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Delegation participation reflects national coordination on digital policy

Kuwait takes part in AI governance forum

GENEVA, July 7, (KUNA) Kuwait is taking part in the first Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance and related events, including the AI for Good Global Summit and the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum, held in Geneva from July 6 to 10.

The meetings bring together representatives of member states, international organizations, the

private sector, academia and civil society to discuss AI governance, digital infrastructure, digital policy and capacity-building.

Kuwait's delegation includes representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA) and the Central Agency for Information Technology (CAIT), reflecting national

coordination on AI governance and digital policy.

Kuwait's participation underscores its commitment to strengthening international cooperation on AI governance, contributing to global discussions on the future of AI, and benefiting from international best practices to build a secure and inclusive digital future that promotes innovation, transparency and accountability.

Other Voices

Learning to set boundaries

By Hala Al Humaidhi

One of the most common misconceptions about having healthy relationships is that having healthy relationships is that always saying "yes" is the definition of kindness. Many people spend years trying to do everything they can to be kind to others. However, this approach is not healthy and often leads to resentment and burnout.

In reality, healthy relationships require boundaries. Boundaries are not about creating distance, but they are about establishing clear expectations. Setting boundaries is one of the first steps toward building healthier and more respectful relationships. It allows you to show yourself kindness by refusing to accept disrespectful treatment.

However, learning to create boundaries can be difficult and even frightening. Boundaries are the rules you establish regarding how you want to be treated, how you expect others to behave, and what you are comfortable accepting.

Many people struggle to set boundaries because they fear disappointing others. Saying "no" can create feelings of guilt, and we fear that others will become unhappy with us if we set boundaries. If we are not careful, we may think that our friends will leave, our family members will stop communicating with us, or our colleagues will no longer want to work with us if we say "no" to something.

We might be so uncomfortable saying no that we agree to commitments we cannot fulfill simply to avoid disappointing others. Saying no and refusing requests we cannot honor may make us feel uncomfortable at first. However, we shouldn't put ourselves in that uncomfortable position and we shouldn't ignore our needs. Setting boundaries is an essential part of self-care.

Self-respect means protecting and honoring our physical needs, opinions, and personal space. When we respect ourselves and family, we naturally want them to respect us as well. This may mean saying, "No, I can't do that," or "I can't commit to that right now." It means



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acknowledging and prioritizing our own needs.

It may mean taking an hour for ourselves after a long and difficult day or refusing to remain silent at a gathering where people are being unkind or disrespectful. We have the right to decide which behaviors we are comfortable accepting and which we are not.

Other people's reactions to our boundaries do not mean that setting them is wrong. Sometimes, establishing boundaries may make others unhappy. We may have been surrounded in the past by people who benefited from receiving unlimited time and attention from us, but that does not mean continuing this pattern is healthy for either side.

We seek healthy relationships by treating ourselves with the same kindness we offer others. A healthy relationship does not require one person to be the identity for the sake of another. Instead, it allows both parties to respect each other.

Setting boundaries means letting go of what does not work so that we can build healthier and happier relationships. Boundaries can bring more love into the world. They help people feel comfortable around us because we know what to expect.

Healthy boundaries do not take away any of the love we give to others; rather, they protect that love by helping us be healthy in the first place. The question is not whether we have boundaries or not. The real question is whether we believe we are worthy enough to set them.

UIC chairman praises Kuwait's emergency preparedness

Fund seen as boost to national resilience

KUWAIT CITY, July 7: Mr. Abdullah Hamad Al-Terkait, Chairman of the Union of Investment Companies (UIC), commended the launch of the "Kuwait Emergency Response Fund" initiative chaired by H.E. Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs, established with an initial capital of USD 100 million, affirming that this landmark national initiative reflects the vision of Kuwait's leadership in establishing a comprehensive institutional framework to enhance the country's preparedness and response capabilities in addressing various challenges and exceptional circumstances, while safeguarding national security, stability, and development achievements.

Al-Terkait stated that the establishment of the Fund represents a significant milestone in Kuwait's institutional development and demonstrates the State's strategic foresight, capability, and expertise in proactively strengthening its national response mechanisms. Such efforts, he noted, reinforce the country's readiness to address emergencies with efficiency and professionalism while ensuring the continuity of essential services and the protection of critical national infrastructure.



Abdullah Hamad Al-Terkait, Chairman of the Union of Investment Companies (UIC)

He added that the Union of Investment Companies views this initiative as an advanced model of national partnership between the public and private sectors and a practical embodiment of the values of social responsibility and solidarity that have long distinguished Kuwaiti society during periods of challenge. He emphasized that national unity has always been—and will continue to be—the cornerstone of overcoming crises, preserving stability, and advancing sustainable development.

Al-Terkait stressed that Kuwait's investment sector has consistently served as a key partner in supporting the national economy and contributing to the country's development agenda. He noted that the current phase calls for strengthening this role by aligning national initiatives that reinforce Kuwait's resilience, enhance its

situational preparedness, and improve the country's capacity to respond effectively to evolving regional and international developments.

He further noted that one of the initiative's defining strengths is that it extends beyond providing financial resources. Rather, it establishes an integrated institutional framework founded on sound planning, robust governance, transparency, accountability, and efficient resource management, ensuring that available resources are directed toward national priorities in accordance with the highest professional and governance standards. This approach, he added, strengthens stakeholder confidence and reflects Kuwait's commitment to institutional excellence in managing strategic national initiatives.

Al-Terkait highlighted the extensive expertise of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development under the leadership of H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, in financing and overseeing development and infrastructure projects both within Kuwait and internationally. He stated that leveraging this institutional expertise to serve national priorities demonstrates the ability of Kuwaiti institutions to transform decades of accumulated experience into practical capabilities that support national resilience and enhance preparedness in times of exceptional circumstances.

He further emphasized that the Union of Investment Companies firmly believes that investment extends beyond generating financial returns. True investment, he said, also encompasses investing in the country's stability, strengthening its economic resilience,

protecting its infrastructure, and ensuring the sustainability of essential public services—objectives that are fundamentally aligned with the mission of the Kuwait Emergency Response Fund.

Al-Terkait affirmed that Kuwait's financial and investment sector possesses the expertise, resources, and capabilities necessary to play an active role in the success of this national initiative, whether through direct support or by contributing its expertise in finance, risk management, governance, and sustainability, thereby strengthening the State's ability to build a more resilient and responsive national framework for future challenges.

He added that the current circumstances require all state institutions, the private sector, and civil society to work collectively under the principle of shared national responsibility and to translate the values of loyalty and patriotism into meaningful action. He noted that Kuwait's greatest achievements throughout its history have always been the result of close cooperation and solidarity between the country's leadership, its people, and its institutions.

Al-Terkait also praised the significant efforts undertaken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in launching this important national initiative. He stated that their work reflects a high level of planning, coordination, and institutional excellence, which underscores the State's commitment to continuously enhancing its national preparedness framework to address emerging challenges and emergency situations.

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All these projects in the five Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries relied on cooperation between the public and private sectors, and solidified economic stability, which in turn strengthened social stability.

These countries are building for the future, taking advantage of their capabilities and experiences. They are keen on utilizing infrastructure to create the conditions for continuous development.

Kuwait has the potential to compete with neighboring countries through the implementation of major projects, with the participation of the private sector. The state benefits from collecting fees from private sector companies, in addition to the diversification of its national income sources.

If other countries import labor, then we have many illegal residents (Bedouins) in Kuwait, those whose citizenship was revoked, who need training in professions needed by the country, in addition to the existing expatriate workforce.

All of these individuals can contribute to building a modern state if progressive laws are enacted to fully benefit from them. It is crucial to ease restrictions on both citizen and foreign investors, and grant them the freedom to exercise the usufruct right, which helped stimulate the economy in the past.

Kuwait was once a model for other countries in terms of growth, modernization and dynamism.

Finally, will we receive any response to our questions?

Amir calls

Separately, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah also received Tuesday, Director General Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) Sheikh Dr. Meshal Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) Managing Director Sheikh Saleh Salem Abdullah Al-Sabah, Brookfield Chief Executive Officer Bruce Platt and the accompanying delegation on their visit to Kuwait.

During the meeting, His Highness stressed the importance of supporting investment opportunities and fostering a competitive business environment that strengthens strategic partnerships, attracts global investment, and localizes expertise to support the national economy and create employment opportunities for Kuwaiti youth.

For his part, Brookfield CEO Bruce Platt expressed his appreciation

for the opportunity to meet His Highness, affirming the company's commitment to enhancing cooperation and expanding strategic partnerships in support of Kuwait's development projects.

Thousands caught

Furthermore, 35 wanted individuals, 21 residency law violators, 28 wanted vehicles, and three individuals without official identification were apprehended.

The General Traffic Department confirmed the continuation of field campaigns in all governorates and called on drivers to comply with traffic regulations to help preserve lives and property.

Meanwhile, traffic officers arrested 10 individuals of various nationalities who are wanted by law for different offenses, such as holding expired residency permits, street vending and absconding. They were referred to the concerned authorities.

According to a security source, the traffic officers apprehended these wanted individuals within a 24-hour period on Monday, and then they were handed over to the relevant authorities for further action.

Moreover, the General Traffic Department continued its intensive field campaigns in the governorates. In the past 24 hours, the patrol officers issued 2,888 traffic violation citations and impounded 65 vehicles.

A security source disclosed that traffic officers deployed throughout the governorates issued citations to violators for a number of offenses, including those related to trucks, using mobile phones while driving, not wearing seatbelts, illegal window tinting, excessive noise, speeding, motorcycle violations and other traffic infractions.

The source urged motorists to strictly comply with the traffic rules and regulations to ensure their safety and that of other road users, and to avoid violations and legal action.

Arab solidarity

Arab League Secretary General Nabil Fahmy on Tuesday praised Moroccan authorities for foiling terrorist plots, saying any attempt to undermine Morocco's security and stability is an unacceptable attack on an Arab state.

In a statement, Fahmy affirmed the Arab League's full solidarity with Morocco, its leadership, government and people, and reiterated support for all legitimate measures to safeguard the country's security, sovereignty and institutions against

terrorist threats.

He also commended the vigilance of Morocco's security services and stressed the importance of strengthening Arab cooperation, enhancing security and judicial coordination, and expanding information-sharing among Arab states to combat terrorism in all its forms.

Kuwait sets

It confirmed the vital role of technology in the next phase of enhancing transparency and data accessibility, and combating cyber corruption. This project falls within the core responsibilities of Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (Nabaha), as stipulated in Article Five of its founding law. The article mandates Nabaha to make a comprehensive national strategy for integrity, transparency and combating corruption, prepare the mechanisms, plans and programs for its implementation, and monitor its execution in cooperation with the relevant entities.

The strategy covers the pillars in the development plan of the country, especially the effective government administration and distinguished international standing pillars, which contribute to the realization of the vision of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and the Kuwait Vision 2035.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Transparency Association Secretary Dr. Manal Al-Kandari is hoping that the new strategy for promoting integrity and combating corruption will be more comprehensive and effective than its predecessors. She emphasized the necessity of including stringent legislation to protect the wealth of the nation from financial crimes, alongside establishing accountability governance mechanisms to completely eliminate favoritism within the government system, thus, creating an attractive work environment that guarantees equal opportunities.

Al-Kandari stressed the significance of the involvement of the private sector as an active partner in protecting public funds, adding that anti-corruption efforts will have a positive impact on the business environment.

She thinks this strategy will enhance transparency and boost confidence in state institutions—a fundamental requirement for foreign investors seeking a secure environment that protects public and private funds and relies on economic and administrative systems based on integrity and effective accountability. She said this will lead to an influx of foreign investments and reduce

the cost of public sector projects and tenders.

She affirmed that the strategy aligns with the current reform efforts of the country to eradicate corruption. She emphasized that combating corruption and liberalizing the investment environment are two essential pillars for creating a diversified and sustainable national economy based on the principles of transparency and fair competition.

Furthermore, economic expert and lawyer Salem Al-Hamoud asserted that protecting public funds is imperative for safeguarding the resources and assets of the country. He pointed out that the country witnessed sheer mismanagement and wastage in previous eras, indicating that the strategy will lead to a decline in corruption levels, hence, saving millions of Kuwaiti dinars that were previously wasted.

Al-Hamoud clarified that protecting national resources is not the responsibility of the government alone, because it is a shared national duty incumbent upon the state and its citizens. He stated that the elimination of anomalies will have a positive impact on the general budget.

He commended the current reform approach and the success of the nation in holding former officials—including ministers—accountable, which proves Kuwait is experiencing a golden age in its fight against corruption.

He said Kuwait already made significant strides in building its oversight institutions, particularly since it recognizes that combating corruption is a crucial step in administrative, economic and social development, in addition to reinforcing the principles of transparency and accountability.

Kuwait condemns

Saudi Arabia also strongly condemned the attack in Damascus, which injured several security personnel and civilians while authorities were dismantling two explosive devices planted by a terrorist cell. The Saudi Foreign Ministry reaffirmed the Kingdom's rejection of all terrorist and extremist acts targeting Syria's security and stability.

Explosions rocked Damascus on Tuesday as France's president met with his Syrian counterpart in a landmark visit, wounding at least 18 people, Syria's Interior Ministry said.

It was the second blast to rock the capital in a few days, and a setback for the country's new president as he welcomed his first visit from a western leader since ousting longtime dictator Bashar al-Assad. Syr-

ia's new rulers have wrestled with outbreaks of violence as they work to assert control, but the capital has been largely peaceful.

Ennassir's Macron was inside the presidential palace when the explosion happened. An official from the Elysee Palace said he was safe and that the meeting with Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa continued, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss Macron's whereabouts and security.

"Nothing can smother the aspiration of Syrian women and men to live in a fully sovereign, safe, pluralistic, and united Syria," Macron said in a post on X hours after the explosion. "This morning I met Syria in all its diversity. I saw dignity, courage and determination."

A large plume of smoke could be seen from the site of the explosion near the Four Seasons Hotel, where Syrian media reported Macron was meeting. Footage widely circulated on social media showed a van and a motorcycle on fire and blood stains on the street in the area on a busy street near the headquarters of the Tourism Ministry and the Damascus National Museum.

The explosions represent a challenge to al-Sharaa, who came to power after leading an insurgency that ousted the Assad dynasty that ruled Syria with an iron fist for half a century and ended the country's 14-year uprising-turned-civil war.

Al-Sharaa has since pushed to assert full control over and bring stability to war-torn Syria, appeal to minorities skeptical of his Islamist-led rule, and win the support of Western governments who were concerned about his past leadership of the formerly al-Qaeda-linked Hayat Tahrir al-Sham group. His government has promised political and economic reform after decades of autocratic rule. Macron is the first major Western leader to visit Syria since al-Sharaa came to power and his visit comes before he is set to head to Ankara, Turkey later Tuesday for a NATO summit. Macron also plans to hold a joint news conference with his Syrian counterpart.

The French head of state played a major role in pushing Europe and the United States to drop most sanctions on Syria. He arrived in the country Monday night with an economic delegation, and is scheduled to sign memorandums of understanding with his counterpart as the battered country tries to lure investors to help it rebuild after 14 years of war.

The Interior Ministry in a statement reported by Syrian state media said that the two blasts in the heart of the capital were caused by explosive

devices, one placed in a garbage bin and the other in a parked car. It added that four of the wounded were police officers, and no deaths were immediately reported.

Kuwait sounds

The ministry stressed Kuwait's rejection of any actions that could undermine regional security and stability, calling for an immediate halt to all escalatory acts and urging adherence to international law guaranteeing freedom of navigation and safe passage through international waters.

Three tankers were struck by projectiles Tuesday in the Strait of Hormuz, the British military said, in the latest attacks targeting vessels moving through the narrow mouth of the Arabian Gulf.

The new assaults threatened to choke off the flow of traffic in the strait just as countries hoped to restore normal shipping practices and ease the global economic strain of the war between the U.S. and Iran.

One of the tankers was traveling off the coast of Oman and caught fire, according to the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations center. Iranian state television said the liquefied natural gas tanker came under attack after ignoring warnings but did not directly claim the assault.

Two other tankers were also hit, including one that was struck by a drone. It was not immediately clear where they were at the time of the attacks. Both of those ships sustained some damage, but no loss was injured, the maritime agency said. At least one of the vessels continued on its way.

Tehran, which has repeatedly declared that only its approved route through the strait is safe, is suspected of attacking other ships that have used another route close to the Omman shore.

The U.S. is eager to press ahead with negotiations with Iran aimed at fully reopening the strait, rolling back Tehran's disputed maritime program and reaching a permanent end to the war launched Feb. 28. Previous attacks in the strait have sparked retaliatory strikes by the U.S., Iran then attacked Gulf Arab states.

In peacetime, a fifth of all traded oil and natural gas passed through the channel.

Meanwhile, talks between Iran and the U.S. appeared to be on hold until after the burial of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed at the beginning of the war. Mourners at his funeral have called for the death of U.S. President Donald Trump.