

Kuwait to carry on efforts protecting heritage in conflict areas, says envoy

Paris conference seeks to preserve culture

PARIS, Feb 1, (KUNA): Kuwait said on Monday it would carry on its efforts to preserve human heritage, strongly condemning the destruction of cultural and archaeological edifices and massacres committed against people.

This came in a speech delivered by Kuwait's Ambassador to France Sami Al-Suleiman at the second conference of donors and partners supporting the international alliance for the protection of heritage in conflict areas (ALIPH Foundation) held at the Louvre Museum. The ambassador conveyed greetings of Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Sabah, wishing the success of this important conference concerned with the protection of cultural heritage.

He stressed the necessity for cooperation between international organizations and the international community to combat such crimes. He affirmed that the world has suffered several tensions and conflicts, over the past period, in which humanity and heritage were the victims amid the devastating wars of cultural and heritage properties.

Preserve

Kuwait is paying much attention to this conference whose goals aim to preserve culture and heritage of peoples, he said.

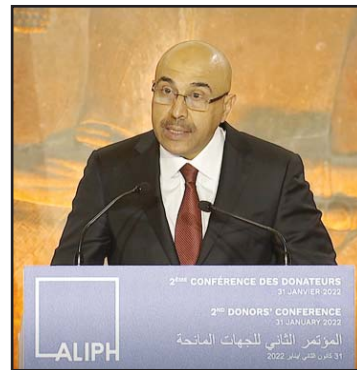
Meanwhile, the ambassador recalled the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad's participation in the international conference on heritage in Dubai in 2016, pointing out that Kuwait donated USD five million at the first donor conference in 2017.

He pointed to Kuwait's effective role in this field, recalling the country's participation in the conference on the reconstruction of Iraq's Mosul on September 11, 2018 held at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). He also stated the Kuwait International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq in 2018 that could achieve financial pledges worth USD 30 billion.

Speaking to KUNA in a statement on the sidelines of the conference, Secretary-General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) Kamel Al-Abdul-Jalil said that it is paramount to know that what remains of ancient historical civilizations will be the treasure of humanity and its great legacy.

"We have a great responsibility to preserve this cultural and civilized human heritage away from any crises and conflict to help it reach successive generations," he said.

Al-Abdul-Jalil lauded the conference and its goals aiming to protect the global human heritage from destruction and damage caused during the wars, tragedies and armed conflicts.



KUNA photo
Sami Al-Suleiman, Kuwait's Ambassador to France



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Director of Kuwait's Biodiversity Department Leena Al-Awadhi and Head of Desertification Department at the Environment Public Authority Dr. Ali Hassan on sidelines of the 20th meeting of the Arab team tasked with following up on international environmental agreements to combat desertification and preserve biological diversity.

Meet follows up on int'l environmental agreements

Kuwait affirms keenness to combat desertification

CAIRO, Feb 1, (KUNA): Kuwait is bent on tackling desertification and has manifested its determination to achieve this objective with various ventures such as establishing natural reserves, officials have affirmed.

Director of Kuwait's Biodiversity Department Leena Al-Awadhi and Head of Desertification Department at the Environment Public Authority Dr. Ali Hassan affirmed on Monday the Gulf country's keenness to implement international agreements to combat desertification and preserve biodiversity, along with the other countries that suffer from desertification.

This came in a statements to KUNA on sidelines of the 20th meeting of the Arab team tasked with following up on international environmental agreements to combat desertification and preserve biological diversity.

Al-Awadhi pointed out that the goal of the meeting is to set a plan for all Arab countries, recording their implementation of relevant international accords.

She noted that Kuwait is one of the signatory states of international conventions on the environment and other relevant conventions, adding that Kuwait represents the Asian region in the office of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

She affirmed Kuwait's endeavor to increase number of natural reserves, underscoring headways in various ventures namely the cultivation project (wild sidr), which has entered its third phase, as well as the cultivation of 10,000 seedlings and mangroves on the Kuwaiti coast that started at Al-Jahra Reserve.

In a similar statement, Dr. Hassan indicated that the Arab team discussed a number of proposals, noting that Kuwait is interested in cooperating with the environment and agriculture bodies to establish many more reserves.

He added that these measures will reduce the impact of harmful human and natural activities that lead to expanding arid areas in the country.



KUNA photo
Part of the inauguration ceremony of a secondary school restoration project in the Yemeni city of Taiz as part of the 'Kuwait by your side' campaign.

Kuwait Relief Society inaugurates project to restore school in Yemen

ADEN, Feb 1, (KUNA): The Kuwait Relief Society inaugurated on Monday a project to restore a secondary school in the Yemeni city of Taiz as part of the 'Kuwait by your side' campaign that has been going on for seven years.

The Yemeni Wisdom Society executing the project stated in a statement that it had handed over the project site to the contractor to start implementation work for the project, which includes building 10 additional classrooms with their accessories, restoring and rehabilitating old buildings, furnishing and equipping classrooms and other needs and reforms needed by the school built by the State of Kuwait decades ago.

Earlier this month, Kuwait Relief launched the restoration, furnishing

and maintenance of two secondary schools in the Yemeni city of Taiz, in continuation of the Society's efforts to restore and maintain dozens of schools built by the State of Kuwait in the 1960s and 1970s in various Yemeni governorates.

Last year, the association implemented 28 projects in the education sector in several Yemeni governorates, which included maintenance, restoration and furnishing of 21 schools, adding classrooms to some of them, five colleges and technical institutes, and supporting three textbook printing presses in Aden and Hadramaut with integrated color sorting units with costs. It operates for a year, in addition to sponsoring 100 teachers on the Yemeni island of Socotra for a year.



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Flowers sent by the Minister of Information and Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information on the occasion of Arab Times 45th anniversary.

Information Ministry congratulates Arab Times on its 45th anniversary

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 1: The Minister of Information and Culture, Dr. Hamad Ahmad Ruhuddeen congratulated the Arab Times newspaper on its 45th anniversary since its inception.

The Minister wished the Arab Times and its entire staff more successful milestones in the world of press, especially what serve Kuwait and its people under the wise leadership of HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ah-

mad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and his Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

A similar letter was also sent by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information Munira Suleiman Al-Huwaidi, who praised the Arab Times for its continuous efforts and integrity in the field of press, locally and globally, which positively serves the country and its people.

Wafa Al Qatami on TGS

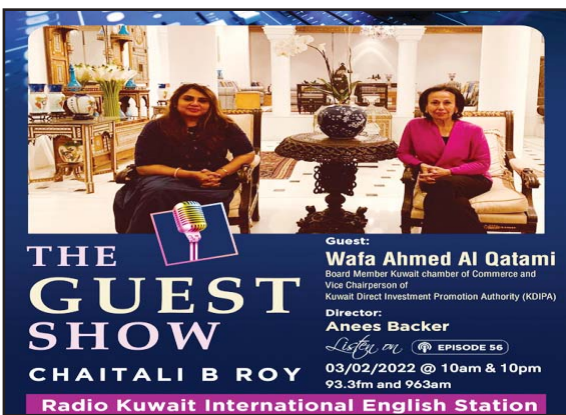
February is a special month for Kuwait, which celebrates its National Day and Liberation Day this month.

All through February, on The Guest Show (TGS), we will introduce you to Kuwaitis who are trailblazers.

Wafa Al Qatami, one of Kuwait's most powerful women in business is one such person. Listed by Forbes (2014) as one of the 200 most powerful Arab Women, she ranked 4th in Kuwait and 46th in the world. She is a pioneer who broke glass ceilings silently and with grace. Ms Al Qatami is the first and for a decade the only woman on the board of the elite Kuwait Chamber of Commerce, a non-government institution founded in 1958 to represent business establishments in Kuwait. She is also the Vice-Chairman of Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA), the organization charged with promoting direct and foreign investment in the State of Kuwait.

That's not all. For more than four decades, Wafa Al Qatami has had an active and varied involvement in the financial world of Kuwait through her directorship and stewardship of institutions such as Arzan Financial Group, Nine Pearls for General Trading & Contracting Company, Al Marfa Gen Trad and Cont and many others. From 1973 until now, she held her own in a male-dominated world.

Here, on The Guest Show, she speaks of her family, their love and inspiration, her career in the financial world, the role of institutions like KDIPA, and the financial trajectory of Kuwait as it tries to move away from oil dependence into a more versatile and competitive space of developing human capital and foreign and direct investments.



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Extend our Heartfelt
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**Mr. Rajesh Menon & Family
(Asst Manager Business Development)**

on the sad demise
of his Father

who passed away in India
on 30th January 2022

May his soul Rest in Peace

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| WIDENING OF SH. ISA BIN SALMAN HIGHWAY (AMAS ACCESS IMPROVEMENT -PACKAGE 4) | RDS-21/0012 | 2% - 5% of tender value | 100/- Cheque; Non-Refundable | Sunday 3 April 2022, 1:30 PM |
| <p>*Tenders are invited from Contractors mentioned as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kuwaiti Contractor (100%) Registered Under Class A for Roads Works for Contractor Classification in the Kuwait. 2. Kuwaiti Contractor (100%) Registered Under Class A for Roads Works for Contractor Classification in the Kuwait JV Bahraini Contractors Registered Under Category AA for Road Works as per Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning in the Kingdom of Bahrain. 3. Kuwaiti Contractor (100%) Registered Under Class A for Roads Works for Contractor Classification in the Kuwait JV Foreign Company. 4. Bahraini Contractors Registered Under Category AA for Road Works as per Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning in the Kingdom of Bahrain. 5. Bahraini Contractors Registered Under Category AA for Road Works as per Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning in the Kingdom of Bahrain JV Foreign Company. <p>*Tenders who are willing to participate in this tender shall purchase online through the Bahrain Tender Board e-Tendering System (https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.bh) by using credit cards & download the tender documents through the above-mentioned website starting on Wednesday, 2nd February 2022. For further information, please contact Tel. 17545184.</p> <p>*Interested Tenderers should comply with the Legislative Decree No. 36 and 37 of 2002 with respect to Regulating Government Tenders and Purchases and also according to the provision of the Law Regulations of The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development.</p> <p>*The scope of works is to at-grade widening of SIBSH between King Fahd Causeway Toll Gate and Bahrain Map Interchange by providing additional lanes to the existing dual-three lanes and associated works as mentioned in Tender Documents & Drawings.</p> <p>*Tenders shall submit their bids electronically as per the Tender Board E-Tendering Supplier Guideline on or before the above-mentioned date.</p> <p>*Tenders shall be submitted in Two (2) separate file envelopes i.e. Technical Response (File Envelope A) & Financial Response (File Envelope B). The Technical Response shall not contain any financial information related to the Tender.</p> <p>*Tenders are to supply copies of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tenderers shall deliver the Original Bid Bond (hard copy) to the office of the Tender Board, located at Arcapita Building 551, Ground Floor, Road 4612, Block 346, Bahrain Bay, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain before the closing date, and shall upload a copy of the same along with the bid in the system. 2. Or as alternative to Bid Bond Submission, tenderers shall submit valid Direct Transfer as mentioned in Tender Documents 3. Any other items listed in the Instructions to Tenderers. 4. All submitted documents should be marked with company stamp. <p>*Tenders shall remain valid for 180 days from the closing date and Initial Bond should be enclosed for the above rate (2% - 5% of the tender value) in the form of certified cheque, bank/insurance company guarantee or Direct Bank Transfer, valid for the duration specified in the tender documents.</p> <p>*Tenders not complying with the above conditions and requirements as well as terms and conditions mentioned in the tender documents will be rejected.</p> <p>*This advertisement should form part of the Tender Documents.</p> | | | | |