

MEED data shows \$20 bln planned projects include renewable energy

July 26 deadline to submit bids for power plant project

KUWAIT CITY, July 2: The MEED Projects data shows the \$20 billion planned projects include renewable energy projects worth more than \$6 billion and \$6.9 billion worth of projects under construction in Kuwait are slated to run on fossil fuels, reports Al-Anba daily.

In another context, the magazine stated that the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy has extended

until July 26 the deadline for companies to submit their bids for the fourth phase of a power plant project in the Subbiya area, after the previous deadline expired in the middle of last June 21.

The sources explained that the extension came in order to give the contractors more time to prepare their bids for a contract to design and build the 900 megawatt plant, and said that the intention is to award the project contract before the end of this year.

The sources indicated that Al-Ghanim International General Trading and Contracting Company and Power China are among the potential bidders for the contract for the fourth phase of the Sabriya project.

The planned project, along with a contract to convert a 250 MW simple-cycle power plant within the Subbiya Power Complex into a combined-cycle gas turbine plant, aims to increase the generation capacity of the Subbiya Power Complex by 1,150 MW.

In 2019, the local contracting company, Al-Ghanim International, completed the works related to the simple cycle plant, and in 2020 completed the works on a combined cycle plant in the Sabiya power complex.

MEED concluded by saying that the State Audit Bureau agreed last year to award a transaction consultancy contract for the North Al-Zour 2 and 3 projects and the Al-Khairan 1 independent water and energy production project to a coalition led by the British company Ernst & Young.



Sheikh Mubarak Abdullah during the honoring of the Australian ambassador on the occasion of the end of his tenure in Kuwait.

Sheikh Mubarak honors Australian envoy

'Time to accelerate alternative energy & benefit from Australian experience'

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The two sides also stressed the need to support trade cooperation between Kuwait and Australia with the unprecedented Australian vegetable harvest this year and in light of the repercussions of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which affected wheat prices internationally, especially since Australia is one of the friendly countries that supports Kuwait in providing its food security, whether in wheat or barley, and other basic materials.

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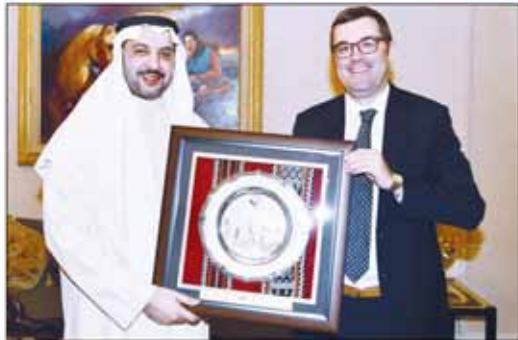
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Honoring The Australian Ambassador On The Occasion Of The End Of His Tenure

Mubarak Al-Abdullah: It is time to accelerate alternative energy and benefit from the Australian experience

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Earth to be farthest from Sun on Monday in annual Aphelion, says Kuwaiti center

KD 44.38m cost

KUWAIT CITY, July 2, (KUNA): The Earth will be farthest away from the Sun next Monday morning in an annual phenomena known as the Aphelion, said Al-Ojeiri Scientific Center for Research in Astronomy Thursday.

Head of Public Relations at the center Khaled Al-Jam'an indicated that the distance between the Sun and the Earth would be 152,096,150 kilometers.

He noted that the average distance between the two celestial bodies was at 149,600,000 kilometers, adding that opposite to the Aphelion was the Perihelion, where the Earth is nearest to the Sun by 147,099,590 kilometers.

The next Perihelion will occur in January of 2023, Al-Jam'an revealed.

Despite the Aphelion occurring, the temperature in Kuwait and the northern hemisphere this time of the year remain high, he pointed out, adding that was due to the 82-degree angle of the sunrays reaching the Earth.

'Afiya' contract to be extended for 4th time

KUWAIT CITY, July 2: The contract for the provision of health insurance for retirees (Afiya) will be extended for the fourth time at a cost of KD44.38 million, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Sources said the Ministry of Health has contacted the regulatory authorities regarding the extension of the contract for providing health insurance to retired citizens before the new contract takes effect. Sources affirmed the extension has the same conditions and prices as per the contract, while the number of retired citizens has increased.

Last April, the ministry awarded the retirees health insurance tender to Gulf Insurance Group, valued at KD354.56 million.

Kuwait seeks ways to boost co-op with ICAO

ISTANBUL, July 2, (KUNA): The Deputy Director-General for Aviation Safety and Air Transport Affairs at the General Administration of Civil Aviation, Duajj Al-Otaibi, discussed with the Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Juan Carlos, on Thursday, ways to enhance joint cooperation between the State of Kuwait and the international organization.

This came on the sidelines of the participation of the State of Kuwait, represented by the General Administration of Civil Aviation, in the Conference of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which started its work in the Turkish city of Istanbul from 28-30 June, with a Kuwaiti delegation headed by Al-Otaibi and the membership of the Director of Aviation Safety Department Eng. Technical Office Eng. Marzouq Al-Sharifi.

The two sides discussed many topics related to aviation safety, civil aviation security, air transport and the development of

the aviation sector in the State of Kuwait.

In this regard, the Secretary-General of ICAO expressed, in a statement, his happiness for the development and future projects undertaken by the State of Kuwait to modernize the air transport infrastructure at Kuwait International Airport, especially the State's efforts to establish and complete the new terminal building 2, which will reach its capacity for 25 million passengers annually, the third runway and a new air control tower have been developed.

Carlos praised the efforts of those in charge of the General Administration of Kuwaiti Civil Aviation headed by the President of Civil Aviation Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ali Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, wishing progress and success for Kuwaiti civil aviation.

Founded in April 1948, ICAO is one of the United Nations organizations and is headquartered in the International Department in the Canadian city of Montreal.

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The British Defense Ministry said Saturday that air-launched anti-ship missiles generally do not have precision accuracy against ground targets. It said Russia likely was using such missiles because of a shortage of more accurate weapons.

The Kremlin has repeatedly claimed that the Russian military is targeting fuel storage sites and military facilities, not residential areas, although missiles also recently hit an apartment building in Kyiv and a shopping mall in the central city of Kremenchuk.

On Saturday, Kremenchuk Mayor Vitaliy Maletsky said the death toll in the mall attack had risen to 21 and one person was still missing.

Ukrainian authorities interpreted the missile attack in Odesa as payback for the withdrawal of Russian troops from a nearby Black Sea island with both symbolic and strategic significance in the war that started with Russia's Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine.

Moscow portrayed their departure from Snake Island as a "goodwill gesture" to help unblock exports of grain.

US announces more aid
The U.S. announced on Friday that it will provide Ukraine with \$820 million in new military aid, including new surface-to-air

missile systems and counter-artillery radars to respond to Russia's heavy reliance on long-range strikes in the war.

Russia in recent days has launched dozens of missiles across Ukraine and pinned down Ukrainian forces with continuous fire for sometimes hours at a time. Ukraine's leaders have publicly called on Western allies to quickly send more ammunition and advanced systems that will help them narrow the gap in equipment and manpower.

All told, the U.S. has committed more than \$8.8 billion in weapons and military training to Ukraine, whose leaders have sought more help from Western allies to repel larger and heavily equipped Russian forces. About \$7 billion of that aid has been announced since Russia's February invasion.

"We are going to support Ukraine as long as it takes," President Joe Biden said this week at a press conference during the NATO summit in Madrid. He argued that Russia had already suffered a blow to its international standing and major damage to its economy from Western sanctions imposed over the invasion.

The U.S. is giving Ukrainians "the capacity" so that "they can continue to resist the Russian aggression," Biden said. "And so I don't know how it's going to end, but it will not end with a Russian defeat of Ukraine in Ukraine."



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