successful UK.



Russell

During his visit, the Lord Mayor called on His Highness the Prime Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled Al Sabah, His Excellency Mr Khalifa Al Mutsaed Al Hamada, Minister of Finance and Mr Ghanem Al Ghenaiman, Chairman of the Kuwait Investment Authority. He also met with Mr Nasser Mutsaed Al Sayer, Group Chairman of the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) and Mr Ahmed Al Melhem, Chairman of the Capital Markets Authority. At a joint public event, the Lord Mayor took the opportunity to address members of the Kuwait Banking Association.

The Lord Mayor's priorities over the course of the visit included highlighting the upcoming UN climate change conference, COP26, which will be held in Glasgow later this year. The COP26 agenda for 2021 is vitally important in setting direction and obtaining commitments from all countries to tackle the worst effects of climate change and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees or less. Coupled to this aim, the Lord Mayor has highlighted how UK expertise and innovation in sustainable finance can help the Kuwaiti financial services sector to unlock the huge opportunities offered by the green transition.

The Lord Mayor has also sought to deepen the UK's ties with Kuwait's sovereign wealth fund through the Kuwait Investment Authority, promoting inward sovereign wealth investment in support of the HMG agenda. He has also promoted opportunities for UK-based Financial and Professional Service firms in Kuwait and reaffirmed the important relationship between our two friendly nations.

The Lord Mayor of the City of London, William Russell said: "It is a pleasure to be here in Kuwait and an honour to meet with His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled Al Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait. The bonds between the UK and Kuwait remain strong and enduring. We welcome the continued vote of confidence from Kuwait in London and the UK's economy, with the Kuwait Investment Authority recommitting to spend \$180bn of investments through its London office. This creates shared jobs and prosperity for both of our countries.

"London's offer to global investors continues to go from strength to strength. Its unique combination of time zone, language, legal system, global talent, and financial services ecosystem which makes us truly a gateway to global capital and advice.

"As we approach the COP26 summit, the UK is very keen for Kuwait to become an ally in the fight against climate change. The City of London Corporation will be hosting a Green Horizon Summit at COP26. We are delighted to see that Kuwait has committed to a target of having 15% of its electricity generated from renewables by 2030. By working together, British expertise and innovation in sustainable finance can help the Kuwaiti financial services sector to unlock the huge opportunities offered by the green transition."

HE British Ambassador to Kuwait Mrs Belinda Lewis said: "The Lord Mayor's visit highlights the close cooperation between Kuwait and the UK in the field of financial and professional services. The Corporation of London, headed by the Lord Mayor, has a fascinating history dating back centuries and the City of London today remains a vibrant, cosmopolitan hotbed of talent. London and the UK are truly global in outlook, keen to partner with others to share world leading expertise and professionalism."

Afghan mosque hit rapped

'Sunni, Shias will remain one'

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KUWAIT CITY, Oct 9: MP Hesham Al-Saleh condemned the attack on Qandouz Mosque -- a Shiite mosque in Afghanistan -- on Friday, which resulted in almost 100 deaths and 200 injuries.

He stressed that both the Sunni and Shiite Muslims will remain one solid party against all forms of terrorism and extremism, indicating any attempt to instigate disputes will be foiled. Commenting on the same issue, MP Ahmad Al-Hamad disclosed those behind the recent terrorist attack also bombed Al-Sadeq Mosque in Kuwait some years ago; asserting they come with different names, but they have the same ideology. He said Islam and its sects are innocent; affirming they have nothing to do with terrorist attacks. He added Islam is the religion of tolerance, mercy, brotherhood and love; not killing and terrorism.

In another development, MPs Osama Al-Menawer, Mubarak Al-Arow, Saad Al-Khanfour, Muhammad Obaid Al-Rajhi and Fayeze Al-Jomhour submitted a bill to toughen penalties on those involved in promoting homosexuality. The MPs stressed that the bill does not harm personal freedom, as it is aimed at protecting social and religious values.

Meanwhile, Chairman of parliamentary Women, Family and Children Committee MP Osama Al-Shaheen attended the celebration of International Day for Older People organized by Al-Ehsan -- a non-profit company for people with disabilities. He disclosed the National Assembly is keen on serving the elderly;

Illegals held in Mol campaign

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 9: The General Department of Public Relations and Security Media Department at the Ministry of Interior said, 46 people have been arrested for various reasons including 6 men and one woman who were reported absconding by their sponsors and were staying illegally in the country, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The security sources said the campaign happened in Mahboubia under the supervision of the Assistant Undersecretary for Public Security Affairs Major-General Farraj Al-Zoubi led by Security Director Major-General Saleh Matar, Director-General of the Ahmadi Governorate based on the directives issued by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, Lieutenant-General Sheikh Faisal Al-Nawaf, to intensify security campaigns to arrest violators of the residence and labor laws and outlaws, and in continuation of the campaigns by the public security sector throughout the country.

7 workers rescued from tower fire

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 9, (KUNA): Firefighters from Kuwait Fire Force (KFF) managed to safely rescue seven workers from a blazing tower under construction at Safat Square in the Capital Governorate on Thursday.

The fire was subdued and no injuries were reported, the KFF public relations and media dept. said in a statement this evening.

Upon receiving notification of the incident, fire engines from the City, Al-Hilali and Al-Salmiya departments, and backup corps rushed to the scene.

They found the first three stories of the 15-story building engulfed in flames; they also found seven workers trapped in upper stories and

brought them out.

Investigators opened a probe to determine the cause of the incident, according to the statement.

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry on Friday voiced Kuwait's sympathy with Pakistan over a recent strong earthquake that hit its southwestern Baluchistan Province and left numerous casualties.

The ministry said in a statement that the State of Kuwait stands by the government and people of Pakistan in the face of this natural disaster.

The ministry also expressed sincere condolences and commiserations to the families of the victims and wished quick recovery for all those injured in the quake.

confirming that several bills have been submitted for this purpose. Due to the slow legislative action, most of these bills are still in the Legal and Legislative Affairs Committee for further study, he added.

Education, Culture and Guidance Affairs Committee Chairman MP Hamad Al-Matar said the committee will meet this week with Minister of Information and Culture and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Abdulrahman Badah Al-Mutairi and members of the committees tasked to approve the publishing of books and art works. He revealed they will discuss ways to develop the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters; in addition to finding out the truth about the disappearance of about 900 monuments.

MP Ahmad Mutei Al-Azmi said Minister of Health Dr Basel Al-Sabah has rejected the request of some cancer patients to undergo overseas treatment, claiming this is quid pro quo for the latter to remain in office. He added such

move is totally unacceptable as the minister rejected the request despite the approval of the concerned committees.

On the other hand, MP Khalil Al-Saleh forwarded queries to Minister of Oil and Higher Education Dr Muhammad Al-Fares about the allegation that an expatriate employee sneaked into the Private Council Universities after official working hours to get sensitive files including students' data and budgets.

The lawmaker wants to know if this is true, measures taken in this regard, if the employee was investigated, if steps have been taken to prevent him from traveling, if there has been leakage of information due to the incident, if the employee had accomplices, results reported by the fact-finding committee tasked to investigate the incident, and plans to develop methods of securing sensitive data.

Lastly, Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim sent a cable to Ugandan Parliament Speaker Jacob Oulanyah greeting the latter on the National Day of his country.

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