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PADA keen to support disabled citizens, children with special needs

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 26: Director-General of the Public Authority for the Disabled Affairs (PADA) Shafiq Al-Awadhi affirmed the keenness of the authority to support and provide all forms of services and assistance required by citizens and their children with special needs, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In a press statement, she revealed that the authority spends KD 150 million in the form of annual allocations, and educational

and rehabilitation support for beneficiaries.

Al-Awadhi said the budget allocated for educational and rehabilitation services for people with disabilities is about KD 40 million annually, which benefits children who join local specialized centers, institutions and nurseries.

Regarding sheltering children with special needs in social welfare homes, she indicated that Kuwait provides shelters for them.

Al-Awadhi said, "Sheltering

children with disabilities in social welfare homes is a negative matter according to the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

People with disabilities are viewed as indivisible individuals in society. They must live among their family members. Kuwait had received several observations about the closure of shelter homes in compliance with the signed agreements.

Housing cases are no longer a

desirable thing in the world due to the general desire to integrate people with special needs instead of isolating them".

Al-Awadhi affirmed that the number of disabled Kuwaiti citizens registered with the authority is currently 53,000, adding that they enjoy many financial privileges, as KD 110 million are spent annually for only three allowances, namely allocations for those under 21 years of age, drivers and servants allowances, and

allowances for women who care for people with severe disabilities.

She indicated that, "There are other allowances for those over the age of 21 years, which are paid by the Public Institution for Social Security."

"There are other sums of money ranging between KD 5,000 and KD 10,000 paid by the Kuwait Credit Bank, depending on the severity of the disability, as well as other benefits such as priority for housing care, marriage loan and children al-

lowance.

Also included is the reduction of working hours for people with disabilities and those entrusted with their care, vacations with full salary, exemption from fees, prosthetic devices, early retirement for people with disabilities with full salary, early retirement for those in charge of caring for them with full salary, tuition fees up to the age of 28 years, and rehabilitation fees until the age of 45 years".



KUNA photo UK Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa James Cleverly spoke to KUNA London.

UK confirms commitment to Kuwait, Gulf region security

Strategic ... vital: Britain

By Khaled Al-Daihani

LONDON, Sept 26, (KUNA): Britain confirmed on Sunday its commitment to the security of Kuwait and all countries in the Arabian Gulf region, as these are strategic and vital to the UK's security.

In an interview with KUNA, UK Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa James Cleverly said the government of Prime Minister Boris Johnson is committed to work with its Gulf partners to ensure the security, stability and prosperity of the region.

The UK and Kuwait stand by each other in defense of their security, he added.

Britain and Kuwait have been close partners and friends for decades, as Kuwait is one of the oldest foreign investors in London, he said, adding that after Kuwait's liberation from the invasion, both sides became closer.

Cleverly was glad about the return of joint military exercises after the agreement to conduct the Desert Warrior exercise next year.

Both countries are also working to develop cooperation in the field of cyber security, he pointed out.

The UK always looks to make its relationship with Kuwait more solid in all aspects, especially security and military, as well as in the field of trade, health and education, he explained, saying that the meeting of the joint steering committee held last week was a vital opportunity to push this agenda forward.

Cleverly underlined that his country values the vital role played by Kuwait in the region, especially through mediation and efforts to support regional security and stability.

Since Kuwait chaired the 65th International Atomic Energy Agency General Conference, it shows the country is a reliable mediator to resolve international challenges through dialogue, he mentioned.

The UK will work with Kuwait to support global peace and security, he underscored.

In response to a question about the conflict in Yemen, Cleverly said the issue raises concern to the UK, and they are constantly discussing with all of their international partners in order to end this conflict.

The UK will continue to work with its partners in the region to try to find a peaceful solution to the conflict, he added, calling on the Houthis to deal seriously with negotiations.

On the Iranian nuclear file, Cleverly said last week in New York, the UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss met her Iranian counterpart Hossein Amirabdollahian, on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly.



Low visibility in Kuwait City due to dust.

KUNA photos

Active winds raise dust, to continue Monday

The Kuwait Meteorological Department said that since Sunday morning, the country has been affected by the activity of northwesterly winds with speed exceeding 60 kilometers per hour, accompanied by strong gusts in some areas that raise dust, leading to a decrease in horizontal visibility to less than 1,000 meters sometimes, especially on open areas and lead to waves height of more than 6 feet.

In a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), Abdulaziz Al-Qarawi expected that the wind speed will calm down and dust will gradually settle in the afternoon on the wilderness areas, although wind activity remained on the coastal areas during the night hours, which means that waves will continue to rise during this period.

Al-Qarawi added that the winds will be relatively active Monday,

and their speed does not exceed 50 kilometers per hour, and continues until noon, with a small chance of dust being raised on the open areas, after which the weather conditions will begin to improve.

The reason for this was attributed to the country being affected by an extension of high air, which leads to differences in temperature accompanied by an active air mass. (KUNA)

EPA participates in exhibition

Protecting nature and preserving environment 'important': Kuwait

VIENNA, Sept 26, (KUNA): Kuwait Environment Public Authority Director-General, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah stressed, Saturday, the importance of protecting nature and preserving the environment.

In a statement to KUNA, on the sidelines of his participation at the World of Hunting and Nature Exhibition, which kicked off today in Hungary, Sheikh Al-Ahmad said that ecological attention has become one of the most important priorities in the government plans.

He also stressed that participation in these international events aims to enhance cooperation with the various leading countries.

Furthermore, he praised the efforts

made by the Hungarian government to achieve sustainable development and preserve the natural ecosystem.

The Environment Public Authority is participating in Kuwait's pavilion, which contains brochures and publications on all that Kuwait has contributed to preserving the environment, as well as an explanation of the law of hunting and environmental protection.

The expo will be held for two weeks, and it is one of the largest international exhibitions in the world, sponsored by Hungarian Deputy Prime Minister Gault Simian, with the participation of 98 countries and 1,500 organizations, six conferences, and more than 500 events aimed at promoting the concept of sustainable use of nature.



Director-General of the Environment Public Authority Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Hungary Saad Al-Asouli and the delegation participating in the World of Hunting and Nature Exhibition in Budapest.



Kuwaiti participation in the exhibition.



The pavilion of the State of Kuwait.

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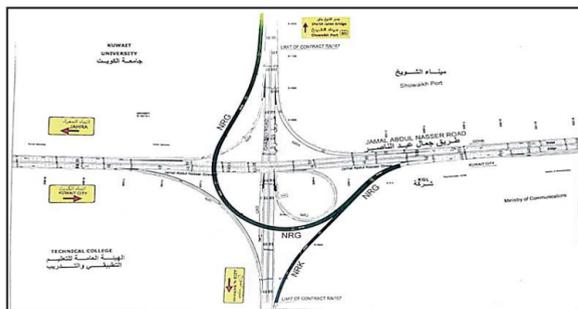
2 permanent ramps open

The Public Authority for Roads and Land Transport announced the opening of two permanent ramps within the Jamal Abdel Nasser Road project, at dawn Monday, as part of a plan to develop and modernize the country's road network.

The authority explained in a press statement Sunday, that the location of the first ramp at the intersection of Al-Ghazali Road for those coming from Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Bridge to-

wards the capital, and the second ramp for those coming from Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh area towards the capital, noting that the two ramps are the last two ramps to be opened in this project.

The authority called on road users to exercise caution, abide by the speed limit, and abide by traffic instructions, adding that the opening will take place in coordination with the General Traffic Department. (KUNA)



Road illustration

42 open offices

KDIPA takes huge steps to woo technology firms

By Abdullah Al-Khatib

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 26, (KUNA): The State of Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) carried out huge steps to attract big technology companies, allowing 42 of them to open offices in the Arab Gulf state including General Electric and Huawei.

Technology is a main part of 2035 New Kuwait vision and KDIPA worked on achieving maximum benefits from potential of the Kuwaiti people by using expertise of major companies around the world.

Using expertise offered by foreign companies will be an added value for the national economy and thus diversify resources and provide jobs for citizens.

KDIPA, the government's arm responsible for promotion for foreign companies, offered a bundle of incentives like waiving of taxes and giving those firms a priority in government's bids.

KDIPA succeeded in attracting more than 42 foreign companies and 11 representative offices were opened in Kuwait. In return, the companies will be offering training

opportunities for Kuwaiti citizens regarding use of modern technology and techniques, which would be used in their projects.

Huawei Technologies-Kuwait, according to a KDIPA report for fiscal year 2019-20, executed a number of projects with local partners to complete the G5 networks, as well as providing training programs for 51 Kuwaitis who were certified in Information Technology and G5 Application.

General Electric (GE) joined hands with the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) to provide solutions for the comprehensive electronic upgrade of the West Sabbiya power station, the largest in Kuwait.

GE provided research opportunities for around 1,143 Kuwaitis over remote control systems, turbines, repair of generators, gas turbines technologies, mechanical systems and project management.

EZ energy services, which is responsible for operation and maintenance of Shamal Al-Zour power station, provided training in security and safety for MEW's engineers, a KDIPA report said.

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