



New Sabah Maternity Hospital

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# Delivery of new Maternity Hospital in second quarter of 2022: sources

Bringing in workers from abroad an obstacle

**KUWAIT CITY, Jan 10:** The sources of the Ministry of Public Works expect the full completion and initial handover of the Maternity Hospital during the second quarter of 2022, as soon as (permanent) power supply is delivered by the Ministry of Electricity and Water, reports Al-Jarida daily.

Sources told the daily, all available measures have been taken to reduce the negative repercussions of the Corona pandemic on the project since March 2020, pointing out that the most important obstacles of the project's work is the 'Sabah E main power station' which has been summarized, discussed and followed up and approval has been given for feeding the project from the existing power stations until March 2022 until the completion of the work of the 'Sabah E main power station'.

The sources pointed out among the obstacles is the failure to issue work visas to bring in skilled workers from abroad and the inability of workers to return to Kuwait - workers who are stuck outside the country since February 2020.

Meanwhile, the sources indicated there are 26 backup power generators which cover 100% of the hospital facilities in the event of a power outage, noting that the project contract includes contractual operational maintenance periods that start immediately after the issuance of the initial receipt certificate, which includes operational maintenance for all project works and

## Campaign benefits thousands of refugees

### Al-Salam Society launches 'Kuwait Trucks'

**KUWAIT CITY, Jan 10, (KUNA):** Al-Salam Society for Humanitarian and Charitable Works launched its new campaign 'Kuwait Trucks' for relief in Syria and Yemen on Monday, and will continue until February 13 at the association's headquarters in Al-Adiliya region.

The Director-General of the Society, Dari Al-Baijan, said in a press statement that the relief campaign 'Kuwait Trucks' comes as a continuation of the humanitarian truck campaigns launched by the Society since 2016 thanks to the efforts and donations of benefactors and supporters from Kuwait and the Arab Gulf countries.

Al-Baijan added that this campaign benefits more than 1,800 camps in Syr-

ia and about 1,500 camps in Yemen, where these camps include thousands of refugees who need food, heating, and special clothes for the winter.

He stated that the association was distinguished in implementing this campaign by preparing large trucks for the relief of Syria and Yemen, which included various donations of food, dates, flour, clothes, shoes, blankets, bed sheets, wood, coal for heating and hygiene essentials, indicating that after the completion of these trucks, they will be routed to the countries designated for them.

He pointed out that the association receives financial donations via online or K-Net or by bank checks in the presence of the donor to the association's headquarters, pointing out that no cash or in-kind materials will be received from donors directly in application of health requirements to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.



KUNA photo  
Dari Al-Baijan, Director-General of Al-Salam Society for Humanitarian and Charitable Works.

of energy-saving, environmentally friendly green buildings. The project boasts of 1,808 parking lots.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health is working on increasing the hospital bed capacity with seven continuous construction projects, five of which are in the implementation phase, two are in the preparatory phase, and three have made progress on the level of completion during the first quarter, reports Al-Anba daily.

In this regard, there were some obstacles facing the projects, such as an administrative obstacle with the Kuwait Municipality over modifying a project site and handing it over to a project for a new building in Ibn Sina Hospital, as well as the existence of obstacles facing the implementation of three projects.

The "New Al-Sabah Hospital" also faces technical challenges related to the failure to complete the preparation of the technical requirements for the project, in addition to a legislative obstacle related to the lack of laws necessary to implement the project.

The new building of the Kuwait Cancer Center faces two technical obstacles, namely the delay of the contractor due to the absence of a consultant, which led to the contractor not completing the structural design approval certificate, and the other related to the termination of the agreement based on the desire of the Ministry of Health regarding new buildings in Adan Hospital and Infectious Diseases Hospital, and a legislative obstacle in terms of the lack of laws necessary to implement the project.

## Closer cooperation eyed

### ICESCO chief praises Kuwait's cultural and humanitarian role

**KUWAIT CITY, Jan 10, (KUNA):** Director-General of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) Dr. Salim M. Al-Malik said Sunday the State of Kuwait offers "limitless support" to the humanitarian action on the regional and international levels.

He expressed desire to enhance cooperation between his organization, on one hand, and the Kuwaiti government and non-government organizations, on the other, in the areas of social and human development.

Dr. Al-Malik made the comments to KUNA at the beginning of his visit to Kuwait, which lasts until Thursday, under invitation from the Ministry of Education.

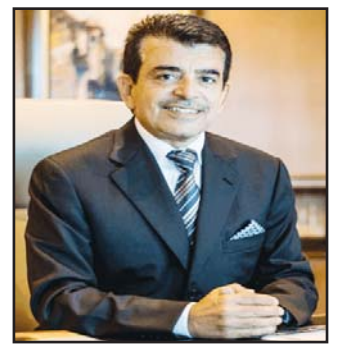
"The visit falls in the framework of coordination and consultation with the Kuwaiti National Commission for Education, Science and Culture," he noted.

Dr. Al-Malik met earlier today with Director-General of Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain Cultural Foundation Dr. Touhami Abdouli, Acting Director-General of Kuwait Zakat House Dr. Majed Al-Azemi to explore the horizons of cooperation between the ICESCO and Kuwait National Commission for Education, Science and Culture (KNCEC).

The meetings focused on the core of ICESCO's new vision and action strategy, which foster openness and cooperation with civil society institutions working in the fields of education, science and culture for the benefit of the Member States and Muslim communities around the world, he went on.

Both sides agreed to cooperate in training young people on leadership for peace and security, and supporting the Young Ambassadors for Peace Program, training manuals and knowledge sources of the Foundation and ICESCO, as well as sharing the publications of Al-Babtain Digital Foundation on ICESCO Digital Home.

The planned cooperation will cover the area of Arabic language and poetry by publishing relevant research works and studies, con-



Dr. Salim M. Al-Malik, Director-General of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO)

tributing to the celebration of the World Poetry Day and the World Arabic Language Day, dedicating a part of Al-Babtain Encyclopedia of Arab Poets to publicize Arabic poets from outside the Arab world, and launching joint incentive prizes in the fields of poetry, Arabic language and Arab culture for candidates from non-Arab countries.

#### Also:

**KUWAIT CITY:** Kuwait and a pan-Arab and Islamic cultural body are planning to bolster cooperation through joint endeavors planned for the near future, the two sides agreed after talks on Monday.

The talks between Kuwait's National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALESCO) reviewed some of the most "monumental" events in the local cultural scene, said NCCAL spokesman and deputy chief Dr. Essa Al-Ansari.

Acknowledging the achievements the Kuwaiti body has made over the years, ALESCO chief Dr. Salem Al-Malek said those accomplishments are a "source of pride" for all Gulf Arab citizens, citing the body's increasingly significant role towards creating a vibrant cultural scene in Kuwait.

Expecting relations to remain on an upward trajectory, he said the ALESCO delegation are in Kuwait to visit landmark cultural sites that the country has to offer.

## Elika Mansouri on TGS

There is a big disconnect between human lives and the natural world in Kuwait, and Elika Mansouri, Founder & Volunteer at IcareQ8, an animal rescue organisation is working hard at creating a more animal-friendly environment. Animal rescuing is a thankless job in Kuwait, with volunteers like Elika

fighting against numerous odds to achieve what seems a herculean task.

This episode of The Guest Show (TGS) is a tribute to her and other animal rescuers in Kuwait who despite the odds refuse to give up and fight a daily battle to help animals in distress. Tune in this Thursday.



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