



The 48th General Assembly of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA) in progress.



Inspection team in cooperation between the Public Authority for Manpower and the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Arab News Agencies OKs memo on dealing with global platforms

KUNA elected VP during 48th FANA assembly

RIYADH, Jan 13, (KUNA): The Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA) approved a memo on dealing with global platforms on the conclusion of its 48th General Assembly on Wednesday.

The Assembly, in its closing statement, stressed significance of the Palestinian cause and addressed some agencies' attempts to block whatever related to it. The memo is to be forwarded to Arab media's 52nd ministerial meeting later this year.

The statement also approved the 2022 budget, as well as approving the next general assembly; to be held in Abu Dhabi on November 15-17 this year, in coincidence with the Global Media Congress.

Acting Director General Talal Al-Kandari accompanied by head of marketing and public relations Issam Al-Ruwaieh represented KUNA's delegation at the event.

Meanwhile, Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), along with the Emirates News Agency (WAM), were elected as Vice Presidents of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA) during its 48th General Assembly conference held in the Saudi capital.

The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) will preside as President of FANA for a period of two years.



Part of the 48th General Assembly.

The Jordanian News Agency (PETRA), Bahrain News Agency (BNA), Palestinian News and Information Agency (Wafa), and the Tunisia News Agency (TAP) were chosen as members of FANA secretariat.

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Saudi Information Minister Majid Al-Qasbi on Tuesday stated that the Arab official news agencies have a crucial role to play to improve news and media content, expose fake news and raise people's awareness.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the 48th Conference of the General Assembly of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA) which commenced in Riyadh today, Al-Qasbi, who doubles as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), called for greater cooperation among Arab news agencies to provide people with credible information and to stand as a bulwark against the torrent of fake news flooding the internet, particularly social media outlets.

In his speech, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) President Fahd bin Hassan Al Aqran echoed a similar view.

He underlined the need for a ma-

ajor overhaul to Arab news agencies work and plans to cope up with the rapid changes in the media scene.

He hoped conference's the decisions and recommendations would be a launching point for a new era that keeps pace with the recent developments.

For his part, Director General and Editor-in-Chief of the Omani News Agency Ibrahim bin Zahran Al-Azri commended the efforts of FANA member agencies to implement the joint cooperation programs listed on the recommendations of the previous meetings.

These programs have enhanced FANA's ability to realize the planned goals, he said.

He noted that this was reflected positively on the content of the FANA website through subjects that meet media aspirations, in realization for joint integration and cooperation in highlighting various development efforts in FANA member states.

Participants in the conference discussed issues listed on the agenda related to the professional and organizational aspects of the federation, in addition to means to develop media performance for member agencies and the activities of the federation in the coming period.

Kuwait News Agency was represented at the meeting by Acting Director General Talal Al-Kandari and head of the Marketing and Public Relations Department Es-sam Al-Rowaihi.

Public urged to cooperate Inspection teams seek to curb spread of COVID-19

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 13, (KUNA): Field inspection teams affiliated with the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM), in cooperation with the Kuwaiti Ministry of Trade and Industry assigned by the Cabinet, continued their work on Wednesday.

The commission's director general, Iman Al-Ansari, told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) on the sidelines of the inspection tour that the PAM has the status of a judicial police force, and in cooperation with the relevant authorities, it conducts inspection tours to limit the spread of the pandemic in light of the state's effort to deal with the increase in the number of infected.

Al-Ansari confirmed that the assigned government teams, with the help of teams from the Ministry of Interior and the National Guard, are closely monitoring the compliance of all activities and commercial centers with health requirements round the clock, seven days a week.

She added that a plan had been

prepared for the women's field team to inspect hotels and wedding halls, which came in implementation of the cabinet decision issued on January 3, and is composed of the relevant authorities.

She noted that the Kuwait Hotels Association showed its full cooperation by sending instructions and continuing to emphasize adherence to health requirements for all its employees.

As for the activities that are required to complete the three doses, Al-Ansari said that inspectors were distributed to all governorates to follow up the adherence of salons and health clubs to monitor any violation, explaining that the violation is direct, that is, without prior warning, in implementation of the instructions of the health authorities.

She called on all citizens and residents to cooperate and abide by the health requirements issued by the Ministry of Health to attain the least number of cases.

Sadaaqa presents Sheikhha Souad

Sadaaqa presents Sheikhha Souad J Al Sabah, a renowned fashion designer, artist and the first Kuwaiti designer to win the Arab women awards. Sheikhha Souad is also a Jury member at the Arab Women Awards.

Kuwait's ruling family has had a long warm association with India, and Sheikhha Souad is no exception. She has a deep and abiding love for India

and her favourite city is Mumbai. She loves Mumbai's colours, textures, vibrancy and spirit. Her strong emotional attachment to India is shared by members of her immediate family including her mother and husband. "For some their favourite destination is London or Istanbul, but for me, it has always been India." (From Women of Kuwait: Turning Tides)

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