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براق المطر في لحظة جماعية خلال القمة مع أعضاء المجلس الاستشاري



براق المطر خلال مشاركة في جلسة نقاشية بعنوان «الدكاء الاصطناعي: تجارب واقعية ونجاحات مبكرة»

تأكيداً على التزامه بالمساهمة في دعم المشهد التقني المتطور الكويت

«برقان» يبرز ريادته التقنية في قمة «IDC الكويت» لرؤساء تقنية المعلومات 2026



براق المطر متسلماً جائزة IDC CIO



فريق براق في لحظة جماعية في عشاء القمة

شارك براق في قمة IDC الكويت 2026 لرؤساء تقنية المعلومات (CIO Summit Kuwait) 2026، تأكيداً على التزامه بالمساهمة في دعم المشهد التقني المتطور في الكويت، وتعزيز الحوار البناء حول الفرص والتحديات التي ترمس ملامح المرحلة المقبلة من التحول الرقمي. وتحت شعار «نمو الانتماء القائمة على وكلاء الذكاء الاصطناعي»، جمعت القمة هذا العام نخبة من رؤساء تقنية المعلومات والقيادات التنفيذية في قطاع التكنولوجيا وصناعة القرار، لبحث ومناقشة الدور القمائي للذكاء الاصطناعي والحوسبة السحابية والبيئة التحتية للبيانات في تمكين المؤسسات من العمل بقدرة أكبر من الذكاء والاستراتيجية المرونة. وأكد براق في كلمة

على تبني التقنيات التي تسهم في تطوير التجربة المصرفية، مع ضمان أن يستند هذا التقدم إلى المرونة والحوكمة المؤسسية وتحسين الأمن السيبراني ونقطة العملاء، ومن خلال مواصلة الاستثمار في قدراته التقنية والمشاركة في الحوارات المتخصصة في مستوى القطاع، يواصل البنك تعزيزه استراتيجية لروءاء تقنية المعلومات لتجربة شامل تجاه التحول الرقمي، والذي يتركز

والامتثال التنظيمي. كما دعمه المستثمر لخدمة الوطنية الصرفة، بتكثيف على «برقان» التي أطلقتها بنك الكويت الوطني بالتعاون مع اتحاد المصارف ودعم البنوك المحلية، التي يسهم من خلالها البنك في رفع كفاءة الممارسات المصرفية الآمنة وزيادة إلمام العملاء بالمخاطر المالية والرقمية المستجدة. وتحتسب مشاركة بنك براق في قمة IDC الكويت

أمر أمينة منبته بالتوازي مع التطور الرقمي، إلى جانب تعزيزه لتجربة العملاء التي تشهده المنظمة الرقمية. وتعليقاً على مشاركته، قال براق: «تتمثل أدوات الذكاء الاصطناعي تطوراً مهماً في كيفية توفير التكنولوجيا لدعم المؤسسات، إلا أن قيمتها الحقيقية تعتمد على نهاية المطاف إلى مدى استخدامها بمسؤولية، وفاعلية، وفي القطاع المصرفي، لا يمكن فصل

مجال تقنية المعلومات ودعم الابتكار الرقمي، وذلك وفق عملية تقييم دقيقة ومتعددة المراحل تجربتها لجنة مستقلة من محلي IDC. وخلال مشاركته، أكد المطر أن الاستفادة من إمكانات التقنيات الناشئة تتطلب من المؤسسات تحقيق توازن بين الابتكار من جهة، والحوكمة والقوة والأمن السيبراني والتدريب المسوول من جهة أخرى، وفيما يخص قطاع المال، شدد المطر على أهمية المضي قدماً في ترسيخ

بالتعاون مع «الهلال الأحمر» ضمن حملة «العودة إلى المدارس»

«الخليج» يواصل دعم التعليم ويسدد المصروفات الدراسية عن أبناء الأسر المتعففة



مجلس الجمعية يتسلم شهادة تقدير من فواز المزروعى

في إطار التزامه الراسخ بمسؤولياته الاجتماعية ودعمه التواصل للقطاع التعليمي، أعلن بنك الخليج عن مساهمته في تصديق المصروفات الدراسية لعدد من الطلبة من أبناء الأسر المتعففة، وذلك بالتعاون مع جمعية الهلال الأحمر الكويتي. وتأتي هذه المبادرة استكمالاً لالتزام بنك الخليج بدعم التنمية البشرية، وتعد فرصة قيمة لتواصل الشركة مع المجتمع المحلي، وتأتي هذه المبادرة استكمالاً لالتزام بنك الخليج بدعم التنمية البشرية، وتعد فرصة قيمة لتواصل الشركة مع المجتمع المحلي.

كما يعكس هذا الانجاز رؤية الشركة في أن التحول الرقمي لا يقتصر على تطوير التكنولوجيا فقط، بل يمتد ليشمل طرق تقديم الخدمات للعملاء. وتضمنت المبادرة تقديم المصروفات الدراسية لعدد من الطلبة من أبناء الأسر المتعففة، وذلك بالتعاون مع جمعية الهلال الأحمر الكويتي. وتأتي هذه المبادرة استكمالاً لالتزام بنك الخليج بدعم التنمية البشرية، وتعد فرصة قيمة لتواصل الشركة مع المجتمع المحلي.

تقديراً لريادتها في الابتكار والتكنولوجيا والتحول الرقمي

Ooredoo الكويت تتوج بست جوائز Stevie®



عمر البسام متسلماً خلال الحفل

دفع مسيرة الابتكار والتميز في المنطقة. وتأتي هذه الجوائز لتكريم توجه Ooredoo الكويت نحو تجاوب التوقعات والتطوير المستمر لتجربة عملائها وموظفيها، من خلال الاستراتيجيات المبتكرة والتكنولوجيا المتطورة والابتكار، وتطوير الحلول والخدمات وتعزيز ثقافة الابتكار داخل بيئة العمل.

على هذه الجوائز في مجالات التكنولوجيا والذكاء الاصطناعي وتطوير العلامة التجارية يعكس نهج Ooredoo الكويت في مواصلة التطوير، وتوظيف التكنولوجيا والابتكار لتحقيق قيمة مضافة ومستدامة لعملائها وموظفيها. وأضاف: «رأه هذا الانجاز فريق يتمتع بالشغف والإبداع وروح المبادرة، ويعمل كل يوم على تحدي المألوف، ورفع سقف الطموحات، وتحويل الأفكار إلى حلول وتجارب مميّزة لجميع الفئات، ونؤمن بأن الابتكار لا يقتصر

حصلت Ooredoo الكويت ست جوائز مرموقة ضمن جوائز Stevie® الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا 2026، وذلك خلال حفل توزيع الجوائز الذي أقيم في الجمعية الخيرية في استقطوب بحضور نخبة من قادة الأعمال والقيادات المتميزة من مختلف أنحاء المنطقة. ومثل Ooredoo الكويت في الحفل عمر البسام، رئيس قطاع الموارد البشرية والعمليات، الذي تسلم الجوائز نيابة عن الشركة. مؤكداً أن هذا التكريم يعكس جهود فريق Ooredoo والالتزام المستمر بالابتكار وتطوير العلامة التجارية وتعزيز تجربة عملائها. وحصدت Ooredoo الكويت أربع جوائز ذهبية، وجائزة فضية، وجائزة برونزية، وجاءت على النحو التالي:

- الجائزة الذهبية: جائزة الابتكار في تطوير التكنولوجيا والذكاء الاصطناعي.
- الجائزة الذهبية: جائزة العلامة التجارية.
- الجائزة الفضية: جائزة القيادة النسائية في مجال التكنولوجيا والعمليات.
- الجائزة البرونزية: جائزة العلامة التجارية.



عمر البسام متسلماً إحدى الجوائز

«المعادن الكويتية» تسهم بمليون دولار في صندوق الكويت للاستجابة الطارئة

الضوابط والمعايير المعتمدة وبالتنسيق مع الجهات الحكومية المعنية. ويذكر أن صندوق الكويت للاستجابة الطارئة أطلق في الخامس من يوليو الماضي، بهدف دعم جهود الكويتيين للتصديع بمساعدة من صندوق الكويت الوطني، وتوجيه الموارد لتمويل مشاريع التنمية والتطوير، وتساهم في تعزيز التنمية البشرية، وتساهم في تعزيز التنمية البشرية، وتساهم في تعزيز التنمية البشرية.



بالإضافة إلى تمويل المشاريع والأعمال الإنسانية، وتساهم في تعزيز التنمية البشرية، وتساهم في تعزيز التنمية البشرية، وتساهم في تعزيز التنمية البشرية.

أعلن الصندوق الكويتي للتنمية عن مساهمة مؤسسة المعادن الكويتية، ممثلة في محمد علي النقي، ورئيس مجلس إدارة المؤسسة، بقيمة مليون دولار لصالح صندوق الكويت للاستجابة الطارئة. وتأتي هذه المساهمة دعماً لجهود الكويتيين في تعزيز التنمية البشرية، وتساهم في تعزيز التنمية البشرية، وتساهم في تعزيز التنمية البشرية.

Local

Kindergartens welcome students

Educational programs emphasize interactive, practical and exploratory learning



KUWAIT: Kindergarten academic year begins amidst a conducive educational environment. — KUNA photos

KUWAIT: Kindergarten students took their first steps into the new academic year on Wednesday, marking the start of the 2026-2027 school year for the youngest students following the earlier return of elementary, middle and high school students. The beginning of kindergarten marks an important stage in children's educational journey, representing their first experience of

school and a key period in developing their personalities, knowledge and basic skills.

Kindergarten is also the first educational environment in which children move beyond the family setting into a broader space for interaction, learning and developing their abilities. Ensuring a safe and supportive school environment and helping children adjust grad-

ually to school life are therefore essential to a successful start. With kindergartens opening their doors, school administrations and educational authorities have worked to provide safe and stimulating learning environments tailored to children's age-specific needs.

The educational programs emphasize interactive, practical and exploratory learning designed to support

children's social, linguistic and cognitive development while encouraging confidence and positive interaction. The preparations are part of the Ministry of Education's efforts to provide an attractive and secure learning environment for kindergarten students and support their overall development through age-appropriate educational programs and activities. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Al-Sadu Handicrafts Association, Director of the Research and Technology Activation Department at the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences and other officials attend the Innovative Energy Project Award 2026 for the Soof Wool Mill project. — KUNA

Kuwait's Soof Wool Mill wins regional innovative energy award

KUWAIT: The Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) announced Wednesday that the Soof Wool Mill project has won the "Innovative Energy Project of the Year 2026" award for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The award is presented by the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), a global nonprofit professional organization specializing in energy, energy efficiency and sustainability. KFAS said in a press release that the award was received by Dina Al-Nageeb, Director of the Research and Technology Activation Department at KFAS, and Sheikh Bibi Duaij Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Al-Sadu Handicrafts Society, during the regional awards ceremony in Orlando, Florida.

The foundation said the recognition reflects the project's use of innovative and sustainable energy solutions and highlights the Soof Wool Mill as a model integrating scientific research, sustainability and practical application. The project incorporates clean energy solutions, water recycling and circular economy principles in processing and utilizing local wool, helping transform a local resource into a product with economic and environmental value.

The initiative was conceived by the Al-Sadu Handicrafts Society, while KFAS funded and supported the related scientific research. The Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) implemented the project in collaboration with the Livestock Transport and Trading Company. KFAS said the project demonstrates effective cooperation among national institutions in transforming innovative ideas into practical and sustainable solutions. The foundation added that the achievement reflects its commitment to supporting applied research, development and innovation, and promoting the use of science and technology to address priority challenges and generate sustainable economic, environmental and social impact.

KFAS said the regional award recognizes the collaborative national efforts behind the project and demonstrates the potential of research-based and innovative projects to deliver practical solutions with tangible impact. It added that the achievement also contributes to strengthening the regional profile of innovative Kuwaiti projects. The AEE Awards recognize outstanding projects, institutions and professionals in the fields of energy, energy efficiency and sustainability. The Soof Wool Mill was selected for the "Innovative Energy Project of the Year 2026" award as part of the AEE's 2026 Regional Awards. — KUNA

Nicaragua woos investors, highlights tax incentives

By Passant Hisham

KUWAIT: Nicaraguan Ambassador to Kuwait Mohamed Farrara Lashtar is calling on Kuwaiti investors to explore opportunities in Nicaragua, highlighting tax incentives and other measures aimed at attracting foreign investment. Speaking on the sidelines of Nicaragua's 205th Independence Day celebration on Tuesday, Lashtar said bilateral ties with Kuwait could become stronger, with Nicaragua offering opportunities for Kuwaiti investors across various sectors, supported by tax incentives and other measures to attract foreign investment.

He said Gulf nationals can enter Nicaragua without a visa and that investors can benefit from tax exemptions in sectors including agriculture, livestock and tourism. He also pointed to easier procedures for obtaining land and licenses and the ability to transfer investment capital and profits in and out of the country. For tourism investors, tax exemptions can extend for up to 20 years, he said.

Lashtar also wants to see more Kuwaiti and Gulf visitors discover Nicaragua, which he described as a country with significant tourism potential because of its access to both the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean. Nicaragua currently receives around two million tourists a year, he said, with most visitors coming from Central America, the United States and Canada. Arab tourism to Latin America, however, remains limited, and Nicaragua hopes to attract a larger share of visitors from the region. One obstacle is connectivity. "There are no direct flights," Lashtar said, pointing to routes through Qatar, Tur-

key and the UAE as options for travelers from the Gulf. From Kuwait, he said, travelers can also reach Nicaragua through Mexico.

Deep ties despite a small community
The push for greater tourism and investment comes against the backdrop of longstanding diplomatic and development ties between Kuwait and Nicaragua. The two countries established diplomatic relations in 1980, according to Lashtar, who said Nicaragua's Embassy in Kuwait was its first diplomatic mission in the Gulf and Arab world. Nicaragua also maintains an embassy in Algeria, while Kuwait provides diplomatic coverage for Nicaragua across the Gulf and several Arab countries, he said. Despite the breadth of the official relationship, the Nicaraguan community in Kuwait remains small, with only 10 Nicaraguan nationals living in Kuwait. For the ambassador, however, the size of the community does not reflect the depth of the relationship, which has developed through diplomatic, development and health cooperation.

Kuwait Fund cooperation
Kuwait's development support to Nicaragua has reached around \$100-120 million, according to Lashtar, through cooperation with the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development. He highlighted Kuwait-funded projects including the opening of what he described as Nicaragua's largest hospital, located in the western part of the country and serving an area of around 700,000 people.

A transportation project funded by the Kuwait Fund also began around three to four months ago, he said, with bridges among the country's key infrastructure needs. Lashtar said such projects are particularly important because they help connect Nicaragua's Pacific and Caribbean regions. The two sides are also looking to expand cooperation in health, education and transportation. Lashtar said Nicaragua has begun preparing feasibility studies for additional projects to present to the Kuwait



Nicaraguan Ambassador Mohamed Farrara Lashtar speaking to the press on the sidelines of the event. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Fund, while Fund officials have visited the country to assess proposed project sites and sectors and discuss potential investments.

Regional tensions and Palestine
Turning to the wider region, Lashtar said Nicaragua had hoped the Middle East would remain a region of lasting peace and expressed concern over the current tensions. He praised Kuwait's approach, pointing to what he described as the country's reliance on patience, restraint, diplomacy and dialogue. "We hope it succeeds in the end. There is no alternative but dialogue," he said.

On the Palestinian issue, Lashtar reaffirmed Nicaragua's support for the Palestinian cause, describing it as part of the country's longstanding position. Nicaragua severed diplomatic relations with Israel in October 2024 and has continued to publicly affirm its support for Palestinian rights. In April 2025, the Nicaraguan government said it would continue its participation in proceedings before the International Court of Justice concerning the Gaza war and its support for the Palestinian people.



KUWAIT: A glimpse of the orientation sessions at Abdullah Al-Salem University for its new students for the new academic year 2026/2027. — KUNA photos

Abdullah Al-Salem University concludes orientation sessions

KUWAIT: Abdullah Al-Salem University concluded its orientation sessions for new students for the 2026/2027 academic year on Wednesday, following four days of activities held from Sept 13 to 16 on the university campus. The sessions were organized for students of the College of Medicine and Health Sci-

ences, College of Engineering and Energy, College of Systems and Computer Engineering, and College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

In a press release issued following the sessions, the university reaffirmed its commitment to providing students with a comprehensive university experience and equipping them with the knowledge and tools needed for a successful start to their academic journey. The orientation program aimed to familiarize new students with the university, its academic system, student services and extracurricular activities, helping facilitate their transition to university life and supporting their integration into the university community from the

beginning of the new academic year.

The program featured presentations by the Dean of Student Affairs, covering student services, activities and programs, as well as mechanisms for academic and advisory support. The Digitalization Department also introduced students to the university's digital systems and platforms and explained how to use them to manage their academic progress. Meanwhile, the Support Operations Department briefed students on essential services, including university identification cards, transportation, medical clinics and food services. The university wished its new students a successful and rewarding academic year filled with achievement. — KUNA

Kuwait, Tajikistan discuss labor and vocational training

DUSHANBE: Tajikistan is keen to strengthen cooperation with Kuwait in labor and vocational training, Minister of Labor, Migration and Employment Salha Zoda said Wednesday. The Kuwaiti Embassy in Tajikistan said in a statement, a copy of which was received by KUNA, that Zoda made the remarks during a meeting with Kuwaiti Ambassador to Tajikistan Mohammad Al-Omairi in Dushanbe.

Al-Omairi said the meeting discussed prospects for cooperation in employment, vocational training and skill development, as well as the exchange of expertise and capacity-building between the relevant authorities in the two countries. The discussions also addressed the recruitment of qualified Tajik workers for Kuwait's private sector, he said, stressing the



KUWAIT: Tajikistan's Minister of Labor, Migration and Employment, Salha Zoda, with the Ambassador of Kuwait to Tajikistan, Mohammad Al-Omairi. — KUNA photos

importance of continued coordination between the concerned authorities to strengthen cooperation and benefit from Tajikistan's skilled technical workforce.

Al-Omairi reaffirmed Kuwait's commitment to facilitating communication and following up on proposals with the relevant authorities. He also stressed the importance of strengthening direct coordination between



Tajikistan's Ministry of Labor, Migration and Employment and the relevant Kuwaiti authorities, particularly the Public Authority for Manpower. During Tajik President Emomali Raimonov's official visit to Kuwait in 2024, the two countries signed a memorandum of understanding to regulate cooperation on the exchange of workers in the private sector. — KUNA



Prayer Timings

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ISFO recognizes scientific, professional work

MoH honors Prof. Khorshid for global surgery award

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 16, (KUNA): Ministry of Health Undersecretary Sheikh Dr. Salman Al-Sabah honored Professor Moussa Khorshid, a specialist in general, bariatric and laparoscopic surgery, after he received the Pioneer Award from the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO), in recognition of his scientific and professional contributions.

In a statement Wednesday, the ministry said that Sheikh Dr. Salman Al-Sabah affirmed that the achievements of Kuwaiti medical professionals at international forums are a source of pride and reflect the distinguished expertise and strong academic presence

within Kuwait's healthcare and academic sectors.

Professor Khorshid received the award during the IFSO World Congress held in Toronto, Canada, where he was honored alongside four US surgical scientists in recognition of his career and contributions to the development of bariatric and metabolic surgery.

The ministry noted that the latest honor adds to a distinguished record of international achievements, including an honorary fellowship from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in 2021 and an honorary fellowship from the American Surgical Association (ASA) in 2024.

Professor Khorshid expressed



MoH photo
Ministry of Health Undersecretary Sheikh Dr. Salman Al-Sabah honors Professor Moussa Khorshid.

pride in the recognition, commending the Ministry of Health's support for national medical professionals and continued encouragement of scientific and professional excellence.

He stressed that such achievements serve as an incentive to continue working and contributing to the advancement of medicine and to raising Kuwait's profile at international medical forums.

Arbitration Law gets initial nod; main pillar for justice

High-level team to join HH Amir Rep on US trip named

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 16, (KUNA): Kuwait's Cabinet approved a draft decree-law to issue the Arbitration Law, given that it is a key pillar for efficient justice, and due to its speed in resolving disputes and flexibility in procedures.

This came during the Cabinet's meeting on Wednesday, chaired by the Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Fahad Yusuf Saud Al-Sabah.

Following the meeting, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Shaheed Al-Mousaherji made the following statement:

The Cabinet was informed of the names of the official delegation accompanying representative of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, on his official mission to New York for the



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Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Fahad Yusuf Saud Al-Sabah chairs the cabinet meeting.

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The delegation includes Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Director General of the Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) Sheikh Dr. Meshal Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Assistant Minister of Foreign Af-

fairs for International Organizations' Affairs Ambassador Sadiq Maraf, Kuwait's Ambassador to the US Sheikh Al-Zain Sabah Al-Nasser Al-Sabah, Permanent Delegate to the UN Ambassador Tariq Al-Banna'i and a number of officials from the Crown Prince's Diwan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Cabinet strongly con-

demned attempts to target Makkah with a drone launched by the Houthis militia, reiterating its full solidarity with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its support for all measures taken to protect its sovereignty, security, and the holy sites.

Similarly, it condemned the Houthis militia attacks on civilians in the cities of Khams Mushait, Abha, and Taif in Saudi Arabia using ballistic missiles and drones, resulting in several civilians injured and houses damaged.

The Cabinet also condemned the attack on the East-West pipeline in the regions of Riyadh and Madina in Saudi Arabia by several drones coming from Iraqi territory last Saturday, which resulted in injuries and material damage, stressing the need to halt these attacks that constitute a serious escalation to the stability of the region.

It also reviewed topics and reports on the agenda, referring some to relevant ministerial committees for study and to submit appropriate recommendations to complete the necessary procedures for their implementation.

Nicaragua marks Independence Day

Boost eyed in health, education, tourism ties

By Fares Ghaleb
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KUWAIT CITY, Sept 16: Ambassador of the Republic of Nicaragua to Kuwait Mohamed Farrar Lashtar confirmed the depth of relations between the two countries, stressing that this relationship is rooted in historic friendship, mutual respect and fruitful development cooperation.

Lashtar made the statement to reporters on the sidelines of the celebration organized by the Nicaraguan Embassy on the occasion of the 205th Independence Day of Nicaragua.

Counselor Ahmed Shannar Al-Bakhit from the Protocol Department, along with many ambassadors, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of Kuwaiti entities and friends of Nicaragua attended the event.

Ambassador Lashtar disclosed that the diplomatic relations between the two countries were established in 1990, followed by the opening of the Embassy of Nicaragua in Kuwait—the country's first embassy in the Gulf region and the Arab world. He indicated that his country aspires to expand cooperation with Kuwait in the fields of health, education, transport, tourism and investment.

He praised the wisdom of the Kuwaiti leaders and their balanced approach in dealing with regional crises. He asserted that Kuwait serves as a model of poise, diplomacy and restraint, while emphasizing that dialogue is the only path toward achieving security and peace and resolving crises.

He added that the Embassy of Nicaragua in Kuwait covers all the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, Jordan, Lebanon and Libya, while Nicaragua maintains another embassy in Algeria. He affirmed the desire of his country to translate its excellent political relations with Kuwait into broader and more practical partnerships.

He commended the role of Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), stating that its contributions facilitated the construction and opening of the largest hospital in his country, which possesses a population of around 700,000. He said the project was valued at \$120 million and KFAED contributed about 33 percent of the total cost.

He also revealed that the implementation of a major transport project started three or four



Photo by Rizk Taufiq
Ambassador of the Republic of Nicaragua to Kuwait Mohamed Farrar Lashtar and Counselor Ahmed Shannar Al-Bakhit at the cake-cutting ceremony.

months ago, which includes the construction of several major bridges to enhance connectivity between the country's regions bordering the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.

He indicated that KFAED is providing a loan of about \$15 million to develop roads and transportation networks, replace aging infrastructure, and connect vital areas of livestock, mining and agricultural production, thereby reducing travel times and logistics costs in the Northern Caribbean.

Regarding tourism, he expressed his desire to increase the number of Arab and Gulf visitors, as the number of Arabs visiting Latin America remains limited. He cited the lack of direct flights as a major challenge, despite Nicaragua being accessible through Mexico, Brazil, Turkey and certain Central American countries. He invited Kuwaitis and other Gulf nationals to discover Latin America, stating that the region "needs everything and possesses everything"—a reference to its diverse resources and opportunities for tourism and investment.

He stated that Gulf citizens can enter Nicaragua without obtaining a visa in advance, and that his country offers investment facilities and incentives

in agriculture, livestock and tourism. "These facilities include tax exemptions and concessions, land-related privileges, and a banking system that allows investors to manage their businesses and repatriate profits and funds in accordance with the law," he explained.

He added that investors in the tourism sector could benefit from exemptions and incentives extending up to 20 years. He stated that the embassy held meetings with Kuwaiti businesspeople and investors. "While some had visited Nicaragua and returned with positive impressions, translating this interest into actual projects requires more time and greater awareness of the available opportunities," he asserted.

He urged investors to diversify their destinations rather than limiting themselves to European markets, some of which might have political and legal risks, highlighting instead that Nicaragua offers opportunities, incentives and guarantees in sectors in need of new investment.

On the regional developments, he expressed hope for lasting peace in the region, while lamenting what he described as misguided policies that have exacerbated crises.

He also talked about the situation in the Strait of Hormuz, indicating that the strait remained open to global trade before the crises and escalatory policies led to its closure. He argued that merely reopening the strait will not address the root of the problem, as true peace requires tackling the underlying causes of tension.

He emphasized that Kuwait is among the nations most affected by the repercussions of regional crises, yet it handled such crises with wisdom, patience, poise and diplomacy.

He believes that the balanced policy of Kuwait helped safeguard the country, stressing that "there is no alternative to dialogue."

Regarding the Palestinian issue, he affirmed that Nicaragua's ties with Palestine are rooted in "bonds of blood and historic solidarity," disclosing that a number of fighters from his country participated in the Palestinian struggle and resistance, while some losing their lives in 1968, 1969 and 1970.

He asserted that Nicaragua does not maintain relations with Israel, and it fully supports the Palestinian people's right to freedom, independence and self-determination.

Ruling in wife murder case postponed to Sept 23

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 16: The Court of Appeals postponed until Sept 23 announcement of its ruling in the case of a man sentenced to death for allegedly murdering his wife by running her over with his car in Mulla's, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

During the court proceedings, Attorney Abdulmohsen Al-Qattan, lawyer of the family of

the victims, claimed that forensic analyses and medical evaluations conducted on the defendant indicated that he had been pretending to be ill and exaggerating symptoms that were not present.

The defense argued that this evidence contradicts the claims of the accused regarding his health.

Al-Qattan urged the court to uphold the death sentence, pointing out that the demand of his clients is to finalize the previous ruling, which declared the defendant guilty and sentenced him to death.

At the end of the session, the court announced that postponed the issuance of judgment until Sept 23.



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Top and above: Khusrav Noziri, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan to the State of Kuwait is pictured with the guests.

35th Independence Day marked

Tajik-Kuwaiti bilateral ties see steady growth: envoy

By Fares Ghaleb

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KUWAIT CITY, Sept 16: Khusrav Noziri, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan to the State of Kuwait, said the Tajik-Kuwaiti relations are witnessing steady development, based on mutual respect, political dialogue, trust and mutually beneficial partnership.

Noziri made the statement at a ceremony organized by the Embassy of Tajikistan on Tuesday to celebrate the 35th Independence Day of the country. Present at the event were Minister of Public Works Dr. Nour Al-Mashaan, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs Nawaf Al-Ahmad, ambassadors, heads of diplomatic missions, diplomats and members of the Tajik community.

He affirmed that his country looks forward to transforming the strong political understanding between the two nations into broader and more effective practical and economic cooperation.

He stated that celebrating the 35th anniversary of independence is not just a commemoration of a historical event, but a reflection on the 35-year journey of the nation and a look toward the future that Tajikistan views with confidence, determination and hope.

He expressed his sincere gratitude to Al-Mashaan for accepting the invitation and attending the celebration, describing her participation as a testament to the deep ties of friendship uniting the two countries and their peoples.

Regarding relations with Kuwait, he confirmed that the State of Kuwait holds a special and cherished place in Tajikistan's foreign policy. He disclosed that diplomatic relations between the two countries were established on March 31, 1995, and that just a few weeks later, President Emomali Rahmon made his first official visit to Kuwait, the first visit by a Tajik president to an Arab nation.

He said President Rahmon's recent official visit to Kuwait in November 2024, and his meetings with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah are considered a significant milestone in bilateral relations, providing

strong momentum for cooperation and opening new horizons for partnership in various fields.

He pointed out that the opening of the Embassy of Kuwait in Dushanbe and the commencement of duties by the first resident Kuwaiti ambassador to Tajikistan are regarded as crucial steps, reflecting the depth of mutual trust and the shared will to foster closer ties between the two peoples. He added, "Our mission today is clear, to transform this strong political understanding into broader and more effective practical and economic cooperation."

He cited promising opportunities for both countries in trade, investment, infrastructure, agriculture, energy, tourism and other priority sectors.

He confirmed that Tajikistan looks forward to hosting the fifth meeting of the Joint Governmental Committee for Economic, Trade, Scientific and Technical Cooperation in Dushanbe. "This event aims to open new avenues for cooperation, enhance direct engagement between business communities, and translate available opportunities into tangible projects and outcomes that benefit both nations and their peoples," he explained.

He added that his country remains committed to working with Kuwait, as well as all other friendly nations and international partners, to promote peace, stability, sustainable development and shared prosperity, while reiterating his appreciation for Kuwait and all those who attended the celebration.

He praised the cooperation with the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and its contributions to supporting development projects in Tajikistan. He described this collaboration as a model of development solidarity and an embodiment of the approach of Kuwait to support development in friendly nations.

He also emphasized that relations between nations are built not only on agreements and projects, but also on human and cultural bonds between peoples. He highlighted the deep cultural and spiritual ties between Tajikistan and Kuwait, as well as the historic connections between the Tajik people and the Arab world.



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Tajikistan's Minister of Labor, Migration and Employment Soleha Kholmammadzoda meets Kuwait's ambassador in Dushanbe Mohammad Al-Ameri.

Kuwait, Tajikistan eye greater labor cooperation amid talks

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 16, (KUNA): Tajikistan's Minister of Labor, Migration and Employment Soleha Kholmammadzoda held talks on Wednesday with Kuwait's ambassador in Dushanbe Mohammad Al-Ameri, focusing on efforts to further cooperation over the workforce and labor market.

The talks looked into plans to recruit "qualified" Tajik workers to play their trade in Kuwait's private sector, subse-

quently allowing Kuwait to benefit from the technical skills of the Tajik workforce, the minister said.

The Kuwaiti envoy said that his country would work alongside Tajikistan in a bid to facilitate the recruitment of Tajik workers, in line with a 2024 bilateral agreement over workforce exchange that was signed in the wake of Tajik President Emomali Rahmon's visit to Kuwait.