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SAUDI, KUWAIT BRASS ALIGN EFFORTS ON REGIONAL SECURITY

Kuwait on guard, reviews readiness





Kuwait Army photos

Chief of the General Staff of the Kuwaiti Army Lt. Gen. Khaled Al-Shuraian with the Head of the Saudi Armed Forces Operations Authority Maj. Gen. Musfer bin Suwailim Al-Ghanim and several senior military commanders and officers. Right: Leaders of Kuwait's military and security authorities during a meeting on ways to enhance cooperation and joint coordination.

Riyadh alert lifted after danger passes

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9, (KUNA): Leaders of Kuwait's military and security authorities discussed on Sunday ways to enhance cooperation and joint coordination and review readiness in light of the latest regional developments.

In a press statement, the Ministry of Interior said that the meeting, held at its headquarters, brought together Chief of the General Staff of the Kuwait Army Lieutenant General Khaled Al-Shuraian, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior Lieutenant General Abdulwahab Al-Wuhaib, National Guard Undersecretary Lieutenant General Hamad Al-Barjas, Kuwait Fire Force Chief Major General Talal Al-Roumi, along with a number of security leaders.

Focusing on the current regional situation, the leaders stressed the importance of strengthening communication channels, exchanging information and unify efforts to ensure a swift response and effective handling of various developments, while maintaining the continuity of essential duties and services efficiently under all circumstances, the statement added.

In addition, the meeting reviewed a number of issues regarding the improvement of the efficiency of joint operations.

It dealt with ways to develop cooperation mechanisms among the participating authorities in line with the requirements of the current phase and strengthen military and security institutions' ability to carry out their duties and responsibilities.

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Opinion



Ahmed Al-Jarallah

Editor-in-Chief, the Arab Times

Gulf states protect your wealth by investing at home

THE Gulf railway project has finally been put into motion, marking a major milestone in the economic integration among Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations, even though its target completion year is 2030.

This ambitious project offers vast advantages, specifically making travel easier for citizens who move between member countries.

Strong infrastructure is the cornerstone of national strength, hence, the expansion of local investments must be prioritized over volatile foreign markets. Several GCC countries understand these dynamics, so they have been focusing on development at home, channeling capital into productive initiatives that reinforce economic stability and buffer against unexpected crises.

For instance, the Dubai Metro is far from being just a solution to traffic jams, because it was designed as a strategic engine towards the growth of the gross domestic product (GDP) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Despite the skepticism at the early stages, it delivered impressive results, transporting nearly 295 million passengers last year alone—an extraordinary feat given the size of the local population and the number of tourists.

In a similar move, the UAE introduced the 'Etihad Rail' network, linking Abu Dhabi with major urban hubs, all the way to Fujairah.

GCC nations have the resources and drive for such large-scale developments. Member states like the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia already laid the groundwork for rail infrastructure. These existing foundations greatly enhance the outlook for a fully integrated regional railway system in the GCC, particularly for elevating trade and commercial logistics.

A complementary strategic vision has taken shape in the Levant, where several regional nations have advocated for developing a rail line connecting Saudi Arabia to neighboring states, stretching toward Turkiye and Europe.

This network could connect ports in the Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean with the European

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Day by Day

IRAQI Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi has donated $10 million towards the restoration and maintenance of Syria's historic Umayyad Mosque.

The historic site had suffered extensive damage at the hands of Iranian-backed armed groups - may Allah bring them to justice and hold them accountable for their actions.

Across Syria, these groups have inflicted severe damage on infrastructure and places of worship, fueled sectarian divisions, and caused immense suffering among the Syrian people.

By Allah's grace, Syria has been delivered from this disaster. We express our gratitude to the Iraqi Prime Minister, whose actions have demonstrated that he stands apart from these destructive sectarian factions.

... Yet tomorrow is another day.

Zahed Matar

79 entities adopt Microsoft Copilot

AI powers Kuwait's digital leap

By Mohammad Ghanem
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Director General of the Central Agency for Information Technology (CAIT) Najat Ibrahim said the Fifth Kuwait Digital Transformation Conference 2026 reached a crucial juncture, marked by rapid technological advancements with artificial intelligence as the main catalyst for the future of government functions, economy and society.

According to Ibrahim, the conference positioned itself as a vital national forum for discussions among policymakers, specialists and organizations in the public and private sectors through its previous editions. She said the conference aims to use technology to promote growth and enhance the digital transformation journey of the country.

She indicated that individuals are considered the cornerstone of effective and enduring transformation, affirming that CAIT is keen on honing digital skills and competencies. She disclosed that 8,488 individuals benefited from the training programs of CAIT from January 2024 to August 2026.

She added that artificial intelligence is no longer a future concept, as it has already integrated into the operational framework of the government. She cited as an example the Microsoft Copilot, which is being used in 79 government entities, out of which 13 have completed the adoption phase, resulting in more than 40,000 activated licenses and around 170 identified use cases.

Moreover, Vice Governor of the Communications and Information Technology Commission Manal Al-Mazeed stated that digital transformation transcends the adoption of new technologies or the transition of services and processes to a digital format.



Photo by Rezk Tawfiq

Panel discussion during the Fifth Kuwait Digital Transformation Conference 2026.

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Crackdown nets 224 violators

6 debtors face music in Capital sweep

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The Security Directorates Sector, represented by the Capital Security Directorate and the Environmental Police Department, conducted an extensive security campaign in cooperation with the Kuwait Municipality, which resulted in the arrest of several wanted individuals and lawbreakers, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The campaign was part of the Ministry of Interior's ongoing efforts to strengthen security, enforce the law, pursue violators, and increase security presence across various areas.

In a statement, the Ministry of Interior explained that the campaign was conducted under the supervision of the Head of the Security Directorates Sector Brigadier General (Legal) Abdulaziz Bandar Al-Omar, and the Director General of the Capital Security Directorate Brigadier General Mohammed Ahmed Rajab.

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5 Qatar Ambassador welcomes guests at embassy's diwaniya



8 NBK sponsors the sixth edition of Derasti expo

9 Government commends KFH's role in supporting education and youth through strategic partnership with Derasti Exhibition

Kuwait braces for a rainy midweek

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9, (KUNA): Kuwait is expected to experience moderate, partly cloudy weather during the day and relatively cold, cloudy conditions at night from Tuesday, with scattered rain and possible thunderstorms, Acting Director of the Meteorological Department Dhirar Al-Ali said Monday.

Speaking to KUNA, Al-Ali said Tuesday's daytime temperatures would range between 22 and 24 degrees Celsius, with northwesterly winds at 12-42 kilometers per hour. Sea conditions would be light to moderate, with waves occasionally reaching six feet.

Tuesday night temperatures are expected to range between 13 and 15

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Police flag growing risks of online fraud schemes

By Munif Naif
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Director of the Security Media Department at the Ministry of Interior Colonel Othman Al-Mansouri affirmed that the ministry, in cooperation with other concerned state entities, continues to implement awareness campaigns and programs aimed at protecting the public from cybercrimes, including online fraud and scams.



Al-Mansouri

Speaking on the television program, "Good Morning Kuwait," Al-Mansouri pointed out that while awareness efforts are ongoing, some individuals still fall victim to these crimes due to failure to heed security guidelines and warnings. He explained that cybercrimes are constantly evolving, along with rapid technological advancements and the widespread use of social media and smart devices, hence, the need for a higher level of awareness and caution in using

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Court trims sentence in fatal housemaid assault

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The Court of Appeals sentenced a Saudi woman to 10 years in prison for assaulting her housemaid to death in Sabah Al-Nasser, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The higher court reversed the 15-year prison sentence imposed by a lower court and changed the legal classification of the charge from premeditated murder to assault leading to death.

Case files indicate that the Public Prosecution charged the defendant with premeditated murder, stating that she planned to kill the victim. The defendant hit the worker with a stick until it broke due to an argument about the failure of the latter to complete household tasks. Then, the defendant poured bleach (Clorox) on the victim's head, mouth and body. The autopsy confirmed that these actions caused severe injuries, which resulted in the victim's death.

Investigations revealed that the defendant made the victim endure her injuries for two days without medical care or help. Afterward, the defendant changed the victim's clothes and put the bleach nearby

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Prayer Timings

Fajr	04:47	Asr	14:34
Sunrise	06:08	Maghrib	16:56
Zohr	11:32	Isha	18:17

Kuwait leadership congratulates Cambodia on Independence Day

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a congratulatory cable to the King of Cambodia Norodom Sihamoni, on the occasion of his country's Independence Day.

His Highness wished the King long-lasting health, and Cambodia and its people further progress and prosperity.

Similarly, His Highness the deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent a congratulatory cable to the King of Cambodia Norodom Sihamoni, on the occasion of his country's Independence Day, wishing him long-lasting health.

His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah also sent a congratulatory cable to the King of Cambodia Norodom Sihamoni, on the occasion of his country's Independence Day.





KUNA photos

Photos during the exhibition.

15 photographs vie for Al-Baghli Award honors

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9, (KUNA): In an event bringing together artistic creativity and a humanitarian message, the Kuwait Photographic Society held on Sunday an exhibition featuring 15 artworks in the Al-Baghli Award for the Dutiful Son photography competition.

The exhibition is held under the patronage of Ibrahim Al-Baghli, Chairman of the Ibrahim Al-Baghli Charity for Dutiful Sons, and was attended by a number of photographers.

The exhibition features 15 artworks by 23 photographers, showcasing their creative visions and interpretations of the competition's themes, which highlight social and humanitarian values.

The event was organized in cooperation between the society and the charity to support Kuwait's photographic movement, encourage talent and creativity, and harness photography to highlight societal values and promote a culture of filial piety, kindness and gratitude.

Other Voices

Kalila wa Dimna, and Salama

By Ahmad alsarraf

THE book "Kalila wa Dimna" is regarded as one of the most famous and influential literary works in history. It is a collection of fables and moral tales narrated through the voices of animals and birds, offering wisdom, life lessons, and political and social insights in a symbolic and engaging style. Some of its stories were even included in our school curriculum when we were young.



Ahmad alsarraf

The book originated in India, where it was known as Panchatantra, meaning "The Five Chapters." It was written in Sanskrit by the philosopher Bidpai for King Dabshalim.

The book was translated into Persian approximately 1,500 years ago, during the reign of Shah Anushirvan, who sent his personal physician to India to obtain a copy and translate it into Pahlavi, the ancient name for the Persian language.

In 1925, Reza Khan, the father of the last Shah, adopted the name Pahlavi for his dynasty when he declared himself emperor. He passed the throne and title on to his son, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, until Khomeini came to power and brought an end to the monarchy and its associated legacy.

During the Abbasid era, the Arab writer Abdullah ibn al-Muqaffa translated "Kalila wa Dimna" from Pahlavi into Arabic. He also added several chapters and gave the translation a refined Arabic literary style. It is believed that translations into other languages around the world were largely based on the Arabic version.

"Kalila wa Dimna" relies on symbolic storytelling, using dialogues between animals to reflect human nature, the strategies and conduct of kings, and the complexities of social relationships.

The lion represents the king or ruler, while Kalila and Dimna are the names of two jackals who symbolize courtiers, ministers, and royal advisors. Kalila represents reason, wisdom, and contentment, whereas Dimna embodies ambition, greed, and cunning. The other animals represent the subjects and different classes of society.

The author's purpose was to present a collection of lessons on politics, governance, friendship, deception, and the art of navigating power without provoking the wrath of kings.

One of the book's most prominent stories is the tale of the friendship between the lion and the bull. Their friendship aroused Dimna's jealousy and resentment. Through manipulation and deceit, Dimna convinced the lion that the bull was plotting against him, while persuading the bull that the lion intended to kill him.

The story culminates in a confrontation in which the lion kills the bull. Only afterward does the lion discover Dimna's deception and order his trial and execution.

The moral of the story is that listening to gossip and schemers can destroy even the strongest friendships and ultimately lead to regret.

There is also the famous story of the monkey and the carpenter, which many of us encountered during childhood through cartoons. The story tells of a curious monkey who watched a carpenter at work and decided to imitate him. The monkey sat on a wooden plank, dangled his tail into the groove, and pulled out the wedge holding the two pieces of wood apart. As a result, the plank snapped shut, trapping his tail. When the carpenter returned, he freed the monkey after beating him, teaching him a lesson about interfering in others' affairs.

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My friend and colleague at Al-Qabas daily, Marwan Ahmed Salama, wrote a book published in English titled "From Rags to Rags".

In the book's introduction, Salama writes, "The 'jungle,' in its metaphorical sense, can be seen as dense tropical forests, grassy plains, or even the concrete jungles of large cities. All share the characteristic of being an arena of fierce competition between various parties for survival, a competition that often breeds cruelty and ruthlessness."

Through a series of jungle tales, Salama offers a contemporary interpretation of "Kalila wa Dimna", exploring this phenomenon through symbolic stories, parables, and satire. His stories examine the timeless existential struggle between predatory carnivores and herbivores, highlighting their mutual dependence on one another despite their deep-rooted hostility.

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Al-Busais to deliver speech, champions humanity amid digital revolution

Kuwait hosts 57th int'l social work conference

By Bassam Al-Qassas
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Kuwait will host on November 10 and 11, 2026, the 57th International Conference on Social Work, under the slogan:

"The Future of Social Work in Light of Digital Change. We keep pace with technology without losing our humanity."

Under the patronage of Prof. Dr. Fayza Mohammed Al-Kharafi, and Al-Awazem Charity Foundation, at the National Library of Kuwait.

Advisor Hamad Zaid Saud Al-Busais, UN Ambassador for Community Partnership and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Al-Awazem Charity Foundation, will participate in sponsoring the conference and delivering a speech during the opening ceremony, confirming the Foundation's interest in supporting scientific and professional initiatives and developing social work institutions to keep pace with technological transformations.

The conference is organized by the National Society for Combating Community Violence, in cooperation with the International Organization for Women's Empowerment and Capacity Building "Tamkeen", and the Association of Social Workers in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, with the participation of a group of academics, experts and practitioners from Kuwait and a number of Arab countries.



Advisor Hamad Zaid Al-Busais



Dr. Fayza Al-Kharafi

Dr. Ibtisam Rashid Al-Qoud, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the National Society for Combating Community Violence and Secretary General of the Conference, stressed that the accelerating digital transformation imposes on the social work profession the need to develop its tools, methods and ethics, while preserving its human essence, emphasizing that technology is a means to serve humanity and not a substitute for communication and social care.

Opening and First Day - Tuesday, November 10

The opening ceremony will begin with speeches by Advisor Hamad Al-Busais, Prof. Dr. Lubna Akroush, President of the Association of Social Workers, and Dr. Ibtisam Al-Qoud, followed by honoring the participants and opening the accompanying exhibition.

The first day's program includes two panel discussions:

■ First: "Children Without Support in the Digital Age", chaired by Prof. Dr. Salwa Al-Jassar.

■ Second: "Ethics of Social Work in the Digital Age", chaired by Prof. Dr. Abdul Wahab Al-Hayes.

The day will also feature two training workshops on working with the elderly in light of digital change, and using data in developing social decisions.

Second Day - Wednesday, November 11

The conference continues its work with three panel discussions:

■ First: "The Digital Divide and Social Justice" and the extent of equal opportunities to access digital services.

■ Second: "Human First.. When the Screen Enters the Counseling Room".

■ Third: "Technology is a Bridge, Not a Barrier: Reaching the Most Vulnerable Groups".

The second day also includes two training workshops, one of which deals with employing artificial intelligence in psychological and social support safely, while the other examines the future of the social work profession in the era of artificial intelligence, and the new professional roles and competencies it imposes.

The conference focuses on building a common vision for the future of social work, through discussing digital justice, ethics of using artificial intelligence, and protecting the most vulnerable groups, foremost among them children and the elderly, in addition to developing the skills of social workers and enabling them with the tools of the era.

The sponsorship of Al-Awazem Charity Foundation for the conference comes within the framework of its support for community and scientific initiatives and strengthening partnerships that develop the performance of social work institutions, and link technological innovation with human responsibility, based on the conference message "We Work Together" for more just and humane social work in a digital world.

New decree scraps Silk City authority in major shake-up

Kuwait advances 3,600MW Nuwaiseeb plant project

By Mohammad Ghanem
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The official gazette "Kuwait Al-youm" has published Decree No. 175/2026, repealing Decree No. 240/2012, which established the Authority for the Development of Silk City and Bouban Island, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Under the new decree, the Council of Ministers will designate the government entities responsible for developing Silk City and the Kuwaiti islands, as well as overseeing the preparation and implementation of the necessary policies, plans, programs and projects.

The decree also stipulates that the authority's assets and resources, including contracts, agreements, projects, studies, documents, records, files and related financial allocations, will be transferred to the entities designated by the Council of Ministers. All associated rights and obligations will also be transferred.

It further mandates the transfer of the authority's permanent employees to the Civil Service Commission for reassignment to various government entities, while preserving their existing employment grades and salaries. The employment of all other staff members will be terminated in accordance with applicable rules and procedures.

The decree also nullifies any provisions that conflict with its terms and will take effect from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

In other news, the Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects (KAPP) has started the procurement process for conducting consultancy studies on the Nuwaiseeb Power Generation and Water Desalination Plant project (Phase One).

KAPP asked the Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) to commence the necessary procedures during its meeting on Nov 4, in accordance with Article 17 of Public Tenders Law No. 49/2016, which governs procurement through the 'practice' method (competitive negotiation or solicitation of proposals).

In response, the CAPT Board of Directors postponed the issuance of its decision until KAPP submits a letter within five working days, incorporating the amendments discussed at the meeting.

Last May, KAPP announced its plan to appoint a consultant to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study on the project, prepare tender documents and manage the tendering process.

This is scheduled for the third quarter in line with the annual plan for the current fiscal year, and in accordance with Article 33 of Public Tenders Law No. 49/2016 and its executive regulations issued through Decree No. 30/2017.

KAPP defined the scope of the consultancy services to include comprehensive feasibility studies and preparation of the tender documents.

This work must comply with Law No. 39/2010 on the establishment of Kuwaiti shareholding companies tasked with constructing power generation and water desalination plants, as well as its amendments, executive regulations, and the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Law and its executive regulations.

The plant is one of the future facilities upon which the state will rely on to increase production capacity by about 7,200 megawatts. It will be tendered in two phases. The first phase has a capacity of 3,600 megawatts.

The responsibility for the tendering process was transferred from the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy to KAPP in order to expedite the procedures.

Egyptian heritage strengthens Kuwait cultural cooperation

Kuwait event retraces grandeur of ancient Egypt

By Fares Ghaleb
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The Cultural Office of the Egyptian Embassy, in cooperation with the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL), organized an event titled, "The Grand Egyptian Museum: A Civilization Retold, A Future Unveiled," on the occasion of the first anniversary of the opening of the museum in Cairo in early November last year.

In his speech at the event, Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Mohamed Abu El-Wafa revealed that the museum—situated near the Giza Plateau and the three Great Pyramids—is "a unique cultural landmark that embodies Egypt's enduring message to humanity, a message from a civilization that has spanned thousands of years and remains a source of inspiration and contribution. The museum, which measures 490,000 square meters, is an exceptional cultural and humanitarian project. Through it, Egypt has bridged the grandeur of the past with the aspirations of the future, showing the world a model of how science, technology and modern arts are used to preserve and rediscover human heritage."



Photos by Rezk Tawfiq

Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait H.E. Mohamed Abou El-Wafa tours the exhibition of Egyptian cultural artifacts and artworks, accompanied by guests and officials, during an event marking the first anniversary of the inauguration of the Grand Egyptian Museum.

He added that the museum, which houses about 57,000 artifacts, including many unique and remarkable pieces, ranks among the largest archaeological museums in the world dedicated to a single civilization. "It holds unparalleled treasures, offering visitors an extraordinary journey through the history of ancient Egyptian civilization. Our celebration today in Kuwait has special significance. The relationship between Egypt and Kuwait has never been limited to political or economic ties, as, culture, science, education and the arts have always served as pillars and enduring bridges for connection between the two peoples," he elaborated.

Meanwhile, Aisha Al-Mahmoud, Assistant Secretary General for Cultural Affairs at NCCAL, pointed out that this event proves that museums are not just spaces for housing antiquities, but vibrant cultural and intellectual institutions contributing to the preservation of human memory and raising awareness on civilizational identity.

She asserted that the Grand Egyptian Museum is a monumental cultural landmark, embodying the depth of Egyptian history and reflecting the rich human and cultural heritage of Egyptian civilization—a legacy whose influence endured through the ages.

She indicated that the art exhibition accompanying the event showcases creative works by Kuwaiti and Egyptian students, along with cultural presentations and intellectual dialogues on antiquities and museums.

She added this highlights the importance of cultural exchange in building bridges between peoples and provides young generations with the opportunity to engage with heritage and draw inspiration from its aesthetic and humanistic values.





Some photos during the exhibition.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

Leave mathematics aside and focus on dealing with people

"A WRITER for the British newspaper "The Guardian" has called on the UK's Ministry of Education to limit mathematics instruction in primary schools to basic arithmetic, and that more advanced mathematical concepts should be removed from the curriculum, particularly since students are unlikely to use them in everyday life and calculators are readily available," columnist **Ahmad Al-Dawas** wrote for **Al-Seyassah** daily.



Al-Dawas

"Instead, he believes schools should place greater emphasis on teaching children how to navigate real-world situations and interact effectively with others.

His argument raises an interesting point.

He asks - "Can any of us answer this question? The volume of a sphere is calculated using a specific formula, but can you calculate the volume of a sphere with a diameter of 20 centimeters?" He argues that since calculators can easily perform such calculations, students do not need to master these formulas.

The writer adds that it is far more important for students to engage with contemporary issues, including scientific developments, politics, and critical thinking, while learning to remain open to other people's opinions and perspectives.

Ultimately, he believes that learning how to interact and communicate effectively with fellow human beings is one of the most important lessons young people can acquire.

Meanwhile, the Indian newspaper "Times of India" highlights the importance of life experience, including mistakes and setbacks, stressing that these lessons are far more valuable than high examination scores.

It also points out that the pressure of exams and fear of poor grades can sometimes push teenagers to desperate measures, including suicide.

We often fail to remind our children that the achievements of great men and women were frequently preceded by mistakes and setbacks during their formative years. Winston Churchill, for example, built his remarkable legacy despite a history of failures and challenges.

Perhaps the writer in "The Guardian" is encouraging schools to place greater emphasis on subjects that promote personal development and equip students with practical skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

For our part, we have repeatedly highlighted the importance of strong willpower, a force capable of "moving mountains" and instilling in students the determination and perseverance needed to succeed in life.

Consider the story of an American who entered the business world in 1831, only to see his venture fail the following year. He subsequently turned to politics but was unsuccessful. Returning to business in 1834, he faced failure once again.

He later returned to politics, hoping to secure a seat in the American legislature, but failed. He also lost an election in 1858. Yet, despite these repeated setbacks, he eventually became President of the United States.

This man was Abraham Lincoln, one of the most prominent figures in American political history. How did he overcome so many failures to reach the highest office in the country? The answer lies in his indomitable will and ability to accept defeat, rise again, and start over.

Another example is the renowned American boxing champion Mike Tyson.

Tyson struggled with drug abuse for years. However, the death of his young daughter in 2009 profoundly affected him, prompting a complete turnaround in his mindset.

He decided to turn his life around for the sake of his family. Indeed, changing one's mindset can transform one's entire life.

Consider the story of a family in which the father was a daily drug user. The younger son followed his father's example and went astray, while the older son remained focused on his education.

Eventually, the younger son was arrested for committing a crime, while his older brother grew up to become a productive member of society.

When asked about the reasons behind his behavior, the younger son replied, "I ended up this way because of my father, who created a toxic environment at home." The older son, however, said, "I made a conscious decision to be different from them." This example illustrates how individuals can perceive and respond differently to the same circumstances. While one brother allowed his environment to lead him down a destructive path, the other chose self-development and achieved success.

This is what education should be about. Students should be taught subjects that promote self-development and equip them with practical skills and values that will benefit them throughout their lives."

Also:

"Last week, the Council of Ministers approved a decree-law amending certain provisions of the legislation governing vacant state-owned land," columnist Sheikh **Fahad Dawood Al-Sabah** wrote for **Al-Seyassah** daily.

"This is a positive step that could help revitalize both the real estate and commercial sectors.

Published statistics and reports indicate that tens of thousands of housing assistance applications are pending, a backlog that will be difficult to address without close cooperation among the relevant specialized authorities.

Involving the private sector in developing these lands could help reduce the long-standing backlog of housing applications.

Moreover, development goes beyond the construction of residential buildings. It must also include the provision of the essential infrastructure and services for these new areas.

In this regard, the new law achieves two objectives at the same time - helping to ease the housing crisis, and stimulating the real estate market and broader commercial activity in the country.



Sheikh Fahad

This development is significant from the perspectives of real estate, investment, and housing.

Its primary objective is to expand the private sector's role in developing government-owned land, while also allowing the reallocation of certain plots originally designated for the Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) to facilitate cooperation with the private sector in residential development.

The legal amendment focuses on two key areas. First, it permits the transfer of part of the land allocated to PAHW to other government entities whenever required in the public interest. Second, it broadens the legal framework to enable private companies to participate in developing vacant state-owned land.

From an investment perspective, this could open up new opportunities for developing land, infrastructure, facilities, and services associated with government projects.

In essence, this legal amendment could reduce the waiting period from ten or fifteen years to just three years by allowing PAHW to allocate land to real estate developers, enabling them to build housing projects in line with local market demand.

This move reflects a shift in the government's approach from direct welfare provision to empowerment by engaging all stakeholders, including citizens, real estate developers, and private companies.

Through this significant transformation, everyone will have a role to play in revitalizing commercial and real estate activity.

Furthermore, this will contribute to strengthening social security, which remains the ultimate objective of any government around the world."

— Compiled by Simi K. Kutty

Farwaniya Governor meets Fire Department officials

Coordination key to improving emergency response



Farwaniya Governorate photo

Farwaniya Governor Sheikh Athbi Nasser Al-Athbi Al-Sabah receives Brigadier General Othman Saad Al-Wazzaq, Director of the Farwaniya Fire Department, at the governorate headquarters.

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Farwaniya Governor Sheikh Athbi Nasser Al-Athbi Al-Sabah received Brigadier General Othman Saad Al-Wazzaq, Director of the Farwaniya Fire Department, at the governorate headquarters on Monday morning.

According to a press release issued by Farwaniya Governorate, Brigadier General Al-Wazzaq was accompanied by Colonel Mohammed Al-Khalidi, Head of Al-Ardiya Fire Station, and Colonel Abdullah Al-Haddad, Head of Farwaniya Fire Station.

The meeting addressed several matters related to the Kuwait Fire Force's responsibilities within the governorate, as well as ways to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the two sides.

These efforts aim to strengthen fire prevention measures and enhance the efficiency of emergency and incident response, ensuring the safety of citizens, residents, and property.

The governor stressed the importance of continued coordination among the relevant authorities, praising the national role played by Kuwait Fire Force personnel and recognizing their dedication and sacrifices in protecting lives and property.

Meanwhile, Brigadier General Al-Wazzaq and his accompanying delegation expressed their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the governor for his warm reception, acknowledging his continued interest, support, and commitment to strengthening cooperation between the two sides.

Two Indians arrested in major Salmiya counterfeit goods bust

Raid uncovers illegal warehouses

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The Criminal Security Sector, represented by the Hawally Investigation Department, arrested two Indian nationals after uncovering illegal storage facilities in the basement of a property in Salmiya, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The operation was carried out in coordination with a joint committee comprising the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Ministry of Electricity and Water, Kuwait Municipality, and the Kuwait Fire Force. It is part of ongoing security efforts to combat commercial fraud and apprehend violators.

In a statement, the Ministry of Interior explained that the inspection revealed the basement had been divided into several storage units, which were being rented out without formal lease agreements.

The search uncovered counterfeit goods in one unit, while two other units contained water pumps and electrical appliances bearing tampered country-of-origin labels.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry issued citations for the recorded violations, while the Kuwait Fire Force ordered the closure of the premises.

The suspects have been referred to the competent authorities for the necessary legal action, with deportation procedures to be pursued in the public interest.

The ministry reaffirmed its commitment to continued coordination with relevant authorities to detect violations, combat unlawful practices, and take the necessary legal measures against those responsible.

13 arrested

Police bust gambling den

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The Criminal Security Sector, represented by the General Department of Criminal Investigation, arrested 13 Asian expatriates for operating a lottery-style gambling operation in Farwaniya, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The operation is part of the Ministry of Interior's ongoing efforts to combat unlawful activities and address negative social phenomena.

In a statement, the ministry explained that investigations revealed the group had been using a building within a residential-commercial complex as a base for their gambling activities.

Surveillance and follow-up operations led to the arrest of both the organizers and participants.

Authorities seized various items used in the gambling operation, including equipment, documents, and cash. They also confiscated a quantity of tumbak, a prohibited tobacco product, which had been concealed and prepared for sale.

The suspects, along with the confiscated items, have been referred to the competent authorities for the necessary legal action.

Woman acquitted of stealing former husband's debt note

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 8: The Misdemeanor Court declared a woman not guilty of stealing the original debt acknowledgment of KD25,000 issued in favor of her ex-husband, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The court rejected the ex-husband's civil claim for KD5,001 compensation for damages, citing insufficient evidence and inadequate police investigations to support the allegation.

Case files indicate that the Public Prosecution charged the defendant with stealing the original debt acknowledgment and formal commitment to pay, which she signed in favor her ex-husband. In this document, she acknowledged the debt of KD25,000 and committed to pay the full amount upon request.

The complainant claimed he noticed the document was missing when he returned from a medical trip, alleging that his ex-wife took it to dodge her financial responsibilities.

Attorney Abdulmohsen Al-Qattan, lawyer for the defendant, submitted a defense memorandum and various documents. He demanded for the acquittal of his client, stating there was no evidence of theft and that signing the debt acknowledgment does not imply his client stole the document.

345 fined for no signals

By Munif Naif
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 8: The General Traffic Department at the Interior Ministry continued its campaigns in the governorates.

The recent campaigns led to the issuance of a large number of traffic violation citations, including 345 citations for not using turn signals while driving.

According to a security source, the traffic officers focused on vehicles that switch lanes or turn without signaling.

The source affirmed that these campaigns are ongoing to limit traffic violations, while urging motorists to strictly comply with traffic regulations to avoid fines and other legal measures.

KD270,000 fine, two-year jail terms for 6 smugglers

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The Criminal Court sentenced five citizens and one expatriate to two years in prison with hard labor and fined them KD45,000 each or a total of KD270,000 for smuggling muscle-building protein and dietary supplements, report Al-Seyassah daily.

This ruling is based on the evidence and arguments presented to the court.

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Traffic crackdown nets five drivers: The General Traffic Department, represented by the Security Oversight Department, apprehended five drivers for reckless driving, dangerous maneuvers, and illegal street racing, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

These actions posed serious risks to both the drivers and other road users.

The campaign is part of ongoing efforts to improve road safety, crack down on serious traffic violations, and protect lives and property.

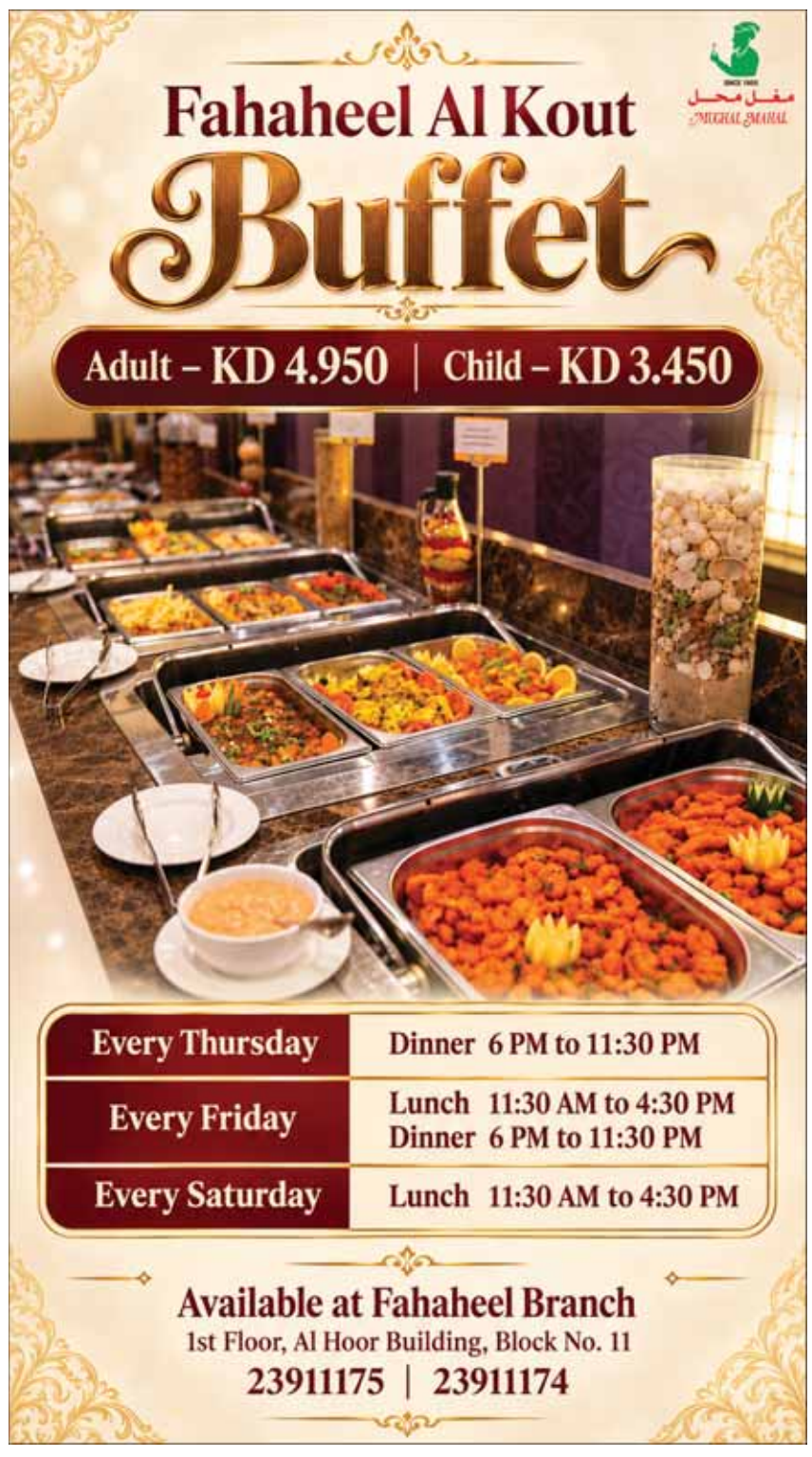
According to a statement issued by the Ministry of Interior, the arrests were made after video evidence documenting the violations was obtained.

Investigations conducted by the Security Oversight Department led to the identification and arrest of the drivers involved.

Traffic violations were recorded against the individuals, who were subsequently referred to Central Prison.

Also, their vehicles were seized and destroyed in accordance with Article 33-bis of the Traffic Law.

The ministry reaffirmed its commitment to taking firm action against anyone who endangers the safety of road users, emphasizing that the law will be strictly enforced against offenders.



Kuwait opens nominations for outstanding teachers, schools

By Inaas Awadh
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The Ministry of Education has announced the opening of nominations for outstanding teachers on the occasion of World Teachers Day, as well as the outstanding schools for the 2025/2026 academic year.

The ministry stated that Assistant Undersecretary for Educational Affairs Eng. Hamad Al-Hamad indicated in a circular that 100 outstanding teachers and 50 outstanding schools under the Educational Affairs sector will be selected.

It added that the evaluation criteria and scoring mechanism are detailed in a procedural guide published on its website. This guide outlines the terms, regulations and standards for nomination and evaluation to guarantee transparency in the selection process.

Nominations started on Sunday and it will continue until Nov 14. Teachers and schools wishing to participate must complete the requirements and submit the necessary documents.

Applications must be submitted through the website of the ministry (www.moe.edu.kw) or the 'Yaa' platform, which is dedicated for the outstanding teacher and school nominations.

The ministry stressed the importance of ensuring that all data and nomination requirements are completed within the specified period, and no applications will be accepted after the nomination period.

It added that this initiative serves as a token of appreciation for the efforts of the teachers and schools. It aims to showcase educational models and motivate the educational staff and institutions to continue their contributions and improve their performance to support the educational sector in achieving its goals.


Al-Hamad

In other news, the Ministry of Education has announced the launching of the National Program for the Preparation and Qualification of New Teachers ("Teacher-in-Training"), in line with its commitment to invest in human capital, raise the efficiency of the academic staff, and guarantee teacher preparedness,

This program is part of efforts to develop the teacher preparation system and academic performance, taking into consideration the evolving requirements of the educational sector.

In a press statement, the ministry disclosed that the Development and Training Department supervises the program with the participation of 1,078 trainees who hold various academic degrees and have completed the requirements like medical examinations and certificate of good conduct).

Those holding non-academic degrees will join the program after completing certain procedures and requirements.

According to the ministry, 34 trainers have been certified as per the standards and criteria of the program. These trainers will deliver the contents of the program to maintain training standards, high-quality outcomes, and structured qualification programs that cover the professional and pedagogical needs of new teachers.

The ministry urged the trainees to visit the 'Dal' platform by logging into its official website https://tnts.moe.edu.kw/ to review the details and instructions, ensure the requirements and procedures are completed and strictly adhere to the training dates, such that the program is implemented smoothly and achieves its objectives.

KISR develops innovative polymer fibers to improve concrete durability

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9, (KUNA): Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) said Sunday it completed a research project developing synthetic polymer fibers to improve reinforced concrete's resistance to impact and cracking.

KISR said in a press statement that its Petroleum Research Center carried out the project, led by Petrochemicals and Materials Technology Program Manager Dr. Salah Al-Enezi, in cooperation with EQUATE Petrochemical Company and with support from Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS).

The project developed manufacturable polymer fibers from polypropylene and linear low-density polyethylene (PP/LLDPE) blends for use in concrete, the institute said.

Tests showed that fiber-reinforced concrete had improved impact resistance, toughness and post-cracking load-bearing capacity, with only a limited effect on compressive strength.


Salah Al-Enezi

KISR said the project aims to maximize the added value of locally available polymers by converting them into specialized engineering products supporting Kuwait's construction sector and national industry.

Potential applications for the developed fibers include industrial flooring, pavements and precast concrete elements, it added.

The project's outcomes also included the submission of a research paper for publication in the peer-reviewed Journal of Building Engineering.

KISR said the project is part of its efforts to develop innovative scientific and technological solutions, increase the use of locally available materials and strengthen cooperation between the research and industrial sectors in support of sustainable development in Kuwait.

KFAS seeks to inspire Arab researchers thru Kuwait Prize at Oman Science Fest

Kuwait promotes scientific innovation

MUSCAT, Nov 9, (KUNA): Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) highlighted Sunday the role of the Kuwait Prize in supporting Arab researchers, advancing human knowledge and promoting a culture of scientific excellence during its participation in the Oman Science Festival 2026.

Speaking to KUNA following a lecture titled "The Role of the Kuwait Prize in Supporting Arab Researchers," Ali Al-Yousefi of KFAS Awards Department said the foundation was keen to showcase its role in supporting scientific research, nurturing talent and highlighting its awards, particularly the Kuwait Prize.

He said KFAS's participation in the festival aimed to engage directly with researchers, academics and science enthusiasts in Oman, explain the prize's fields, eligibility requirements and evaluation procedures, and encourage qualified Omani researchers to submit nominations annually.

Al-Yousefi described the Kuwait Prize, awarded by KFAS since 1979, as one of the Arab world's long-established scientific awards, honoring scientists and researchers whose contributions have advanced scientific and intellectual progress across various fields. It is widely known as the "Arab Nobel Prize," he added.



Kuwait Prize


Ali Al-Yousefi of KFAS Awards Department during the lecture.


KUNA photos
A segment from the lecture on the importance of the "Kuwait Prize" in supporting Arab researchers.

He noted that participation in scientific events provided an opportunity to encourage the Arab scientific community to achieve outstanding accomplishments, advance knowledge and serve society.

The prize seeks to promote scientific excellence, encourage continued innovation and provide inspiring role models for future generations interested in scientific research and innovation, he said, adding that KFAS had honored researchers over more than four decades whose work had advanced their respective disciplines regionally and internationally.

During the lecture, Al-Yousefi reviewed the prize's categories and fields, which cover four areas awarded annually: basic sciences; applied sciences; economic, social and legal sciences; and humanities, arts and literature. An additional category for emerging interdisciplinary specialized sciences is offered every two years.

He also outlined the nomination evaluation and winner selection process, which involves several stages, including initial screening, scientific assessment by specialized experts, and the review of results and recommendations by selection committees based on criteria focusing on the originality, excellence and impact of scientific contributions.

The fifth edition of the Oman Science Festival opened in Muscat last Monday, organized by Oman's Ministry of Education over 10 days.

The event is considered the sultanate's largest scientific gathering and aims to promote scientific culture, raise awareness of science, technology and innovation, and provide an interactive environment for exploration and experimentation.

Kuwait brings scientific books and magazines to Oman Science Fest

MUSCAT, Nov 9, (KUNA): The Advancement of Sciences Publishing and Distribution Company (ASPDC) has served as the main publishing arm of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) since its establishment in 1983.

The company has promoted scientific knowledge, culture and technology among generations of readers across the Arab world.

Through its pavilion at the KFAS section of the Oman Science Festival 2026, one of the Sultanate's leading scientific events, the company is showcasing a selection of its major publications and its scientific and cultural legacy.

The company focuses on translating, publishing and distributing high-quality Arabic language books and scientific literature to make knowledge more accessible to Arab readers.

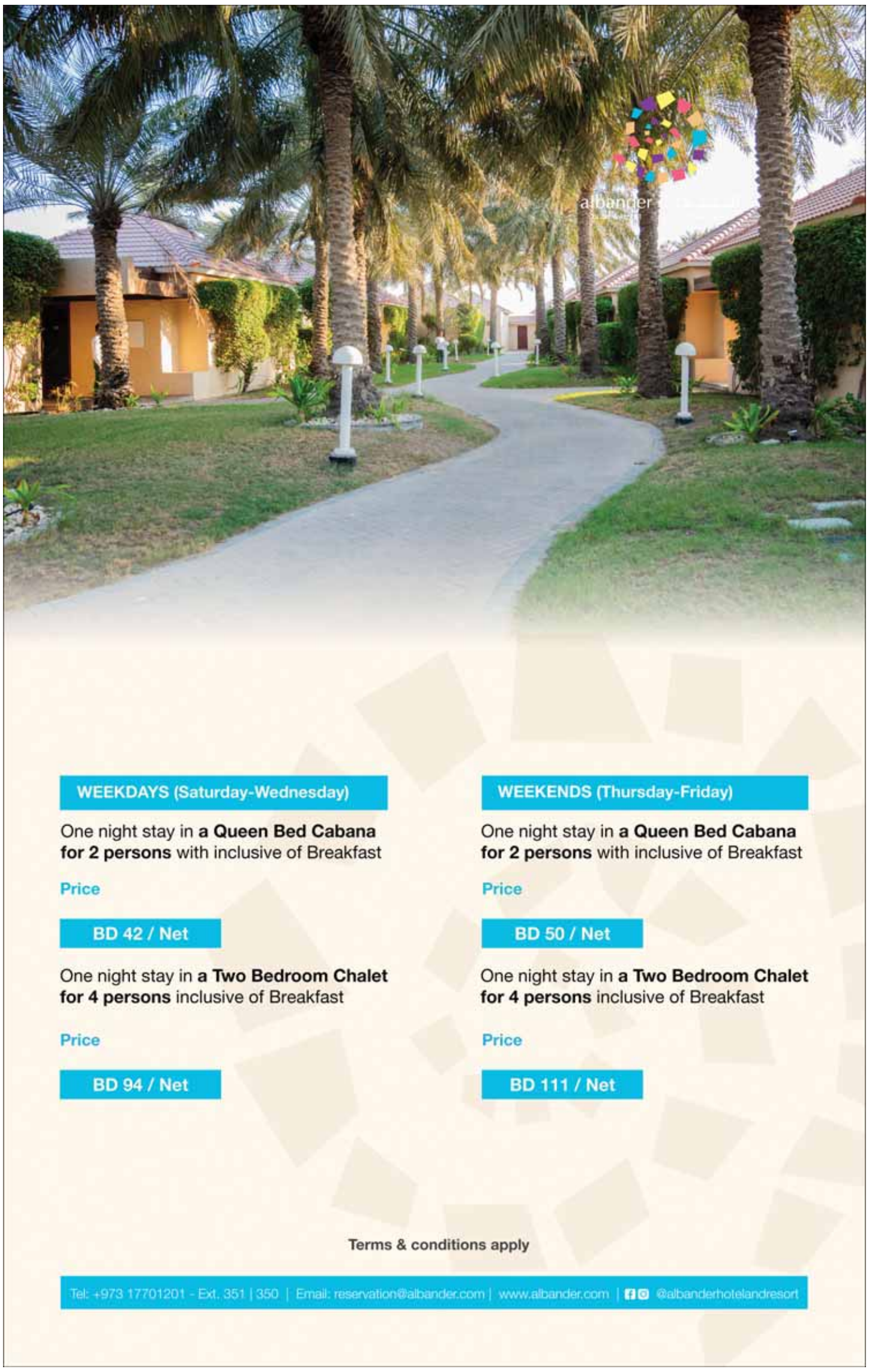
The pavilion allows visitors to explore KFAS' encyclopedias covering space, Earth, animals and other scientific subjects, alongside scientific magazines catering to researchers, scientists and readers of different ages.

These publications include the Arabic edition of the renowned Scientific American magazine, known as "Al-Oloom," and the magazine "How It Works."






KUNA photos
A glimpse of the publications of the ASPDC and its encyclopedias in Arabic.




A friendly conversation between Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali and the Qatari and Bahraini ambassadors.


Sheikh Ali Al-Jaber and the Omani and Iraqi Ambassadors


Saudi Ambassador Prince Sultan bin Saad, Abdullah Al-Yahya, and Ambassador Ali Al-Mahmoud


Saud Al-Babtain, Editor-in-Chief Ahmed Al-Jarallah, and the Qatari Ambassador

Qatar Ambassador welcomes guests at embassy's diwaniya

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Ambassador of Qatar to Kuwait Ali Al-Mahmoud warmly welcomed guests to the Qatari Embassy Diwaniya, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Several sheikhs, ambassadors, members of the diplomatic community and public figures attended the event.

Ambassador Al-Mahmoud welcomed his guests in a cordial and inviting atmosphere.

Participants engaged in discussions on a variety of topics of mutual interest, reflecting the traditions of the Gulf diwaniya—a cherished venue for interaction that nurtures bonds of affection and closeness among friends.


Sheikh Khaled Al-Abdullah and the ambassadors of Qatar, the UAE, and Lebanon


Sheikh Dr. Meshaal Abdullah Al-Jaber, Sheikh Fahad Jaber Al-Ali, and Majid Al-Ajeel


The American Chargé d'Affaires and the Syrian Chargé d'Affaires


Sheikh Ali Abdulaziz Al-Sabah, the Qatari Ambassador, and Sheikh Khalid Badr Al-Mohammed


Editor-in-Chief Ahmed Al-Jarallah, the ambassadors of Qatar, the European Union, Indonesia, Greece, and Turkey, along with Al-Babtain, Al-Ajeel, Ahmed Al-Azemi, and Bassam Al-Qassas.


Photos by Rezq Tawfiq
Ambassadors of Palestine, Qatar, Tunisia, Morocco, and Canada

Deadly Datura puts Kuwait's health and environment agencies on alert

By Zahraa Al-Kathmi

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9, (KUNA): Authorities in Kuwait are intensifying public awareness efforts about Datura, an invasive poisonous plant recorded among the country's flora, following reports of its spread across several locations.

Datura belongs to the nightshade family and typically grows during spring and summer, with flowering sometimes extending into early autumn depending on temperature and humidity.

It features large, trumpet-shaped white or purple flowers that open at night, pungent-smelling leaves and spherical, spiny green fruits containing numerous seeds.

All parts of the plant contain toxic alkaloids, particularly tropane compounds such as atropine, hyoscyamine and scopolamine. Ingestion can cause severe poisoning, including dry mouth, dilated pupils, rapid heartbeat, confusion, delirium and hallucinations. Serious cases may lead to seizures, coma or death.


KUNA photo
The invasive poisonous plant Datura.

Speaking to KUNA, Head of Kuwait Poison Control Center at Amiri Hospital Dr. Abdulatif Al-Oumi said various plants in Kuwait contained naturally occurring toxins, including ornamental species and plants growing in open areas.

He explained that risks depended on the species, the part involved and the type of exposure. While some plants cause mild symptoms, ingesting others can result in severe poisoning requiring medical treatment.

Datura can grow and reproduce naturally, and its presence does not necessarily indicate deliberate cultivation, he said, stressing that the main danger arises from unsafe handling or consumption.

Al-Oumi revealed that the center had recently handled severe poisoning cases involving toxic plants, including Datura, which required hospitalization. He highlighted the importance of awareness, particularly among families with children.

The center had received reports of Datura growing in residential neighborhoods and public areas, prompting coordination with relevant authorities to identify affected locations, raise awareness and arrange its removal.

A coordination meeting was also held with the Environment Public Authority (EPA) to discuss poisonous plants and establish mechanisms for reporting, identification, risk assessment and appropriate action.

Al-Oumi said the cooperation aimed to strengthen coordination between health and environmental authorities and reduce exposure to toxic substances.

Anyone suspected of ingesting a poisonous plant should seek immediate medical attention and avoid inducing vomiting or using home remedies, he advised. Keeping a clear photograph of the plant can help specialists identify it.

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Gulf states

markets by creating an overland commercial corridor. The land route could be a vital alternative to volatile maritime chokepoints, particularly the Strait of Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb. It will resolve severe economic crises and operational hurdles that the regional states usually encounter when importing essential goods and exporting petroleum.

These initiatives could fully benefit from private sector partnerships through the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) system, rather than relying on the government. This step could generate jobs, revitalize trade, and reinforce social and economic stability.

Numerous successful precedents proved that Gulf states could achieve major infrastructure goals through public-private partnerships like BOT, without putting financial burdens on their national treasuries.

The recent crisis, made worse by the war, laid bare the underlying structural vulnerabilities of economies heavily dependent on oil. Unfortunately, the earlier strategies deepened this reliance, even if framed as efforts to diversify revenue streams. As a result, the latest crisis, earlier regional turmoil and global financial crisis did not provide a lasting lesson, considering the administrations continued with conventional approaches. Failure to absorb these lessons could transform any disruption into an insurmountable challenge.

Thus, since the Gulf nations are pushing for the implementation of the Gulf railway project, a crucial window of opportunity opened to overcome past setbacks, proving that it is indeed "better late than never."

Kuwait on

The leaders underscored the importance of enhancing preventive and proactive readiness, reflecting state institutions' commitment to safeguarding the country's security and stability and ensuring the safety of citizens and residents.

On Monday, Chief of the General Staff of the Kuwaiti Army Lt. Gen. Khaled Al-Shuraian met with Head of the Saudi Armed Forces Operations Authority Maj. Gen. Musfer bin Suwailim Al-Ghanim to discuss issues of mutual interest.

The General Staff said in a statement that the meeting addressed military cooperation between the two countries and ways to strengthen and develop it in the interest of both sides.

Several senior military commanders and officers from both countries attended the meeting.

Elsewhere, Saudi Civil Defense on Monday issued an early warning in Riyadh, urging residents to remain calm and follow safety instructions and official guidance.

In a statement, it advised residents to seek immediate shelter inside a safe building or interior room, away from windows and glass, and remain there until the danger had passed. It also urged them to avoid leaving buildings, exposed areas, balconies and rooftops.

The authority urged anyone noticing a potential danger to call emergency number (998) and follow instructions issued through official channels.

Later, Civil Defense announced that the danger in Riyadh had passed, urging residents to continue following safety instructions and avoid gatherings and filming the incident. It advised calling emergency number (911) in case of an emergency.

AI powers

She said such transformation is a holistic organizational change connected to management effectiveness, decision-making quality, efficient resource allocation, and an organization's ability to adapt to rapid changes and emerging demands.

Chairman of the Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) Association Sheikh Mohammad Al-Sabah pointed out that "we are experiencing a transformative era, in which technology evolved from being a tool for service development to the pillar of a nation's strength, economic competitiveness and future."

He asserted that creating a 'smart nation' necessitates moving from fragmented digital efforts to a cohesive national ecosystem—integrating artificial intelligence, digital identity, cloud computing, and the Internet of Things (IoT) to provide services that are more intelligent, secure and efficient

He indicated that the recent tensions in the region, particularly those involving Iran and the attacks on vital infrastructure, highlighted the heightened sensitivity surrounding information related to infrastructure and strategic locations. He warned that publicly available data could be misused in ways which jeopardize national security if integrated with other information sources.

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The campaign aimed to apprehend wanted individuals and law violators while reinforcing security presence. It resulted in the arrest of 112 individuals reported as absconding, 11 individuals wanted in criminal cases, 48 residency law violators, and 14 undocumented/marginal workers.

In addition, security personnel impounded nine vehicles subject to judicial seizure orders and apprehended six individuals with outstanding financial debts totaling KD 144,065. Three others were arrested on charges involving theft, breach of trust, and possession of narcotics for personal use.

Furthermore, five individuals were arrested for narcotics possession, two for failing to carry identification documents, and another two for engaging in gambling.

The Environmental Police Department issued 19 environmental citations, while the Kuwait Municipality removed 198 vehicles.

A number of traffic violations were also recorded, and several individuals and motorcycles were detained in accordance with established legal procedures.

The ministry affirmed that the campaign forms part of its ongoing security efforts to strengthen its presence, pursue wanted individuals and law violators, and address unlawful practices.

It added that the necessary legal measures had been taken against those involved.

Police flag

unsafe websites and applications.

He pointed out that fraudulent tactics shift over time and vary on online platforms, as scammers often use deceptive advertisements to lure victims and steal their money. He said the most common form of online fraud is through bookings for travel, hotels and holiday chalets, particularly during weekends and holidays. "In such instances, individuals searching for accommodation or tourist destinations may fall prey to fraudulent websites that impersonate well-known tourism entities or establishments, leading them to transfer funds before realizing they have been scammed. Fraudulent schemes are not limited to bookings, as they extend to buying and selling activities on social media platforms. In these cases, scammers offer non-existent goods or products and request payment, leaving the buyer to eventually discover that they have fallen victim to a scam," he added.

He also pointed out that vehicle sale advertisements are another tactic used by scammers who list cars at prices unrealistically lower than the market rate. "This is designed to entice buyers into paying a deposit to reserve the vehicle, only for them to realize later that the advertisement is fake and that they have been defrauded.

He emphasized the importance of dealing only with authorized dealerships, companies and entities and verifying any advertisement before making payments, especially in transactions involving parties outside the country.

He stressed the importance of never sharing banking details, card numbers or security verification codes with dubious individuals or entities. He also warned against entering such information into unknown links or websites. He asserted that exercising caution when using digital applications and software, as well as monitoring children's use of smart devices, mitigate the risks of falling victim to scams, account theft, financial loss or the compromise of social media accounts.

He urged the public to verify websites and the entities they interact with and to avoid being swayed by unrealistic offers or suspiciously low prices. He underscored the necessity of immediately reporting attempted fraud or cybercrime by contacting the Cybercrime Department hotline number 97283939.

He affirmed that the Security Relations and Media General Department continues to fulfill its awareness-raising role through campaigns and media messages aimed at raising security awareness among members of the community and promoting the safe use of technology.

He added that the Security Media Department and other relevant authorities continue to receive inquiries and reports and are ready to provide guidance.

Court trims

in an attempt to mislead authorities into thinking the victim took her own life.

The lower court sentenced the defendant to 15 years in prison, but the Court of Appeals redefined the crime as "assault leading to death" and reduced the prison sentence to 10 years.

Kuwait braces

degrees Celsius, with similar wind and sea conditions and a chance of scattered thunderstorms.

On Wednesday, temperatures are forecast to reach 21-23 degrees Celsius during the day and fall to 13-15 degrees at night, with partly to mostly cloudy skies and a chance of scattered rain.

Thursday is expected to remain moderate and partly cloudy, with daytime temperatures of 23-25 degrees Celsius and nighttime lows of 13-15 degrees. Winds will be northwesterly at 10-35 kilometers per hour, while sea waves are expected to reach two to five feet during the day and two to four feet at night.

Rubio offers robust defense of more than eight-month-old war

Trump plans to meet Qatar's PM as key mediator pushes new proposals in talks with Iran

WASHINGTON, Nov 9, (AP): US President Donald Trump plans to meet Qatar's prime minister on Monday as the key mediator pushes new proposals in talks with Iran.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Sunday that Trump launched the war against Iran even if it was not "necessarily popular" to safeguard the world from the country's nuclear ambitions.

He would not comment directly about the Republican wipeout in Tuesday's elections, which delivered a resounding rebuke to Trump. The unpopularity of the Iran war and its impact on gasoline prices and other parts of the economy helped Democrats seize control of Congress.

Asked about Vice President JD Vance's social media post last week that largely blamed the war for the Republican losses, Rubio told reporters that Trump "identified a very real threat" in Iran and worked to stop the Islamic Republic from pursuing a nuclear weapon.

"He addressed it even though oftentimes the right thing to do for the country - confronting difficult challenges for the security of our country - doing it isn't necessarily popular, but necessary," Rubio said in Florida before heading to a Group of 7 foreign ministers meeting in Paris.

America's top diplomat offered a robust defense of the more than eight-month-old war even as voters blamed Trump's policies for the hit to their pocketbooks, including higher energy prices that stemmed from disruptions to shipments in the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial waterway where one-fifth of the world's oil transited before the war.

Rubio's comments also put him at odds with Vance amid speculation of both of their 2028 presidential ambitions. Trump told reporters Sunday that Vance was right - other than that his vice president should have also insisted it was the correct choice to go to war.

"I can tell you if I had it to do again, this historically - for history - will go down as one of the best things we ever did," Trump said. "Because if they ever had a nuclear weapon, they would blow up the world."



US President Donald Trump speaks in the Oval Office of the White House on Sept 30, in Washington. (AP)

Iran has long maintained that its nuclear program is peaceful. According to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Iran has 440.9 kilograms (972 pounds) of uranium that is enriched up to 60% purity, a short, technical step from weapons-grade levels of 90%.

With no clear administration strategy to wind down the conflict and the Middle East on edge over the possibility of a return to major hostilities, mediators are trying to revive talks between the sides.

Rubio said, "I wouldn't say we're at the verge of a breakthrough."

He reiterated that Trump prefers a diplomatic solution, but "right now, it hasn't been very productive because the Iranian demands are simply not just unacceptable, but in some cases outrageous and ridiculous and really not realistic."

The Associated Press has reported that Iran was reviewing proposals presented by chief mediator Qatar aimed at addressing differences with the United States about Tehran's nuclear program. But Iran was seen as unwilling to negotiate with the Trump administration over their atomic activities until the US agrees to several core conditions that Tehran has been demanding be part of any ceasefire agreement, officials have said.

Those include ending the US blockade on Iran's ports, lifting sanctions, unfreezing its assets, issuing compensation for war damage and ending hostilities throughout the region, including Israeli operations in Lebanon.

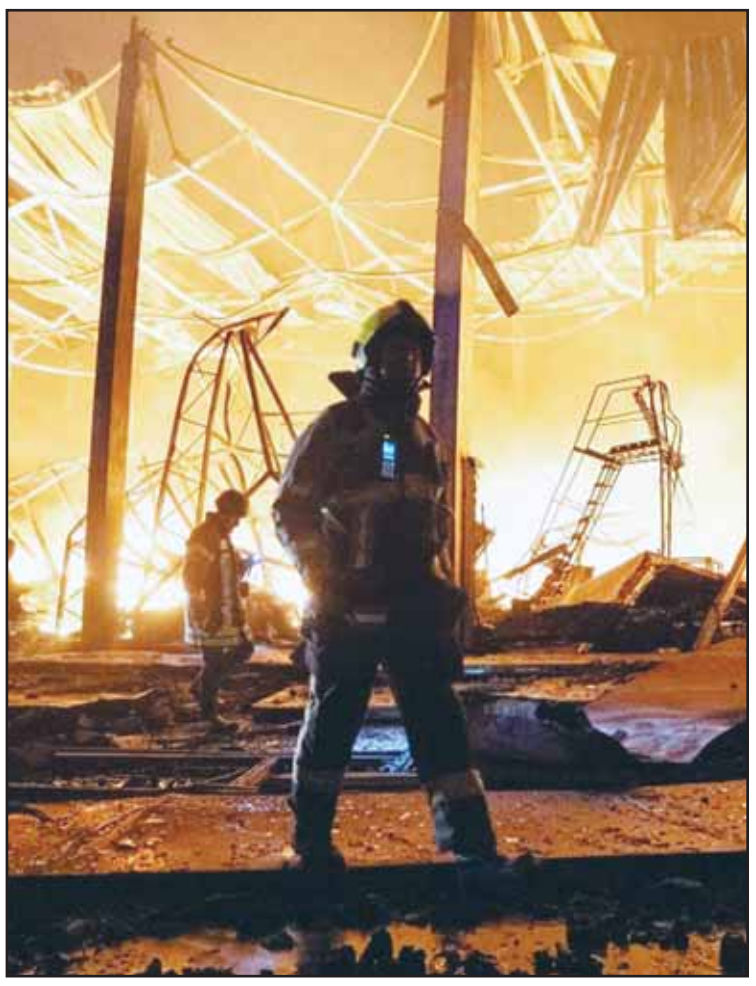
While Rubio said there was no diplomatic breakthrough at hand, Trump told CNN in a phone interview Sunday that as long as the U.S. sees progress in negotiations with Tehran and they sign a "strong agreement," it's "highly unlikely it's going to be necessary" to resume strikes.

Trump said, however, that the US had identified infrastructure targets, including 38 bridges, that it would strike if military action resumes.

The US military, meanwhile, still has carried out limited strikes on Iran, including against its air defenses, at least twice over the past week. It also fired on and disabled a commercial ship Saturday that the U.S. says was trying to breach its naval blockade on Iranian ports.

Rubio acknowledged that the US will take defensive actions if needed.

"If there's a clear and present threat to shipping or to our forces in the region, we have a right to defend ourselves," Rubio said.



Firefighters walk at the site of a destroyed warehouse after a Russian drone attack in Sofiivska Borshchahivka, on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine on Nov 5. (AP)

US-led peace talks for Russia, Ukraine to look at security guarantees for both sides

MOSCOW, Nov 9, (AP): For the first time since February, Russian, Ukrainian and US negotiators are scheduled to hold talks on ending the full-scale war that is nearing the five-year mark, with security guarantees topping the agenda.

The two-day session starting Tuesday in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, follows previous rounds of negotiations early this year that failed to produce any visible progress toward ending Europe's most devastating conflict since World War II.

The negotiations follow last month's localized truce around the Russian-occupied city of Oleshky in southern Ukraine that was brokered with the help of U.S. first lady Melania Trump and allowed the evacuation of some of its residents and the delivery of desperately needed humanitarian supplies.

But even as Moscow and Kyiv touted the weeklong ceasefire as a positive model, fierce fighting has continued along the 1,200-kilometer (about 750-mile) front line. Both sides also have escalated their long-range attacks on each other with drones and missiles.

A look at the talks and what's on the agenda:

Russia and Ukraine remain far apart on key elements of any prospective peace deal.

Russian President Vladimir Putin wants Ukraine to pull its troops back from the four regions that Moscow illegally annexed early in the war but never fully captured. He also demands that Ukraine abandon its bid to join NATO, accept strict limits on its military and drop restrictions on the Russian language and the Moscow-affiliated Orthodox Church in Ukraine.

Putin wants a comprehensive peace deal on those conditions and won't agree to a general halt in hostilities, arguing that such a pause would only allow Ukrainian troops to rest and replenish their weapons stockpiles.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy rejects Putin's demands to voluntarily cede Ukrainian territory Russia has not been able to take on the battlefield and agree to limits on the military and arrangements with Western partners, which it sees as essential security guarantees to stop Russia invading again in the future.

Ukraine argues that an immediate ceasefire is the first step toward negotiating a wider settlement and says a direct meeting between Putin and Zelenskyy is the only way territorial issues can be settled.

Russia and Ukraine said the Abu Dhabi talks will focus on security guarantees.

Zelenskyy noted that Ukraine and its allies have discussed security guarantees similar to NATO's Article 5, which states the alliance sees an attack on one of its members as an attack against all.

In an interview broadcast Nov. 5, he said Ukraine's security guarantees boil down to what Western allies would do if Russia launches a new invasion of his country.

"If Russia starts again, what will happen," Zelenskyy asked. "Who will do what, with what means, and when?"

Some European nations have mulled a possible deployment of their troops to Ukraine after a prospective peace deal. Russia rejects that as a nonstarter, warning it would view any European troops on Ukrainian soil as legitimate targets.

The Kremlin insists that any prospective deal should offer security guarantees for Russia as well. Just before Moscow launched the all-out invasion in 2022, it demanded that NATO roll back its deployments of troops and weapons from the alliance's members in Central and Eastern Europe, seeing their presence as a security threat. Similar demands will likely be part of any comprehensive peace deal put forth by Russia.

U.S. President Donald Trump said after meeting Putin's envoy Kirill Dmitriev at the White House on Nov. 4 that some kind of grand deal about European security was in the works, although he did not elaborate.

"It's going to be a big agreement and it's going to involve more than Ukraine," Trump said, adding that it might include all of Europe.

Ukraine insists its European allies must have a seat at the negotiating table, while Russia opposes any such involvement at this stage.

"No one is going to invite them to the negotiating table," Kremlin foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov snapped when asked if European envoys could join the Abu Dhabi talks. He added that if they fly there, they won't be allowed into the room.

Pope calls for national unity in 1st address in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Nov 9, (AP): Pope Leo XIV delivered a diplomatic but subtly strong critique of Argentine President Javier Milei's austerity measures and libertarian agenda as he arrived Sunday in Argentina, insisting that political leaders must put people, not the economy, first.

Leo used his first public speech in Argentina to lay out a vision of governance, democracy and society sharply at odds with Milei's, exposing differences over spending cuts, social justice and artificial intelligence that the government had sought to play down ahead of the visit.

"The economy must serve the person, not the person the economy," Leo told officials, diplomats and civic leaders upon his arrival in Buenos Aires from Uruguay.

Leo's visit to Argentina is by far the most politically delicate of his three-nation South American tour, and a place where Leo will also confront the complicated legacy of Argentine Pope Francis, who never returned home during his 12-year pontificate.

Milei, a self-described anarcho-capitalist, has staked his presidency on slashing public spending to tame inflation, while describing the notion of social justice as "a horror," a "moral aberration" and "theft" in recent speeches.

Much like its allies in the Trump administration, Milei's government has portrayed the cuts as part of a necessary reform process to remake Argentina's troubled economy and eliminate fraud and waste in the federal bureaucracy.

Ahead of Leo's arrival in Argentina, the first by a pope in nearly 40 years, Milei's officials had dismissed the prospect of a political clash.

"There's no way the pope is coming here to comment on local politics," Human Capital Minister Sandra Pettovello said in an interview with a Buenos Aires radio station last week. In a message welcoming Leo, Milei said he hoped the trip would "strengthen the faith, renew hope and bring a message of peace to all Argentines."

Leo took up that message of peace, opening with a call for gentler politics in deeply polarized Argentina. Democracy depends on "careful use of words" and "the ability to see those who think differently as fellow citizens with whom we share a common future," he said.

Milei's style is far more combative, costing him allies in Congress and public support. He posts dozens of times a day on social media, branding critics "traitors" and "human trash" and tagging posts #NOLSALP, a Spanish acronym for "We don't hate journalists enough."

Milei, who once called Francis the "representative of evil on Earth," paid homage to the late pope in welcoming Leo on Sunday.



Pope Leo XIV delivers his speech as he meets authorities, civil society and the diplomatic corps at Palacio Libertad in Buenos Aires, on the third day of his twelve-day apostolic journey to South America on Nov 8. (AP)

Asia

Cambodia fights anti-trafficking: Cambodia has reaffirmed its firm commitment to eradicating all forms of human trafficking through the strict enforcement of legal measures against trafficking and exploitation, the country's National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT) said on Monday.

In a statement, the NCCT noted that the Southeast Asian nation has actively implemented the Palermo Protocol as its foundational framework for investigating crimes, identifying victims, and bringing suspects to justice. (Xinhua)

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French president to visit Cambodia: French President Emmanuel Macron will pay a state visit to Cambodia from Nov.14 to 16, following an invitation from Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni, Cambodia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation announced on Monday.

The visit will coincide with Macron's participation in the 20th Francophonie Summit in Phnom Penh. (Xinhua)

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Earthquake hits Japan: An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.0 jolted Near East Coast of Honshu, Japan at 2016 GMT on Sunday, the GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 10 km, was initially determined to be at 38.23 degrees north latitude and 142.01 degrees east longitude. (Xinhua)

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Ishiba, 3 others get LDP warnings: Former Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and three other ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) lawmakers received warnings from the LDP for walking out before a vote on a bill related to food consumption tax cuts, the Asahi Shimbun reported Monday.

It is the first time a former Japanese prime minister has faced such disciplinary action, the newspaper said. (Xinhua)

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Slovakia's FM to visit China: Slovakia's Minister of Foreign and European Affairs Juraj Blanar will visit China from Nov. 10 to 11, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson announced on Monday.

According to the spokesperson, Blanar's visit is at the invitation of Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee. (Xinhua)

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3 killed in NZ vehicle crash: Three people were killed after a vehicle veered off the road and crashed into a building in Takanini, south of Auckland, New Zealand, police said on Monday.

Emergency services were called to Great South Road at 10:15 p.m. local time on Sunday after the vehicle left the road and struck a building, police said in a statement. (Xinhua)



Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reviews an honor guard during a welcome ceremony at the government house in Bangkok, Thailand on April 26, 2024. (AP)

Bangladesh's ex-PM Hasina appeals for new passport to return from exile

DHAKA, Bangladesh, Nov 9, (AP): Former Bangladeshi prime minister Sheikh Hasina requested a new passport Monday to facilitate her return from exile two years after she was ousted in a mass uprising.

The government has been seeking her extradition from India and earlier dismissed suggestions she needed new identification documents to return home.

Hasina says she wants to return to Bangladesh in December at any cost, despite being sentenced to death over her government's deadly crackdown on protesters. "If death is my destiny, I would rather die on the soil of my own country, among my own people," she told The Associated Press last week.

In a letter seen by The Associated Press that was emailed to Bangladesh's diplomatic mission in New Delhi, Hasina's counsel urged the top diplomat to take necessary action to provide her a passport and national identity card.

The letter, sent by London-based law firm Matrix Chambers, asked the mission for the application to be processed "expeditiously" on the basis of Hasina's Bangladeshi nationality and in accordance with "obligations arising under international human rights instruments."

"This is a significant step toward her homecoming. Having had her documents revoked by the previous regime, Her Excellency looks forward to reclaiming her fundamental rights as a Bangladeshi citizen and receiving the necessary documents," Abu Obaidha Arin, an aide to Hasina, told the AP.

"She is determined to return to Bangladesh by December, and she will undoubtedly return home," he said.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said the foreign and law ministries were looking into the matter, including whether there was any legal basis for the applications and whether Hasina was legally entitled to apply for the documents, the Dhaka-based English-language New Age daily reported.

On Thursday, Junior Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir said Bangladesh wants Hasina to be handed over under an extradition treaty with India. India has declined to hand her over.

"We want Hasina to be handed over. She will be handed over. She is a terrorist. She is a fugitive. There is an active extradition treaty between Bangladesh and India," he told reporters in Dhaka.

Bangladesh's military sent Hasina to India after student-led protests forced her from power on Aug. 5, 2024. A special tribunal in 2025 sentenced her to death for crimes against humanity, ruling that she was responsible for ordering the crackdown, which left hundreds of people dead and thousands of others injured.

The United Nations has said nearly 1,400 people were killed. Hasina denies any wrongdoing. She also has rejected the tribunal's verdict and challenged the legitimacy of the trial.

An interim government, headed by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus, led Bangladesh after Hasina's ouster and held an election in February that Hasina's Awami League party was barred from contesting.

Tarique Rahman, the son of a longtime archrival of Hasina, came to power in a landslide.

Business

Dana Gas halts Khor Mor output after attack

IRBIL, Nov 9, (KUNA): UAE-based Dana Gas announced on Monday that production at the Khor Mor gas field in Iraq's Kurdistan Region had been suspended following a drone attack late Sunday.

In a statement, the company said specialized teams had begun a comprehensive assessment of the damage, confirming that no casualties or injuries were reported.

The attack prompted the Kurdistan Regional Government's Ministries of Natural Resources and Electricity to issue a joint statement, announcing measures to minimize its impact on electricity supply to residents.

Showcasing the power of creativity as economic driver

Zain brings its creative legacy and young talent together at the Creativity Festival



Waleed Al-Khashti delivers Zain's opening remarks.



Zain shared its expertise in public relations and supporting the creative economy.



Zain's youth brought their creative energy to the festival.



The company highlighted its role in shaping the region's arts and advertising landscape.

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Zain Kuwait concluded its successful participation in the inaugural Creativity Festival, held over three days at the Museum of Modern Art. The company delivered a dynamic program of panel discussions, specialized sessions, and interactive activities, sharing its extensive expertise in creativity, branding, and advertising while providing young talents with valuable opportunities to showcase their capabilities and connect with leading creatives and content creators.

Zain's participation as a main supporter of the festival reflected its continued commitment to supporting Kuwait's creative industries, strengthening connections between local talent and the business community, while opening new opportunities for artists, designers, and content creators to transform their ideas and passions into meaningful opportunities for growth and development. These efforts contribute to positioning the creative economy as an increasingly important driver of economic development.

During the festival's opening ceremony, Zain Kuwait's Chief Corporate Affairs and Relations Officer, Waleed Al-Khashti, delivered a speech highlighting the central role creativity has played throughout Zain's journey and in shaping its identity. He emphasized how creativity has helped the brand build meaningful emotional connections that extend beyond products and services, making Zain an integral part of people's lives and memories.

Al-Khashti said: " Creativity has always been at the heart of Zain's identity and its relationship with the community.

■ Zain's youth led a complete creative experience, from content creation to hosting conversations with the event's inspiring guests

From our Ramadan and National Day commercials, which were among the first of their kind in Kuwait and the region, to our beloved theatrical productions that have entertained generations of children and families for more than 15 years, we have always sought to create memorable experiences that resonate with audiences. These productions have not only left a lasting impression but also inspired others to push creative boundaries and explore new ideas, something we take great pride in."

He added: "The fact that Zain's brand value exceeded USD 4 billion this year is no coincidence. It reflects a long journey of investing in creativity and innovation to build a brand that remains close to people's hearts. This year, we witnessed how Zain's theatrical productions expanded beyond Kuwait to Riyadh, achieving remarkable success and an overwhelmingly positive response from audiences in the Kingdom. This demonstrates the tremendous potential of Kuwaiti creativity to reach audiences around the world when given the right opportunities and support. This is why we take great pride in supporting the Creativity Festival and believe so strongly in creating platforms that discover talent, celebrate new ideas, and help aspiring creatives leave a lasting impact."

As part of the festival's program, Zain participated in a panel discussion exploring the growing role of public relations in driving the creative economy and the importance of partnerships between the private sector and local talent in developing creative industries.

During the discussion, Zain shared its experience in championing PR creativity and fostering innovation through its longstanding initiatives and programs across the arts, content creation, entertainment, and youth empowerment. The discussion also highlighted the company's role in providing opportunities and platforms that enable creatives to develop their capabilities and transform their ideas into meaningful projects and experiences.

The festival also featured two specialized sessions delivered by Zain's Group's Branding and Advertising team. The first explored the strength and vibrancy of the Zain brand, highlighting the factors that have contributed to its strong positioning and distinctive presence across the Group's markets. The second showcased Zain's rich advertising legacy and its journey of producing innovative creative campaigns that have left a lasting impression on audiences and helped shape the region's advertising landscape.

Youth from Zain's FUN program also made a strong impression throughout the festival, taking full responsibility for managing the Zain Studio podcast experience at the event. The young talents hosted a diverse lineup of inspiring creatives from different fields, engaging them in conversations about their experiences, success stories, and perspectives on creativity and content creation. Their efforts delivered a complete media experience that showcased their talents and capabilities in content production and hosting engaging discussions.

Their participation extended to an interactive workshop introducing the fundamentals of content creation, where they shared their knowledge and practical skills with attendees. The youngsters also joined a panel discussion reflecting on their experiences with the FUN program and how it has empowered them to discover their talents, express their ideas and passions, and develop their creative capabilities in an environment that encourages experimentation, learning, and innovation.

This strong youth presence embodied one of Zain's key objectives for participating in the festival: moving beyond supporting creativity to empowering young people to practice it and lead creative experiences themselves. It reflects the company's belief that meaningful investment in talent begins with creating opportunities for young people to express their abilities, gain practical experience, and engage with industry professionals and accomplished creatives across different fields.

The inaugural Creativity Festival brought together a diverse community of local talents, artists, designers, and content creators alongside companies, institutions, and leading brands. The event provided a platform for exchanging knowledge and expertise, building professional connections, and exploring new opportunities for collaboration and partnership, contributing to the development of Kuwait's creative industries and strengthening the visibility of local talent.

Growth up 19.4%

Al Mutajara Real Estate posts KD 6.55 million net profit in Q3



Abdulfatah M. R. Marafie
Chairman and CEO

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Mr. Abdulfatah M. R. Marafie, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Al Mutajara Real Estate Company K.S.C.C. (a subsidiary company owned 79.2% by The Commercial Real Estate Company – Al Tijaria), stated that the company's business results for the financial period ended 30 September 2026 resulted in achieving net profits amounting to KD 6,554,051 (Six million five hundred fifty four thousand fifty one Kuwaiti Dinars), reflecting an increase of 19.4% compared to the same period of the previous year.

According to the financial results as of 30 September 2026, Marafie stated that the achieved results reflect growth in the operational performance and notable growth in investment revenues, supported by the continued implementation of the company's strategy aimed at maintaining a diversified real estate and investment portfolio while enhancing operational efficiency. Regarding the financial indicators, the company witnessed notable improvement, as the growth in return on equity, return on assets, and return on the company's capital reached 15.8%, 24.7%, and 19.4% respectively, compared to the same period last year.

Mr. Marafie added that the Company continues to develop the institutional foundations that support long-term business growth, by embedding governance and transparency practices and enhancing competencies and systems according to a balanced strategy based on diversifying its real estate investments in terms of size, nature, and geographical distribution, thereby balancing risks and returns while enhancing its financial sustainability.

The company also continues to implement its development plans across its real estate projects, most notably the expansion project of Al Rihab Complex, which aims to develop the complex's facilities and services through the addition of new leasable spaces, contributing to enhancing the experience of visitors and tenants while supporting the complex's position as an integrated commercial destination, in line with the company's future vision to develop its real estate assets and achieve sustainable long-term growth.

In conclusion, Mr. Abdulfatah M.R. Marafie prayed to Almighty God to protect Kuwait and its people from all harm and to bless Kuwait with lasting peace, safety, and stability under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah; His Highness the Crown Prince, Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah; and His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait, may God preserve and protect them. He also expressed his deepest gratitude and appreciation to all shareholders, Board Members, and employees for their continuous support and dedicated efforts. He emphasized that Al Mutajara Real Estate Company will continue working towards strengthening its financial position and achieving its strategic objectives in a manner that delivers sustainable added value to shareholders.

Under patronage of NCCAL, with international & local experts

KIB hosts 'The Value of Memory' event to explore the role of real estate valuation in preserving historic buildings and revitalizing architectural heritage





Jawad Bukhamseen is pictured alongside senior representatives from KIB, the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, Kuwait University, and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) during the event.

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Kuwait International Bank (KIB), in collaboration with the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL), hosted a special event titled "The Value of Memory: Real Estate Valuation of Historic Buildings" at the Amricani Cultural Centre. The event brought together KIB Vice Chairman and CEO Raed Jawad Bukhamseen, Secretary-General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Dr. Mohammed Khaled Al-Jassar, Dr. Hassan Ashkanani, Professor of Anthropology, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage at Kuwait University, and a representative of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). Also in attendance were senior KIB executives, officials, experts, and specialists in heritage preservation, real estate, and investment.

The event highlighted the importance of developing specialized approaches to valuing historic buildings that consider their cultural and historical significance alongside their economic value. Such approaches support informed decisions on preservation and restoration while striking a balance between protecting architectural identity and national heritage and ensuring economic sustainability.

Bukhamseen: KIB's real estate expertise is key to developing sustainable practices that preserve Kuwait's architectural heritage

Commenting on the occasion, KIB Vice Chairman and CEO Raed Jawad Bukhamseen stated that the Bank's extensive real estate expertise serves as a key foundation for advancing professional practices in Kuwait's real estate sector and strengthening its ability to meet sustainable development requirements while preserving the country's architectural and historical heritage.

He added that KIB continues to leverage its longstanding expertise in the real estate sector, alongside its investments in technology and digital solutions and partnerships with professional and academic institutions, to help advance real estate valuation standards, enhance transparency, and support informed investment decisions based on sound professional practices. Bukhamseen said: "The value of a city is measured not only by the new buildings it constructs, but also by its ability to preserve its historic landmarks and draw on its architectural heritage to shape its future. Since its establishment in 1973 as Kuwait Real Estate Bank, KIB has acquired extensive expertise in real estate financing and valuation, property management, consultancy, and feasibility studies. We view this legacy as a professional responsibility and a foundation upon which we can contribute to the development of Kuwait's real estate sector."

Bukhamseen: KIB's extensive real estate expertise is a key pillar in developing sustainable solutions that support the future of the real estate sector.

He explained that valuing historic buildings requires consideration of their historical, cultural, and architectural significance alongside their economic value to support informed decisions on preservation and restoration. He emphasized that preserving architectural heritage and achieving economic viability are not conflicting objectives, but can be pursued together through accurate professional valuation, specialized expertise, and international best practices. This approach helps safeguard Kuwait's architectural heritage and preserve its value for future generations.

Collaboration with KIB strengthens national efforts to preserve architectural heritage

From his side, Secretary-General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Dr. Mohammed Khaled Al-Jassar expressed his pride in the strategic collaboration with KIB in organizing this specialized event, which highlighted the importance of historic buildings as an integral part of Kuwait's national identity and cultural memory. The event also explored ways to develop real estate valuation approaches that take into account the historical and cultural significance of these buildings alongside their economic value. He emphasized that this collaboration underscored the importance of coordinated efforts among national institutions, the banking sector, and academic and professional organizations. He added that partnerships with institutions possessing specialized expertise, such as KIB, facilitate knowledge and expertise sharing and broaden discussions on best practices in heritage asset valuation. Such efforts help strike a balance between preserving cultural heritage and leveraging its potential to support economic and creative development.

Specialized sessions explore architectural heritage, the creative economy, and international standards

The event featured opening remarks, specialized presentations, and an in-depth panel discussion. The program began with the national anthem, followed by remarks from Marwa Marafie, Manager of the Corporate Communications Department at KIB, and Dr. Mohammed Khaled Al-Jassar.

Meanwhile, Dr. Hassan Ashkanani of Kuwait University presented a paper on historic buildings in Kuwait, highlighting the historical and aesthetic significance of the country's architectural heritage. For his part, Eng. Jaber Al-Qallaf of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters delivered a presentation on creative economy projects.

Eng. Fahad Al-Saleh, Executive Manager of Real Estate Advisory and Digital Solutions at KIB's Real Estate Department, also gave a presentation highlighting the Bank's expertise and digital solutions, while Verity Ramsden, MRICS, IHBC, Heritage Viability Specialist, representing the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), outlined relevant international standards. The event concluded with a panel discussion, led by Arch. Basil Salem, Real Estate Advisor at KIB's Real Estate Department, exploring ways to balance heritage preservation with economic value creation and development. This was followed by a Q&A session that provided an opportunity to exchange views on the challenges and opportunities associated with valuing and repurposing historic buildings.

Decades of real estate expertise and integrated solutions

Jassim Al-Abdulhadi, General Manager of KIB's Real Estate Department, noted that the Bank offers a comprehensive range of real estate services covering every stage of investment, from financing and planning to valuation, property management, and smart technology solutions. He added that the Bank's connection to Kuwait's architectural heritage is also reflected in its headquarters, located within the Joint Banking Complex in the heart of Kuwait City, an architectural landmark associated with the evolution of architecture and banking in the country.

Regarding real estate valuation, Al-Abdulhadi revealed that the Bank conducts around 21,000 property valuations annually, adhering to the standards of the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). The Bank also draws on an extensive real estate and historical database containing records of more than 75,000 on-site property inspections conducted between 1980 and 2026. In addition, KIB uses a digital geographic valuation map that enables real-time analysis of property price levels.

Digital transformation and advancing professional practices

During the event, Eng. Fahad Al-Saleh highlighted the Bank's digital and property technology (PropTech) efforts, including the development of its "KIB Aqari" digital platform through its Digital Factory. The platform aims to digitize real estate valuation services and enable seamless, real-time tracking of transactions.

The Bank's digital solutions also include property management services, such as automated rent collection, as well as tools for monitoring cash flows and expenses. KIB has also launched an initiative for accredited valuers to support the advancement of professional practices in the real estate market. As part of its efforts to build capabilities and strengthen professional and academic partnerships, KIB continues to collaborate with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) to offer specialized training programs in the valuation of heritage and historic buildings, public-private partnership (PPP) projects, and hospitality developments. The Bank also works with Kuwait University's College of Business Administration to equip young professionals with skills in financial and real estate analysis.

Supporting student aspirations

Gulf Bank supports education and financial awareness

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Gulf Bank announced its sponsorship of the sixth edition of the Derasti Exhibition, taking place from November 9 to 12 at the Kuwait International Fairgrounds in Mishref. The Bank's participation combines support for students' educational aspirations with financial awareness and banking services tailored to young people.

Held under the patronage and in the presence of His Excellency Eng. Sayed Jalal Sayed Abdul Mohsen AlTabtabaei, Minister of Education, the exhibition brings together more than 100 local and international universities, training institutes, and educational service providers. Students and parents can explore academic programs and speak directly with representatives about the options available. Involving parents in these discussions can also help families assess the options together and support students through the transition from school to higher education.

During his visit to Gulf Bank's booth, the minister was welcomed by Najla Aleisa, Chief Marketing Officer at Gulf Bank.

Aleisa outlined the Bank's commitment to education and youth development, emphasizing that financial literacy is a strategic investment in Kuwait's future workforce. She explained that Gulf Bank's role extends beyond providing banking services to helping young people develop the financial judgment to make informed choices and pursue their education and career ambitions. She highlighted the importance of connecting education with practical financial knowledge, strengthening individual independence while preparing young people to contribute to Kuwait's economic development.

Financial awareness is a central part of the Bank's participation. In support of the "Let's Be Aware" (Diraya) campaign, launched by the Central Bank of Kuwait in cooperation with the Kuwait Banking Association, Gulf Bank representatives are sharing guidance on saving, financial planning, and the safe use of banking cards and digital services. These discussions encourage young people to develop responsible money management habits as they begin managing their own finances. For students beginning to manage an allowance or their own account, these habits can provide a practical foundation for greater financial independence.

At the Gulf Bank booth, visitors can learn about the red account and banking services designed for young customers. The team is highlighting how the Bank's digital services can help students manage everyday transactions conveniently and take a more active role in managing their finances.

The red Plus prepaid card offers discounts across shopping, dining, and entertainment, while allowing customers to load the amount they choose to help manage their spending. Cardholders can also earn Gulf Points on their purchases and redeem them through options including cashback, electronic vouchers, and the Gulf Points online store.

Gulf Bank's support for Derasti forms part of its wider commitment to education, youth development, and national talent. Through partnerships with institutions focused on developing young people, alongside training and employment opportunities, the Bank seeks to help Kuwaitis build the skills and experience needed for their careers. This work complements its efforts to strengthen financial awareness and provide banking services that respond to young people's evolving needs.



Eng. Sayed Jalal Sayed Abdul Mohsen Al-Tabtabaei, Minister of Education, poses for an official photo alongside Najla Al-Essa, Chief Marketing Officer at Gulf Bank, during his visit to Gulf Bank's pavilion.

Part of its longstanding commitment to supporting and empowering youth

NBK sponsors the sixth edition of Derasti Expo

- NBK remains committed to supporting educational initiatives that empower young people to make informed decisions with confidence
- Meeting evolving labor market demands requires early awareness of emerging academic disciplines and future skills

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Reaffirming its longstanding commitment to supporting young people and empowering them to shape their academic and professional futures, National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) is sponsoring the sixth edition of Derasti Expo, which opened yesterday under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Sayed Jalal Al-Tabtabaei, Minister of Education, at the Kuwait International Fair Grounds in Mishref. The exhibition brings together a wide range of local and international universities and educational institutions and runs until November 12.

Mr. Salah Al-Fulaij, Chief Executive Officer, NBK – Kuwait, attended the exhibition's opening ceremony. One of Kuwait's leading educational events, Derasti Expo attracts thousands of students, parents and individuals interested in higher education each year, providing a comprehensive platform for exploring educational opportunities and academic programs available in Kuwait and abroad.

The exhibition brings together numerous universities, colleges and educational institutions under one roof, offering high school students and their parents an opportunity to explore academic programs, compare specializations, admission requirements and registration procedures, and engage directly with representatives of participating institutions. This enables students to make more informed decisions about their future educational paths.

The sixth edition holds particular significance as part of Kuwait Youth and Sports Season. It also aims to set a Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of students at a single educational exhibition, reflecting Kuwait's position as a regional hub for educational and youth events while raising its international profile.

NBK is participating in the four-day exhibition with a prominent booth, where Bank representatives are on hand to engage with students and parents, answer their inquiries and introduce banking products and solutions tailored to the needs of young people at different stages of their educational journey. The Bank also seeks to strengthen students' financial awareness from the early stages of their academic journey.

Through its participation, NBK reaffirms its commitment to supporting educational and youth initiatives that empower young people to make informed academic and career decisions with confidence. This reflects the Bank's belief that access to knowledge and opportunities is essential to helping the next generation identify educational paths aligned with their abilities and aspirations.

In this context, NBK places considerable emphasis on guiding students toward academic specializations and skills that will be increasingly important in the future, particularly amid rapid changes in labor markets worldwide. This helps equip young people with the knowledge needed to compete, innovate and succeed in an evolving professional environment.

As part of its national and social responsibility, NBK emphasizes that its commitment to supporting young people extends beyond banking services to include developing their capabilities and encouraging them to plan for the future. These efforts contribute to preparing qualified national talent capable of playing an active role in Kuwait's economic and social development.

Through its continued support for educational and youth initiatives, NBK reinforces its role in investing in human capital, guided by its belief that young people are the cornerstone of Kuwait's future and a key driving force behind the country's continued development and prosperity.



Salah Al-Fulaij and Hisham Al-Nisf in a group photo with national team and Weyay.



Minister of Education Eng. Sayed Jalal Al-Tabtabaei alongside Salah Al-Fulaij at the exhibition's opening ceremony.



Minister of Education, Salah Al-Fulaij, Hisham Al-Nisf, Amal Al-Duwaisan, Ghadeer Al-Awadhi, Manal Al-Matar, Mohammed Al-Wazzan, and Alia Al-Sanea at Weyay Bank's pavilion.



Minister of Education and Salah Al-Fulaij in conversation.



Minister of Education and National Bank officials with students at the bank's pavilion during the exhibition.



Minister of Education and National Bank officials with female students at the bank's pavilion.



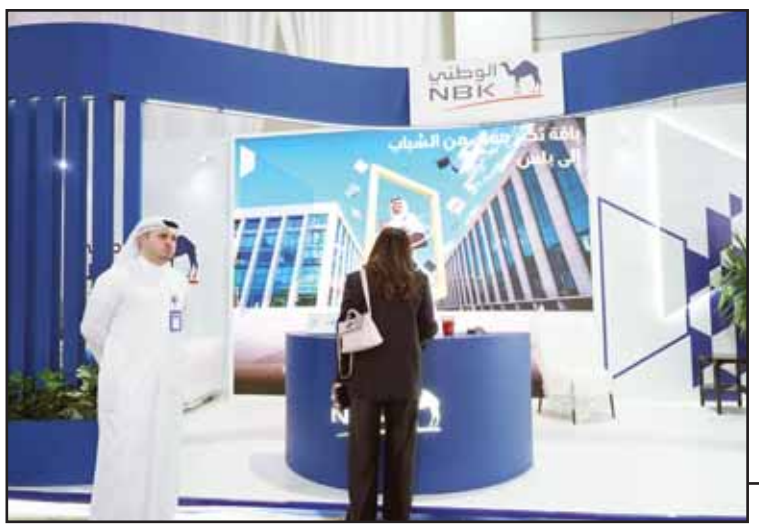
Minister of Education H.E. Eng. Sayed Jalal Al-Tabtabaei, Salah Al-Fulaij, and Tareq Al-Othman.



Visitors walking through National Bank of Kuwait's pavilion.



Weyay Bank representatives guiding students at the pavilion.



National Bank of Kuwait's pavilion at the exhibition.



Strong student turnout at Weyay Bank's pavilion during the exhibition.



Weyay's pavilion.

Reinforcing its commitment to supporting students and financial empowerment

Weyay Bank participates in the 6th edition of Derasti Exhibition

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Weyay Bank, Kuwait's first digital bank, announced its active participation in the sixth edition of the Derasti Exhibition, one of Kuwait's leading education events. Bringing universities and colleges together under one roof, the exhibition provides high school students and their parents with a valuable opportunity to explore academic programs, compare admission requirements, learn about registration processes, and discover scholarship opportunities, helping them make informed decisions about their educational and career paths.

This year's edition is being held as part of the Kuwait Youth and Sports Season and features an ambitious attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of students at a single educational exhibition. The initiative aims to showcase Kuwait on the global stage while highlighting the country's commitment to supporting educational and youth-focused initiatives.

Weyay's participation reflects its ongoing commitment to empowering young people as they embark on their academic and financial journeys. The bank remains dedicated to providing students with the tools and financial solutions they need to achieve their goals and prepare for a successful future.

Through its dedicated exhibition booth, Weyay is showcasing its fully digital banking experience, which enables students to open a bank account in just minutes through the Weyay app without the need to visit a branch. Visitors can also learn more about the bank's range of digital services, including secure local and international money transfers and complete account management through their mobile devices.

As part of its participation, Weyay is also raising awareness of its SELECT prepaid digital card, designed specifically for student allowance customers. Students can transfer their allowances directly into their Weyay accounts and enjoy a wide range of exclusive benefits, including cashback rewards and discounts across a broad network of merchants, restaurants, cafés, fuel stations, and telecommunications providers, offering value that aligns with their everyday needs and lifestyle.

The bank's participation also supports its wider objective of encouraging student account openings and helping students maximize the benefits of their student allowance while promoting sound financial habits from the early stages of university life.

Through its interactive booth, Weyay is offering visitors an engaging experience featuring a variety of activities designed to encourage students to explore educational opportunities, embrace digital transformation, and learn more about the academic disciplines and career paths that are increasingly in demand in today's job market. The bank aims to create an environment that combines learning with engagement, making the journey of planning for higher education both inspiring and enjoyable.

Weyay believes that investing in education and financial empowerment is an investment in Kuwait's future. The bank views young people as the nation's future leaders and changemakers and is proud to support them at the beginning of their educational journey, helping them build the skills, confidence, and financial foundation needed to contribute to a more prosperous and sustainable future.

Al-Ruwaieh: Supporting education & empowering youth core pillars of social responsibility strategy

Government commends KFH's role in supporting education and youth through strategic partnership with Derasti Exhibition

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Building on its leading social responsibility role and ongoing commitment to youth and education, KFH continues its strategic partnership with the sixth Derasti Exhibition, held at Kuwait International Fair in Mishref under the patronage and presence of Minister of Education Eng. Sayed Jalal Al-Tabtabaei. The Minister commended KFH's role and notable contributions to supporting various youth and educational initiatives.

Head of Group Public Relations and Media at KFH, Yousef Abdullah Al-Ruwaieh, stated that the strategic partnership with Derasti reflects the Bank's ongoing commitment to supporting educational and development initiatives for youth and students. He added that it opens opportunities for them to explore all academic options and identify the fields of study best suited to their future ambitions.

Al-Ruwaieh noted that this year's edition is particularly significant as one of the events of the Kuwait Youth and Sports Season. This highlights a growing national focus on youth and underscores the importance of public and private sector collaboration in empowering them to showcase their full potential.

Supporting Education and Empowering Youth

Al-Ruwaieh added that supporting education and empowering youth are core pillars of KFH's corporate social responsibility strategy, driven by the Bank's belief in investing in human capital and its role in driving sustainable development.

He explained that the Bank is keen to build effective partnerships with educational institutions and youth-focused organizations, as well as participate in initiatives that develop young people's skills and prepare them to meet future demands.

He emphasized that KFH will continue to launch and support high-quality initiatives that expand opportunities for education, development, and innovation. Such initiatives provide youth with an inspiring environment to unleash their potential and translate their ambitions into tangible achievements, aligning with the Bank's CSR strategy and its role as a key partner in sustainable development.

Derasti Exhibition



Minister of Education Eng. Sayed Jalal Al-Tabtabaei alongside Yousef Abdullah Al-Ruwaieh and several other officials, at the bank's pavilion.

Al-Ruwaieh noted that Derasti is a comprehensive educational platform bringing together local and international universities, training institutes, and educational service providers under one roof. It allows students and parents to explore academic opportunities and connect directly with institutional representatives, helping them make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures.

Wajhni: A Partnership to Raise Academic Awareness

Highlighting its ongoing efforts to support students, Al-Ruwaieh affirmed KFH's dedication to championing student-centered initiatives. He pointed to the Bank's strategic partnership with the Ministry of Higher Education for the Wajhni national external scholarship campaign, which engaged over 5,000 participants. The initiative raised awareness of sound academic planning while introducing students to study-abroad scholarship opportunities.

Ma'a Al-Talaba: A Platform for Showcasing Talent

He also highlighted KFH's strategic partnership with the "Ma'a Al-Talaba" program, organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Information. The program aims to showcase students' talents and broaden their culture and knowledge through engaging educational content broadcast on Kuwait TV and the 51 Platform, featuring more than 1,200 students from 24 schools.

Sustainable Educational Partnerships

Al-Ruwaieh stressed that KFH prioritizes education and youth within its social responsibility strategy. The Bank advances this focus through initiatives designed to empower students and enhance their skills. Key efforts include university partnerships, specialized seminars and workshops, alongside ongoing support for student initiatives, graduation projects, and academic excellence events.

A dedicated Booth

Reflecting its commitment to promoting financial literacy among younger generations, KFH is participating in the exhibition with a dedicated booth focused on financial planning and money management. A specialized team presents banking solutions tailored for youth, notably Hesabi account, while offering guidance and answering inquiries to strengthen financial awareness and instill responsible habits. The booth has drawn strong turnout and high engagement from students, parents, and visitors.

Empowering all sectors & accelerating AI adoption

stc & Kuwait Digital Academy join forces to launch Kuwait's first and largest AI initiative of its kind

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Kuwait Telecommunications Company – stc, a leader in enabling digital transformation and providing innovative services and platforms to customers in Kuwait, announced its national initiative with Kuwait Digital Academy (KDA) to expand access to digital education and support the development of national talent. The collaboration will provide educational and training opportunities that strengthen younger generation's technical capabilities and prepare them to contribute to Kuwait's digital future. The partnership forms part of stc's corporate social responsibility (CSR) framework, which supports education and driving innovation amongst the younger generation.

The partnership was formalized during a signing ceremony that was attended by representatives from stc and KDA, alongside a number of invited guests. During the event, the two organizations presented the main areas of their cooperation and outlined the joint initiatives they would pursue.

The initiative is designed to foster an inclusive and digitally empowered generation, starting with students in schools and universities, extending to professionals across the government and private sectors, and reaching every segment of society, including senior citizens and people of determination and special needs.

Through the partnership, stc and KDA plan to organize workshops and training programs covering programming and artificial intelligence, as well as modern technologies. Educational and interactive activities will complement these programs, giving participants further opportunities to engage with digital learning. stc will contribute its expertise and technical capabilities to help develop innovative educational experiences and support the joint initiatives outlined at the ceremony.

The Company stated that empowering individuals with digital knowledge and technical skills was a vital step in preparing a generation able to keep pace with technological change. It explained that the partnership's learning opportunities would support this goal by helping the younger generation build the capabilities needed to contribute to Kuwait's digital future and meet the demands of the job market.

KDA expressed its pride in the strategic partnership with stc and described the cooperation as an important step towards expanding its educational programs and reaching a wider audience. The academy said that these opportunities would support its efforts to promote digital literacy and strengthen the youth's readiness for the future.



Engineer Ahmed Al-Bakri, Engineer Anoud Mutheeb, and Ahmed Al-Nowaibet at the launch ceremony of the National Initiative.

stc has formed several strategic partnerships with educational institutions in Kuwait to expand learning opportunities for the community and its employees. These collaborations aim to broaden employees' access to academic and professional development programs that support continuous learning and career growth. They also contribute to stc's wider efforts to develop national talent and strengthen the capabilities of its workforce.

The partnership with KDA adds to stc's support for educational and community initiatives carried out in cooperation with national institutions. Through these relationships, the Company seeks to develop the younger generation's capabilities and support Kuwait's digital transformation, contributing to the country's vision of an economy based on knowledge and innovation.

Results amid regional uncertainty

Jazeera Airways Q3 net profit declines 47.4% to KD 7.1mln

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Jazeera Airways announced its financial results for the third quarter of 2026, reporting a 47.4% decline in net profit at KD 7.1 million, compared to the corresponding period last year. Group operating revenue stood at KD 62.1 million, down 10.6% from KD 69.4 million in Q3 2025.

The results reflect a challenging operating environment marked by regional geopolitical uncertainty, sharply elevated fuel prices and operational restrictions, including limited airport operating hours until 20 September and the continued suspension of connecting traffic through T5. Average fuel prices surged 55% to USD 139 per barrel compared to USD 90 per barrel in the previous year, driving a 28% increase in fuel costs despite 18% fewer block hours.

These conditions, coupled with reduced operating capacity and network adjustments, contributed to lower passenger volumes, aircraft utilization and profitability.

Q3 profitability was impacted by KD 1.4 million in pre-operating payroll expenses for in-house ground handling ahead of licensing in October 2026. Excluding these costs, net profit would have reached KD 8.5 million, a year-on-year decline of 37%. These upfront investments support Jazeera Airways' long-term strategy to strengthen operational control, enhance service efficiency and optimize costs. During Q3 2026, Jazeera Airways carried 1.07 million passengers, a decline of 26.3% compared to 1.46 million passengers in Q3 2025. Load factor declined by 3.1 percentage points to 74.9%.

Ancillary revenue per passenger almost tripled to KD 15.6, and in October the airline received approval to handle its own ground operations. Jazeera increased its market share at Kuwait International Airport from 31% in Q3 2025 to 36.7%.



Jazeera Airways Chairman Marwan Boodai

With the ongoing operational challenges, for 9M 2026, Jazeera Airways reported Group operating revenue of KD 177.9 million, an increase of 3.7% compared to the same period last year. Group net profit stood at KD 15.7 million, down 32.0%. The first nine months included the temporary closure of the Kuwait International Airport for 57 days and Jazeera's subsequent execution of 'Mission Barakah' which involved moving base to KSA, maintaining vital connectivity for Kuwait and demonstrating the Company's operational agility and ability to respond decisively to unprecedented disruption.

Marwan Boodai, Chairman, Jazeera Airways, said:

"This year has been exceptionally challenging for businesses globally, with the aviation industry facing significant pressures. Jazeera Airways continues to be impacted by regional geopolitical uncertainty, elevated fuel prices and operating restrictions. This, combined with the suspension of connecting passengers through Terminal 5, has further constrained our network potential and growth opportunities. Despite these pressures, Jazeera Airways maintained profitability, reflecting the agility and resilience of our business model and the commitment of our hardworking teams. Looking ahead, our priority remains to safeguard Jazeera Airways' financial strength, maintain strict operational and cost discipline, and build more efficiency while embarking on the next phase of growth. Uncertainties remain persistent and we will continue to navigate these challenges with prudence and adaptability, positioning Jazeera Airways to seize emerging opportunities and deliver sustainable growth.

Strategic Priorities and Outlook

Jazeera Airways continues to focus on future growth while restoring operational capacity, optimizing its route network, improving cost efficiency and managing the impact of external market pressures.

Q3 2026	9M 2026
• Operating revenue: KD 62.1 million, down 10.6% • Profit After Tax (PAT): KD 7.1 million, down 47.4% • Passengers: 1.07 million, down 26.3% • Load factor: Decreased 3.1 percentage points from 78.0% to 74.9%	• Operating revenue: KD 177.9 million, up 3.7% • Profit After Tax (PAT): KD 15.7 million, down 32% • Passengers: 2.6 million, down 30% • Load factor: Increased 0.8 percentage points from 76.5% to 77.3%

Investing in young talent

Warba Bank sponsors 6th 'Derasti' Higher Education Expo

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: As part of its ongoing commitment to supporting education, empowering youth, and advancing corporate social responsibility, Warba Bank announced its sponsorship of the 6th edition of the "Derasti" Higher Education Expo. Held under the patronage of the Minister of Education, the exhibition runs from November 9 to 12, 2026, in Hall 8 at the Kuwait International Fairgrounds in Mishref.

Warba Bank's sponsorship reflects its belief in the importance of investing in young talent and supporting their educational development, recognizing education as a fundamental pillar of a sustainable future and preparing a generation capable of adapting to change and contributing to Kuwait's development.

Connecting Students with Future Academic Pathways

The "Derasti" Higher Education Expo serves as a leading educational platform bringing together students, parents, and local and international higher education institutions. The event allows visitors to explore academic programs, degree specializations, admission requirements, and study opportunities both within Kuwait and abroad.

The expo also provides students with opportunities to meet representatives of universities and educational institutions, benefit from their expertise, and make informed decisions about academic and career paths aligned with their ambitions and abilities.

Digital Banking Tailored to the Next Generation

Warba Bank is participating in the exhibition with a dedicated pavilion showcasing Wave Banking, its innovative digital banking experience designed specifically for youth aged 15 to 25. The platform offers flexible financial solutions and exclusive perks that match young people's lifestyles and evolving daily needs.

During the exhibition, visitors can explore key Wave Banking features, including the Game Edition prepaid card tailored for gaming enthusiasts, a 3% cashback program on eligible purchases, and the Emtiaz program, which recognizes academically outstanding students with additional benefits and rewards. Customers can also access periodic promotional offers via the Warba Bank mobile application while managing their accounts, cards, and daily banking services securely through digital channels.



Mohannad Essa Burhama, Director of Products and Segments – Retail Banking Group at Warba Bank

Wave Banking also features the weekly Wave Wednesday initiative, which provides customers with complimentary vouchers and exclusive offers via the mobile app in collaboration with partners including Talabat, Keeta, Mawqif, iTunes, VThru, KuPon Market, and Oula.

Burhama: Delivering Meaningful Value to Youth Across Academic Milestones

Commenting on the sponsorship, Mohannad Essa Burhama, Director of Products and Segments – Retail Banking Group at Warba Bank, stated:

"Our sponsorship of the 6th edition of the Derasti Higher Education Expo stems from our firm belief in the vital role education plays in social advancement. We are committed to taking an active part in initiatives that guide and support youth as they shape their academic and professional futures."

Burhama added: "Higher education represents a pivotal transition in young people's lives—not only academically, but in building sound financial habits that promote self-reliance and forward-looking financial planning. We developed Wave Banking to offer an integrated range of benefits, rewards, and financial solutions tailored to young people's needs, lifestyles, and future aspirations."

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AI now makes calcium deposits easier to measure

Mammograms can do more than detect breast cancer – they offer important clues on heart health

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By Matthew Nudy
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If you're a woman over 40, you have no doubt heard your doctor tell you to get a mammogram as part of routine screening for breast cancer. But there's another reason, too.

A mammogram can show no sign of breast cancer and still reveal something worth discussing with a doctor: calcium deposits in the medium-sized arteries that carry blood to the breast. These calcium deposits may offer a clue to a woman's future heart health.

I'm a cardiologist who studies cardiovascular health around menopause. My colleagues and I have investigated how mammograms might help identify women who are at increased risk of heart disease and stroke. Artificial intelligence now makes these calcium deposits - called breast arterial calcification, or BAC - easier to measure.

In October 2026, Maryland became the first US state to require mammography centers to notify patients in writing if these calcium deposits are found in their mammograms. Other states may institute similar rules soon. Research shows that these calcium deposits are a robust marker for cardiovascular risk, and I expect its adoption to grow.

Here's what women need to know about calcium deposits in the breast - and what they should do if their mammogram shows they have them.

Breast arterial calcification is calcium buildup in the walls of medium-sized arteries that carry blood through the breast. On a mammogram image, the calcium deposits appear as parallel white lines tracing those vessels.

This finding is not a sign of breast cancer. And it differs from the fatty and calcified plaque that can narrow arteries supplying the heart muscle. In the case of breast arterial calcification, the calcium lies mainly in the artery's muscular wall, where it is associated with blood vessel stiffening.

Finding breast arterial calcification on a mammogram does not, by itself, establish that a woman has heart disease or a blocked heart artery. But research has now clearly shown that this marker signals that a person's risk of these outcomes is elevated.

It's important to remember, however, that its absence does not rule out cardiovascular disease or an increased risk of heart attack or stroke.

Doctors have known about breast arterial calcification for decades, with studies in the 1980s linking it to diabetes and advanced kidney disease. Early findings about its relationship with heart disease were mixed, and many studies were small and relied on radiologists' visual review of mammograms.

In 2022, my colleagues and I published the results of a 10-year study in which radiologists reviewed mammograms of more than 1,000 women to identify these calcium deposits. Women who had them had about three times the odds of developing coronary heart disease and five times the odds of having a stroke compared with women who didn't, even after taking age into account.

To confirm that breast arterial calcification in mammograms predicts cardiovascular risk, we assessed 45 published studies involving more than 68,000 women, in a type of study called a meta-analysis. This work, published in 2026, found that women who had these calcium deposits in their breast arteries on a mammogram had roughly twice the risk of stroke, heart failure and death from any cause, and nearly three times the risk of dying from heart disease, compared with women who did not.

The studies we analyzed differed considerably in design and quality, so these averages cannot precisely predict an individual woman's cardiovascular risk. Also, while these findings establish an association between breast arterial calcification and cardiovascular disease, they do not show that calcium in the breast arteries causes those health outcomes.

Radiologists can see breast artery calcium on a routine mammogram. But there's no common standard for grading and reporting how much calcification is present. AI tools which are being used more commonly by doctors can measure how much is there using the same images, with no extra radiation.

These calcium deposits become more common with age, so my colleagues and I used AI to assess data from more than 100,000 women in nine countries in order to map how calcium builds up in breast arteries by age. We developed and tested a metric that, when added to standard tools, improved doctors' ability to accurately predict a woman's risk of cardiovascular disease.

Maryland became the first state to require a notice about breast arterial calcification in screening results. The goal is to give women who have it a reason to talk with their doctor about heart health.

The bill's sponsor modeled the law on a 2023 regulation on breast density notices, which required mammography centers to inform patients and their doctors about their breast density and its link to cancer detection. The breast density rule was first implemented in Connecticut and then adopted by many other states, before becoming a nationwide requirement.

An Australian trial called TIM-TAM will test whether using breast arterial calcification to guide care improves measures of heart health. Researchers still need to find out whether treating women based on the presence of breast arterial calcification prevents heart attacks or strokes. But research already shows that the marker has a link to cardiovascular disease, and I expect it to follow a similar pattern of adoption as reporting breast density.

Until other states adjust their requirements, look for "breast arterial calcification" or "vascular calcifications" in the radiologist's report. Mammography centers' reporting practices vary, so some reports may omit BAC even when it's visible. Some imaging centers offer an optional AI review for breast arterial calcification as an out-of-pocket add-on to a screening mammogram.

On its own, the presence of breast arterial calcification on a mammogram does not determine whether someone needs a heart test or a new prescription. But in my view, this marker can provide a useful nudge to get an updated assessment of cardiovascular health.

Your doctor may suggest a blood pressure measurement and blood tests for cholesterol and kidney function. An estimate called eGFR describes how well the kidneys filter blood.

Your doctor can use these results alongside age, smoking, diabetes and other information in the American Heart Association's PREVENT calculator. It estimates the chance of developing cardiovascular disease over the next 10 years for adults ages 30 to 79 who are not already diagnosed with cardiovascular disease.

You can then discuss with your doctor which steps could make the biggest difference for your heart health depending on your risk. That might mean finding ways to move more, choosing foods that are good for your heart or getting help to quit smoking if you smoke. Depending on your overall risk, your doctor may also suggest taking a statin to lower your cholesterol or starting or adjusting blood pressure medicine. These treatments can help lower your chances of a heart attack or stroke.

A routine breast screening visit can thus become an opportunity to help women understand their cardiovascular risk and take steps to lower it. (AP)



A healthcare worker speaks to a colleague at the Ebola treatment center in Beni, North Kivu province, Congo on Oct 19. (AP)

WHO warns of worsening Ebola, cholera outbreaks in DR Congo

GENEVA, Nov 9, (Agencies): World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus warned of a worsening health crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), with more than 10,000 Ebola cases and 5,000 deaths reported, alongside the country's worst cholera outbreak in decades.

Speaking at a press conference, he said armed conflict, damaged infrastructure and disrupted water and sanitation services were aggravating the cholera outbreak, while limited vaccine supplies had weakened vaccination coverage.

He also reported nine Ebola cases, including two deaths, in Kenya and one confirmed case in Nigeria, praising both countries for their swift response and transparency.

Ghebreyesus called on countries to lift travel restrictions, warning that such measures discouraged transparency and undermined outbreak response efforts. He stressed that vaccination must be accompanied by early detection, medical care, isolation, contact tracing and improved water and sanitation services.

Meanwhile,Kenya's Ministry of Health said Friday that six Ebola patients have recovered after testing negative for the virus, and only one patient remains under treatment.

No new Ebola case or community transmission of the highly contagious hemorrhagic fever has been reported in the country in the last 18 days since Oct. 19, said Patrick Amoth, director-general for health in the ministry, in the latest update.

The number of confirmed Ebola cases in Kenya remains at nine, including two deaths, he said.

Amoth said that 66 contacts have completed their 21 days of monitoring and returned home, while another 52 are expected to complete their monitoring by next week.

He said that Kenya has followed rigorous protocols to contain the further spread of Ebola, after the first case of Bundibugyo virus disease was confirmed on Oct. 6 in an individual who had lived in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for seven years and later died while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Nairobi.

He added that when the last Ebola patient leaves the treatment center free from the virus, Kenya will begin a 42-day countdown, twice the maximum incubation period of the virus.

"If no new case is recorded in those 42 days, the outbreak will be declared over," said Amoth, stressing the need for the public to intensify vigilance while observing public health measures aimed at averting spread of the virus.

He clarified that Ebola is still active in the region while Kenya will continue screening travelers at its 26 points of entry, at which more than 760,000 travelers have been screened.

In addition, Amoth said that emergency operations centers and rapid response teams have been reactivated countrywide to avert Ebola transmission. Enditem

The Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) has urged countries to avoid unjustified travel restrictions on Ebola-affected nations.

3rd Primary Care Academy 2026 concludes with focus on prevention, personalised care and behaviour change

DUBAI, Nov 9: The 3rd Primary Care Academy 2026, held in partnership with Emirates Hospital Group and endorsed by the Emirates Medicine Family Society and the Health Promotion & Health Policy Association of Turkey, took place in Dubai on October 3.

The event brought together healthcare professionals and experts to examine how primary care can respond to the growing burden of chronic diseases through earlier intervention, personalised care and greater attention to the behavioural factors that influence patient outcomes.

Across sessions covering cardiovascular health, cancer screening, metabolic health, obesity, diabetes and smoking cessation, a recurring message was that effective prevention requires clinicians to look beyond individual measurements such as cholesterol, blood pressure, BMI or glucose levels and consider the wider clinical, behavioural and social factors shaping an individual's health risks.

Cardiovascular discussions reinforced the importance of acting before a first major health event occurs. Experts explored factors beyond conventional lipid measurements, including inflammation, insulin resistance and genetics, alongside modifiable influences such as sleep, stress, smoking and physical activity.

Speakers also highlighted the central role of primary care physicians in bringing these different dimensions together, identifying high-risk patients earlier and addressing risk factors before they develop into serious disease.

During a panel discussion on the realities of chronic disease management, experts examined challenges related to prevention and sustained patient care, including treatment adherence, access to healthcare, clinical risk and patient behaviour.

Smoking cessation and nicotine dependence were among the public-health issues discussed, with panellists noting that helping smokers quit can require more than simply advising them to stop. Levels of dependence, behavioural routines, emotional and social triggers, previous quit attempts and the risk of relapse can all influence an individual's ability to stop smoking and may need to be considered when providing appropriate medical and behavioural support.

The discussions also addressed tobacco harm reduction as a subject of ongoing public-health and scientific debate. Speakers stressed that the safest approach is not to begin smoking or using tobacco or nicotine products, and that quitting tobacco use remains an important health objective. Any discussion of alternative approaches was presented in the context of adult smokers who are unable to quit, with emphasis on the fact that such products or approaches are not risk-free and are not intended for non-smokers, young people or those who do not currently use tobacco or nicotine.





Some photos from the event.

Dr. Sherif Bakir, Consultant Cardiologist at Medcare Medical Centre, said: "We have to emphasise the difference between smoking and nicotine. The two are not the same. Smoking is harmful, and if someone is not able to stop, harm reduction becomes important. These approaches are only for adult smokers who are unable to stop smoking, and we should never encourage someone who has never smoked to start."

Technology was also considered within the broader shift towards more individualised care. An early-stage AI-supported clinical decision-support model for smoking cessation was discussed as a potential tool to help clinicians organise information related to dependence, behavioural triggers, previous quit attempts, comorbidities and relapse risk, and translate this information into structured, guideline-linked recommendations.

Speakers stressed, however, that AI should support rather than replace physician judgement, with human oversight, explainability, local validation and real-world evidence essential to its responsible use.

Obesity discussions similarly challenged conventional approaches that focus primarily on body weight or individual willpower. Speakers described obesity as a chronic, relapsing and multifactorial disease influenced by metabolic, psychological, behavioural and socioeconomic factors.

Assessment and treatment, they argued, should therefore consider the broader health of the individual rather than relying solely on a single measurement.

Dr. Rahila Bhatti, Consultant in General Internal Medicine, Diabetes & Endocrinology at Genesis Healthcare Centre, said: "Obesity is a chronic disease. It is not a kilogram-based disease, and it is not defined by BMI alone. The scale provides limited and incomplete information. Weight loss shouldn't be the only goal for the management of obesity. We need to progress from the conversations about willpower and body weight and focus on improving metabolic health and quality of life, because one size does not fit all."

Cancer screening discussions also balanced innovation with evidence. While emerging approaches, including AI-assisted mammography, liquid biopsy and multi-cancer detection, were explored, speakers reinforced that established screening programmes remain the foundation of early detection. New technologies, they said, should complement rather than replace proven and evidence-based approaches.

Across the event, the wider message focused on a shift towards precision prevention: identifying health risks earlier, understanding the individual behind those risks and supporting sustainable behavioural change over time.

From cardiovascular disease and obesity to cancer prevention and smoking cessation, discussions reinforced that advances in treatment and technology are most effective when combined with clinical judgement, sustained behavioural support and patient-centred care.

Health

Smoking tied to higher risk of dementia: Current smokers face a higher risk of dementia, according to an Australian-led review of more than 2 million people, which calls for brain health to feature more prominently in anti-smoking campaigns.

Led by Australia's Curtin University, the study examined the link between smoking and three forms of dementia, including all-cause dementia, Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia, providing the most comprehensive update to the evidence in more than a decade, according to a university statement released Monday.

The systematic review and meta-analysis examined 61 studies involving about 2.8 million people. The findings showed that current smokers had a 31 percent higher risk of dementia, a 40 percent higher risk of Alzheimer's disease and a 52 percent higher risk of vascular dementia than people who had never smoked. (Xinhua)

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US measles cases top 5,000 in '26: The United States had reported 5,182 confirmed measles cases this year as of Thursday, more than doubling the total in 2025, according to the latest data released Friday by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Of the total, 5,164 cases were reported across 47 U.S. jurisdictions, while 18 cases were reported among international visitors to the United States, the CDC said.

A total of 562 patients, or about 11 percent of confirmed cases, have been hospitalized.

About 96 percent of the cases involved people who were unvaccinated or whose vaccination status was unknown, according to the CDC. (Xinhua)

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Pakistan reports 9th polio case of 2026: Pakistan has reported its ninth case of wild poliovirus in 2026 in the country's northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the Pakistan Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI) said.

The Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication in Islamabad confirmed that the virus was detected in a seven-month-old baby in Khyber district, the PEI said in a statement.

It is the third polio case reported from Khyber district this year and the seventh from the province.

Despite an overall decline in wild poliovirus transmission in Pakistan this year, virus detections have continued in the province, indicating persistent risks to children, the statement added.

The PEI has launched a comprehensive investigation into the latest case and is assessing science-based measures to interrupt virus transmission. (Xinhua)

Norris wins Sao Paulo Grand Prix

Mercedes clinches 9th constructors' title

SAO PAULO, Nov 9, (AP): McLaren driver Lando Norris was so excited after winning Sunday's rainy Sao Paulo Grand Prix at Interlagos that his traditional Champagne celebration went awry, while Mercedes had another weekend to remember after securing its ninth F1 constructors' title.

Norris, the 2025 Formula 1 champion, won Sunday from pole position with the Red Bulls of Max Verstappen and Isack Hadjar completing the podium.

Norris had his second consecutive victory in Brazil after a race he led for 47 of 71 laps, with Brazil soccer great Neymar waving the checkered flag. The British driver briefly lost the lead to new F1 champion Kimi Antonelli, but got it back after the Italian spun.

"It was one of my best races in terms of execution," Norris said. "It was a race where things could easily change." Antonelli, who clinched the drivers' title last weekend, finished fifth, one position behind his teammate George Russell. Their results were more than enough to secure the constructors' title for Mercedes - its first since 2021 - against the rival Ferraris of Lewis Hamilton and Charles Leclerc.



McLaren driver Lando Norris of Britain poses with the trophy after winning the Brazilian Formula One Grand Prix in Sao Paulo. (AP)

Antonelli expressed disappointment in his own performance.

"I'm very disappointed for the race. I'm very angry to be fair, but I'm going to put all this aside for now because the team clinched the title," Antonelli said.

Mercedes celebrated the constructors' title on a separate podium. It now has 652 points against Ferrari's 510 and can't be caught. The Italian team lost two points after the race because Leclerc received a 5-second punishment for his clash with Racing Bull's Liam Lawson. The Ferrari driver was demoted from seventh to eighth place.

Antonelli was also summoned by stewards over an unsafe release. He kept his position after a 5-second punishment as he finished more than 20 seconds ahead of McLaren's Oscar Piastri.

"It was a very strong beginning of the season that got us over the line," Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff said. "I never thought this was ever possible." "The main thing today was to keep it cool," a relaxed Norris said after his third win of the season.

That proved difficult on the podium after the national anthems had been played and Norris received his trophy. He celebrated his win with his trademark slamming down of the Champagne bottle on the podium, only for it to shatter in his hands.

The only Champagne that Norris drank during the podium celebrations came from his rivals. The race winner held the neck of the shattered bottle as he left.

In the race, Norris managed to stay ahead of a hungry Verstappen, who took his Red Bull from 21st place to second after the Dutchman received penalties for changes in his power unit.

"When you start that far back, you need to try to get by as quickly as you can," said Verstappen, who two years ago won at Interlagos after starting from 17th place.

Hamilton, who became the second F1 driver with 400 starts after Fernando Alonso, also started from the back due to changes in his car and finished ninth.

Federation Cup quarters begin with two matches

By Khaled Al-Enezi
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KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The quarterfinals of the 2025-2026 Kuwait Handball Federation Cup begin on Tuesday with two fixtures at the Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Sports Complex in Sabah Al-Salem.

Burqan meets Khaitan at 5 pm, followed by Kazma against Yarmouk at 7 pm, with the winners advancing to the semifinals and keeping their hopes of lifting the trophy alive.

Khaitan booked its quarterfinal berth by overcoming Al-Nasr in the first round, while Yarmouk advanced after defeating Al-Sahel.

The quarterfinal programme concludes on Wednesday with Fahaheel taking on Sulaibikhat and Kuwait Club facing Qurain. The semifinals are scheduled for Nov 13.



Player tries to retrieve ball stuck in net.

Barcelona prevails at Atletico, United mounts late comeback

López delivers again



Atletico Madrid's Marc Pubill clears the ball in front of Barcelona's Ferran Torres during a Spanish La Liga soccer match between Atletico Madrid and Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain. (AP)

MADRID, Nov 9, (AP): Barcelona midfielder Fermín López delivered in a big match again, helping the Spanish league leader to come from behind in a 2-1 win at Atletico Madrid.

In the Premier League, Manchester United gave another erratic performance which was capped by a stunning late comeback.

Spanish league matches were marked by tributes for Tenerife forward Jesús de Miguel, who died after a second division game on Monday.

In Italy, Napoli's lackluster form continued in a 1-1 draw at home with Lazio that consolidated the visiting team's Serie A lead.

The 23-year-old Fermín stood out in a match between the best attack and the best defense in La Liga.

Atletico, which had conceded just eight goals heading into the game, dominated early and took the lead with Giuliano Simeone's goal. Barcelona struggled to find a way past the packed Atletico's defense until Fermín leveled with a precise, left-footed curler before the interval.



Aston Villa's Boubacar Kamara, left, challenges for the ball with Manchester United's Matheus Cunha during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Aston Villa in Manchester, England. (AP)

He completed the turnaround in the 66th minute after Lamine Yamal set him up inside the box behind the back of the defense.

The win kept Barcelona at the top, three points ahead of Real Madrid. Atletico is in third place, five points behind Barcelona.

Earlier, referee César Soto Grado stopped Real Betis' La Liga match at Elche in the ninth minute for fans, players, team staff and officials to pay tribute to De Miguel, who died after an on-field collision during Tenerife's match on Monday.

There were similar tributes in the ninth minute of all Spanish league games this weekend - De Miguel wore the No. 9 - while his death was also mourned in pre-game tributes.

Late goals from Rodrigo Riquelme and Marc Bartra gave Betis a 2-0 win to consolidate fourth place.

Lazio forward Davide Frattesi fired in his team's opener in the 28th minute after Tijjani Noslin on the left played him in against the lethargic-looking Napoli defense.

The home supporters made their ire known but watched as the team clawed itself level through Alfonso Pedraza's own-goal after the break. The goal staved off a third straight defeat for Napoli. But coach Massimiliano Allegri will remain under pressure with just four wins and three draws from 11 Serie A games so far.

Lazio - which remained unbeaten alongside crosstown rival Roma two points behind - stayed top with a one-point lead over Inter Milan, which defeated Como 2-0. Pio Esposito put his team ahead and Marcus Thuram doubled the lead in the 19th minute. The loss put an end to Como's six-match winning streak across all competitions.

Juventus drew 2-2 with Fiorentina in the Derby d'Italia and Christian Pulisic scored in AC Milan's 2-1 win at Genoa. Nikola Krstović's goal was enough for Atalanta to beat Monza 1-0 away.

El-Shenawy makes comeback under new Egypt coach Maher



Mohamed El-Shenawy makes a save during training session.

CAIRO, Nov 9: Egypt coach Ali Maher has named his first squad since taking charge of the Pharaohs, with goalkeeper Mohamed El-Shenawy making a return ahead of the team's upcoming 2027 Africa Cup of Nations qualifying matches against Malawi.

The Al Ahly goalkeeper is among the most prominent names in Maher's maiden selection after missing the previous training camp under former coach Hossam Hassan. El-Shenawy's absence followed controversial remarks by Hassan, who said at a press conference last September that the goalkeeper had been "finished" at an earlier stage of his career before regaining his form with the national team.

Maher's first selection signals the start of a new era for Egypt following Hassan's departure, with the Pharaohs preparing for their first two assignments under the new coaching staff.

The goalkeeping department comprises El-Shenawy, Mehdi Soliman, Mostafa Shobeir and Mohamed Alaa.

In defence, Maher selected Mahmoud El-Wensh, Hossam Abdel-Meguid, Rami Rabia, Mohamed Abdelmonem, Mahmoud Marei, Mohamed Hany, Karim Hafez, Ahmed Fattouh and Tarek Alaa.

The midfield lineup includes Marwan Attia, Mohanad Lasheen, Mahmoud Saber, Mohamed Shehata, Nasser Maher, Ibrahim Adel, Mahmoud Hassan Trezeguet, Ahmed Sayed Zizo, Haitham Hassan, Mohamed Salah and Omar Marmoush.

Hamza Abdelkarim and Mahmoud Mamdouh complete the squad's forward options.

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OKC routs poor-shooting Wizards

Suns outlast Rockets for 1st back-to-back wins of season

PHOENIX, Nov 9, (AP): Devin Booker scored 24 points, including seven straight to break a late tie, and the Phoenix Suns held off the Houston Rockets 102-99.

Booker broke a 95-all tie with a basket with just under 4 minutes left, then hit a 3-pointer to make it 100-95. Another basket with 2:30 left made it a seven-point Phoenix lead, and Houston couldn't come back. Former Sun Kevin Durant missed a 3-point attempt in the final seconds and Phoenix ran out the clock.

Jalen Green had 16 points, Miles Bridges had 13 points and 10 rebounds and Dillon Brooks scored 11 for the Suns, who snapped an eight-game losing streak against the Rockets.

With their victory over Orlando on Thursday night, the Suns have won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Durant led the Rockets with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Amen Thompson scored 17 points, Fred VanVleet had 16, and Jabari Smith Jr. and Alperen Sengun added 15 apiece.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 30 points in three quarters and the Oklahoma City Thunder routed poor-shooting Washington 114-75, holding the Wizards to the lowest total in the NBA this season.

Jared McCain added 19 points, and rookie Aday Mara had 18 points, eight rebounds and three blocks for Oklahoma City (8-2), which has won five of seven games since losing starters Jalen Williams, Cason Wallace and Chet Holmgren to long-term injuries.

Rookie AJ Dybantsa scored 19 points and Alex Sarr had 15 points and 14 rebounds for Washington (4-6), which played without big man Anthony Davis. The Wizards made 29 of 98 shots (29.6%) and made only 7 of 43 3-point attempts. The Wizards have lost three straight.



Phoenix Suns forward Miles Bridges scores against the Houston Rockets during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Phoenix. (AP)

Both teams played NBA Cup games the previous night, but it didn't appear to affect Oklahoma City, which shot 50% in the first half and built a 57-36 lead behind 17 points from McCain and 16 from Gilgeous-Alexander, who sat out the fourth quarter.

Washington missed its first seven field goal attempts on the way to 15-for-52 shooting (28.8%) for the half. Trey Young, who starred at nearby Norman High and the University of Oklahoma, was held to one field goal in six attempts and finished with four points.

Victor Wembanyama scored 29 points and led the San Antonio Spurs to a 125-103 blowout win over the Portland Trail Blazers. Devin Vassell added 15 points for the Spurs (8-2) along with 14 each from Stephon Castle and Julian Champagnie, and 13 from Dylan Harper.



Pakistan's Mohammad Taha plays a shot during the first day of the first Test cricket match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka, in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. (AP)

Sports

Yarmouk clinches First Division Volleyball League title



Yarmouk captain receives the championship trophy from officials.

By Khaled Al-Enezi
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Yarmouk secured the First Division Volleyball League title for the 2025-2026 season with a convincing 3-0 victory over Al-Shabab in the final at the Kuwait Volleyball Association Hall in the Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Sports Complex.

Al-Shabab settled for second place, while Al-Nasr took third after defeating Al-Sahel by the same scoreline in the third-place playoff.

At the end of the tournament, Kuwait Volleyball Association President Dr Jaber Al-Marri, board member Ziad Al-Enezi, Yarmouk deputy game director Othman Al-Feelkawi, and Al-Shabab board member Fahad Al-Feelkawi honoured the top three teams and presented them with commemorative medals. They then handed the championship trophy to Yarmouk's captain, marking the team's title-winning achievement.

Bonyan named School Sports Federation secretary-general



Nasser Bonyan

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The Kuwait School Sports and Higher Education Federation has appointed Nasser Bonyan as its secretary-general, following approval by the board of directors. The move reflects the federation's commitment to bringing in qualified national talent and experienced sports administrators to strengthen its operations and advance its strategic goals.

Bonyan brings extensive experience in sports, administration and education. He previously served as a senior physical education supervisor at the Ministry of Education, where he contributed to the development of physical education and school sports activities.

He also enjoyed a distinguished football career, representing Qadsia and the Kuwait national team before moving into administration. His subsequent roles included administrative duties at Qadsia and working with Kuwait's youth national teams at the Kuwait Football Association.

His appointment is part of the federation's broader efforts to attract national expertise and improve school and university sports programmes and competitions, while promoting closer cooperation between educational institutions and sports organisations.

Bonyan's experience is expected to help implement the federation's future plans, enhance its institutional performance, encourage wider student participation and identify and develop promising sporting talent, supporting the long-term growth of Kuwaiti sports.

Kuwait Club tightens grip on top spot



Amr Abdel-Fattah is stretchered off the field.



Players jump for the ball during Zain Premier League match between Kuwait Club and Al-Sahel.

Kazma suffers first defeat

By Hassan Mosa
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KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Kuwait Club moved further clear at the top of the Zain Premier League after securing a 3-0 victory over Al-Sahel at Al-Sadaqa Wal-Salam Stadium in the eighth-round finale the night before last.

The win took Kuwait Club's tally to 19 points, giving ita four-point cushion over its nearest challengers.

Al-Sahel, despite the defeat, put up a strong fight, particularly in the first half, when it proved a difficult opponent for the league leader. However, it conceded the opening goal in the final minute of the half before being reduced to 10 men for the second period following Mohammed Al-Rashed's dismissal for a rough challenge.

Kuwait Club, meanwhile, delivered a convincing performance, dominating much of the match and doing enough to claim all three points.

The league will now go on a break until Nov 20 to allow the Kuwait national team to play two friendly matches during the FIFA international window.

Kuwait Club has also been dealing with a growing injury list. Amr Abdel-Fattah was forced off against Al-Sahel, while Saud Al-Houshan and Mohammed Daham missed the match through injury. Mohsen Falah and Mesari Ghanem also remain unavailable.

Qadsia responded to its derby setback with a narrow 1-0 win over Jahra, moving into second place with 15 points.

The victory was particularly significant as Kazma, who previously occupied second spot, suffered a defeat against Salmiya and slipped to third with 14 points. It was also Kazma's first loss of the season.

Salmiya benefited from the result, keeping its title ambitions alive with a valuable victory that lifted it to fifth place on 13 points. It is level with Al-Nasr, who failed to add to its tally after losing 2-1 to Arabi.

Arabi continued its impressive revival, recording its third consecutive win to reach 12 points and climbs to sixth place. It has made remarkable progress after sitting 10th just three rounds earlier.

Fahaheel slipped to seventh after surrendering two points in a 2-2 draw with Sulaibikhat, who moved to 11th place with five points.

Al-Shabab remained eighth on eight points after falling to Tadamon. The latter secured its second successive victory to reach six points and move into 10th place.

Jahra stayed ninth on seven points despite another encouraging display against one of the league's leading sides. However, it was unable to turn their performance into points, going down 1-0 to Qadsia.

Four half centuries carry new-look Pakistan to 281-5 against Sri Lanka

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Nov 9, (AP): Opening batter Tayyab Arif and Mohammad Taha made impressive debuts as new-look Pakistan drove to 281-5 on the opening day of the first cricket test against Sri Lanka.

Arif made an aggressive 57 off 51 balls and Taha showed lot of grit at No. 3 to score 51 off 105 deliveries on a greenish wicket that lured Sri Lanka captain Kusal Mendis to bowl first after winning the toss.

Captain Babar Azam's flamboyant 50 off 58 balls that featured seven fours and Saud Shakeel's unbeaten 57 also gave Pakistan early advantage before bad light stopped play with only 67.2 overs possible on the first day of two-test series.

Sri Lanka recovered well after Pakistan's sizzling start of 137-2 in the 30-over first session and took three wickets as the four pacers bowled to more disciplined lines after being dominated by Arif's early aggression.

"There were 63 balls that beat the bat today," said Sri Lanka bowling coach Ryan van Niekerk. "Sometimes, when you look at the bigger picture Pakistan probably slightly ahead on day one, but we're also probably short of a little bit of luck throughout the day."

Babar, who hasn't scored a test hundred since December 2022, looked at ease against the pace by playing his trademark cover drives, that included three off Dilshan Madushanka's first over after lunch as he completed his 35th test half century.

However, Babar was undone by left-arm seamer in his next over when he gave Mendis his one of the four catches of the day that stretched Babar's century drought to 41 test innings.

Taha and Shakeel then dug in for a more test-match mold against the pace and shared 68-run stand before Sri Lanka picked up two wickets in the final session.

"It was tough to contain the run rate once the first session had gone by," van Niekerk said. "But I thought the group of bowlers did a good job to pull it back towards the end of the day."

Mendis switched to his part-time spinner Sonal Dinusha to break the stand after Sri Lanka opted to go without frontline spinner Prabath Jayasuriya.

Taha tried to slog sweep Dinusha but top-edged to Dhananjaya de Silva and Salman Ali Agha, who made 16, was beaten by the extra pace of Asitha Fernando (2-64) and edged to Mendis behind the wickets.

"My only regret is that I should have batted longer after getting well set," said 26-year-old Taha. "Babar and coach Mike Hesson motivated me a lot. Obviously, there was pressure and some nervousness early on, but luckily, I batted with Babar bhai (brother) and he helped me a lot."

Earlier, the 20-year-old Tayyab struck nine boundaries and a six in his maiden test fifty and provided Pakistan a blazing start.

Sri Lanka struck back briefly by removing both Tayyab and his opening partner Azan Awais (30) in successive overs before Babar and Taha - among the four Pakistan players on test debut - carried the home team to the interval without further damage in the first session.

Taha had a lucky escape when he survived a close lbw review against Milan Rathnayake, who bowled 16 overs in three spells and finished the day with economical figures of 1-43.

Tayyab was fast-tracked to test cricket after an impressive domestic season and showed plenty of maturity. He showed signs of early aggression by pulling Fernando for a six over fine leg and also played some exquisite cover drives as Pakistan raced to 86-0 in 16 overs.

Tayyab completed his half-century off 46 balls with back-to-back boundaries against Lahiru Kumara (0-70). Rathnayake pulled back the scoring rate by bowling steadily as he struck in his third over when Mendis grabbed a stunning two-handed catch behind the wickets off Awais' thick inside edge.

Fernando struck from the other end when he found the outside edge of Tayyab's bat as he tried to play away from the body and gave Mendis a regulation catch.

Pakistan also awarded debuts to Arafat Minhas, a spinning allrounder and standout player of the recent triangular ODI series and fast bowler Saqib Khan as the home team look to beef up its pool of cricketers for the next World Test Championship cycle.

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