

Amir's representative hands over letter to Bahrain King

Amir's representative delivers letter to Qatar Amir on bilateral ties

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 2, (KUNA): Representative of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh

Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah handed a letter from His Highness the Amir to Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani. The letter was delivered by Sheikh Dr.

Ahmad Nasser to Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani. The message covered the deep-rooted relations between the two sisterly

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Ninety tons of plastic waste, boats, nets removed from Fahaheel coast

Kuwait Dive Team teams up with Municipality, EPA

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 2, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti diving team announced that it has finally managed to remove 90 tons of plastic waste, discarded fishing nets and damaged boats from the southern region of Fahaheel coast, in cooperation with the Kuwait Municipality, the Environment Public Authority and the Infringement Removal Committee of the Ministry of Interior.

Team leader Walid Al-Fadhel told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA)

on Saturday that this work comes from the efforts of the team and the assisting and supporting authorities in order to preserve the marine environment and its coasts and protect marine creatures from any dangers that affect their lives, especially discarded marine pieces and plastic materials.

Al-Fadhel added that the work team used cranes, bulldozers and large transport vehicles to lift this waste, calling out to coastal and sea pioneers the necessity of paying attention to the marine environment and not throwing such harmful waste.

He explained that the team's report for the year 2021 reviewed the most prominent volunteer work within its environmental initiative 'Bahra', in cooperation with government and private agencies, through projects and programs that effectively contributed to the protection and rehabilitation of the marine environment and the Kuwaiti coasts and the dissemination of the love of volunteer and environmental work.

He stated that the team's tireless environmental tasks come to preserve the marine environment, secure the safety of coasts and shipping lanes, and increase environmental awareness among the different sectors of society, as it was able to accomplish 170 environmental missions during 2021 at an activity rate for every three days.

He stressed that the team was able to coexist with the difficult conditions during the COVID-19 crisis to complete its journey that has been going on for about 35 years since 1986 and included many achievements.

He pointed out that during the past year, about 51 ships, boats and marine pieces weighing 260 tons were recovered from different sites, and 260 tons of neglected fishing waste and environmentally harmful waste were removed, including more than 30 sites along the coasts and the Kuwait Sea, in addition to cleaning the Shamlan and Fahaheel marshes and raising neglected fishing nets from the south of Kuwait Bay and off the coast of Al Shaab sea in cooperation with government and private agencies.

Explained

He explained that waste was also removed from the southern Fahaheel Square, weighing about 90 tons, including fishing nets, waste and abandoned boats during a project that lasted several days.

He said that the team continued the project of maintaining marine anchorages in the most important coral reef sites in cooperation with the Environment Public Authority, the Environmental Protection Fund, the Kuwait International Bank and the Kuwait Petroleum.

He stated that the team completed its comprehensive periodic maintenance of 107 marine moorings and developed the mooring parts from special materials that are more durable and enduring to increase their efficiency to secure the safe anchoring of boats and yachts around the islands and the most important coral reef sites.

He pointed out to the periodic follow-up of several sites in the sea to ensure the safety of the navigational movement and to put warning signs on the sites of sinking boats until the time of their recovery and on concrete in the Gulf of Kuwait to avoid colliding with them.

He alluded to organizing joint awareness campaigns with the regional office of the United Nations Environment Office in West Asia to enhance joint cooperation within the global campaign (Clean Seas) launched by the United Nations Environment Organization to protect the seas from plastic waste.

He stressed that the team looks forward to accomplishing many activities in 2022 in pursuit of its vision of contributing to the creation of environmental awareness among segments of society and the growth of the spirit of volunteer work locally and globally.



Amir's Rep. handing over the Qatar Amir's letter.



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Kuwaiti diving team retrieves a sunken yacht in Al Khiran.

'2,014 male, female Kuwaitis retired in six months'

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 2: A recent statistic, a copy of which has been obtained by Al-Anba daily, reveals 2,014 male and female citizens retired from their jobs during the first 6 months of last year, reports Al-Anba daily.

The number of new pension cases for civilians working for an employ-

er in the governmental, civil and oil sectors during the period from January 1 to June 30, 2021 reached about 2,014, more than 58% of them retired during the first 3 months of the year, 1,177 people and 837 others in the following 3 months, and the government sector accounted for the highest

percentage of retirees with 72.5% of the total new pension cases during the first 6 months of the year, with 1,461 male and female citizens, of whom 863 retired during the first 3 months of the year, with 337 male and female citizens, and from the oil sector 216 people.

HH Crown Prince, PM send greetings

HH Amir congratulates Cuba and Sudan on national days

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 2, (KUNA): His Highness Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable of congratulations on Saturday to Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel on his country's National Day.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness Premier Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar congratulatory cables.

Also, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad

Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has addressed Saturday a cable of congratulations to Chairperson of Sudan's Transitional Military Council (TMC), Lieutenant General Abdel Fattah Abdelrahman Burhan, expressing congratulations on his country's National Day.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent cables of identical content to the Sudanese leader.

Workers excluded from PCR tests

Kuwait-Saudi joint panel agrees to ease 'movement' in divided zone

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 2: The Ministry of Oil revealed in a press statement that the Kuwait-Saudi Permanent Joint Committee has agreed to facilitate entry and exit operations in the divided land zone to reach the oil installations, fields and wells on both sides, reports Al-Qabas daily.

It explained that the committee, during a meeting that was held to implement the decision of the Ministerial Committee for COVID-19 Emergencies, adopted a decision to exclude workers of joint operations in Khafji zone from undergoing PCR tests during their movement through the Khafji and Nuwaiseeb ports.

Reviewed

The committee reviewed, during its meeting, a set of work reports in Khafji joint operations, and Wafra joint operations, and the efforts exerted by the operating companies in the operations, in addition to the annual plan and topics of mutual interest.

Those in charge of the joint operations gave a visual presentation on the oil projects in the two regions, the future production plans, the existing challenges and how to overcome them. They also reviewed periodic maintenance projects related to safety, security and the environment.

The ministry affirmed the committee's keenness to provide everything that would facilitate the workers to carry out their work duties by facilitating their movement in Wafra and Khafji zones to reach their workplaces through the Nuwaiseeb land border crossing.

It praised the efforts exerted by

Kuwaitis

Baby boy, girl born at 12:01

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 2: Two Kuwaiti babies - male and female - were born at 12:01 am on New Year's Day; thereby topping the list of New Year births in Kuwait, reports Al-Anba daily.

The baby girl was born in Jahra Hospital and is in good health, say sources from the hospital.

On the other hand, the baby boy was born in Farwaniya Hospital. Director of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at the hospital Dr Amal Khader confirmed in an exclusive statement to the daily that the baby was also born at 12.01 am on the first day of the year and that he is in good health.

the employees from the Kuwaiti and Saudi sides, and the continuous and unremitting efforts of the leaders of both sides in Khafji and Wafra joint zones, which had a great impact on the implementation of operational plans despite the challenges of the last period due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was attended by the head of the Kuwaiti side in the committee and the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Oil Sheikh Dr. Nimir Fahd Al-Malik Al-Sabah, and the head of the Saudi side, the Assistant Minister of Energy Muhammad bin Abdul-Rahman Al-Brahim, as well as members, advisors and secretaries of the two sides.

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