



AMIR, CROWN PRINCE RECEIVE TOP OFFICIALS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at Bayan Palace yesterday. His Highness also received Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-

Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah met National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim at Seif Palace yesterday. His Highness the Crown Prince then met His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior

Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. He also received Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Electricity and Water Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, and Minister of Oil and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Dr Ali Saleh Al-Omar. —KUNA

CRIMINAL COURT TO TRY CLERIC AL-MAATOUQ ON OCT 18

KUWAIT METRO PROJECT PLAN SUBMITTED TO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The criminal court set Oct 18 to try Shiite cleric Hussein Al-Maatouq, who is facing charges of violating the national unity law, spreading rumors and making false accusations against the interior ministry during a sermon he delivered at Al-Husseini Mosque, where he claimed that the Abdaly cell members were only detained and prosecuted for being Shiites.

Fake contracts

Residency detectives arrested a manpower authority employee working at the government contracts department for passing some fake contracts to bring more laborers into Kuwait. Case papers indicate that detectives had been tipped off concerning the employee's activity and on tracking him, detectives found that he had used fake contracts for MoE, MoH and the awqaf ministry, which were used to bring in 700 employees.

Retirement list

The Ports Authority started preparing lists of 170 employees due to be referred for retirement after 30 years in service, including 75 who had voluntarily retired over the past months.

Mahboula schools

The Education Ministry has approved a request filed by a private educational facility to open a kindergarten and primary bilingual school in Mahboula, said informed sources, noting that the private education director Abdullah Al-Basri asked the municipality to examine the school building and its suitability for the educational purpose it applied for.

School land

MoE Undersecretary Dr Haitham Al-Athari formed a special committee to set the regulations for allocating land plots for private schools. The committee will be responsible for studying the needs of each area as well as studying investors' applications.

Evening clubs

MoE also announced that 31 evening clubs would be open this year in all six governorates, said informed sources, explaining that two clubs for boys and two for girls would be opened in each governorate in addition to one club for private school boys and one for private school girls, two bowling clubs in Mubarak Al-Kabeer and the Capital and a robotics club.

Metro project

PPP Director Adel Al-Roumi stressed that a proposal on proposed Kuwait metro project has been submitted to the Municipal Council for approval. Roumi also expected listing the first company to produce electricity at KSE within 18 months.

Mosque data

Minister of Awqaf Yaaqoub Al-Sane has asked for a list of the total number of mosques in Kuwait pending installation of fingerprint machines for imams and muzzenns by the end of the month.

Credit Bank bonds

Kuwait Credit Bank is currently planning to issue bonds in Kuwaiti dinars through local banks or governmental investment bodies to fund its needs to cover housing requests.

Husband fined

A civil court yesterday sentenced a citizen to pay his wife the sum of KD 30,500, pay the case expenses and KD 100 as lawyers' fees. Case papers indicate that the couple had jointly owned a property they sold for KD 130,000, but the husband refused to pay her share.

Hajri appointment

The administrative court yesterday annulled a decision made by the Minister of Education demanding cancellation of appointing the Higher Institute of Theatrical Arts' dean Dr Fahd Mansour Al-Hajri and stressed that Hajri's appointment had been legally made by a committee that interviewed three applicants, Nermeen Al-Houti, Hajri and Suleiman Arti.

SADEQ MOSQUE TO REMAIN AS 'TESTIMONY TO TERRORIST ACT'

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Al-Sadeq mosque administration decided to postpone repairing the damage it sustained in the suicide bomb explosion in order to allow more visitors to see it so that it could remain as a standing testimony to the terrorist act and pain Kuwait suffered from the heinous attack. The mosque's supervisor added that photos documenting the blast would be displayed around the mosque. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education announced its intention to organize school trips to the mosque with the aim of enhancing social consolidation and rejecting hatred and violence amongst students.

Contempt of court

Informed sources said that the judiciary filed a complaint against former MP, Khalid Al-Sultan accusing him of slandering the judiciary and questioning its decisions in a statement he recently made about the Abdaly cell.

Pakistani found dead

A 45-year-old Pakistani was recently found dead at his residence in Jleeb Al-Shoyukh, said security sources noting that the body was referred to forensic medicine pending further investigations.

GULF BANK ANNOUNCES 'PINK...BECAUSE WE CARE' ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN OCTOBER

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank announces its sponsorship of and participation in several activities during the month of October to mark the worldwide Breast Cancer Awareness month. This is the third consecutive year Gulf Bank has carried out its "PINK...Because We Care" campaign to raise awareness about the seriousness of breast cancer, the importance of testing, and the benefits of early detection.

There are four components to this year's annual campaign: special pricing for breast cancer related tests offered in partnership with Royale Hayat Hospital; sponsorship of the "Pink Walkathon organized by Fatma Clinic; sponsorship of the "Fight Like A Girl" awareness campaign in partnership with the US Embassy and the American Women's League of Kuwait; and the bank-wide "Wear it Pink" day to raise money for research. Additionally, throughout the month, Gulf Bank's social media will be involved with and support the awareness campaign by posting information and medical tips to increase education about and awareness of breast cancer.

In order to encourage women to seek testing, Gulf Bank has partnered with Royale Hayat Hospital to offer special discounts on breast cancer related tests for its customers. This discount offer is available to female Gulf

Bank customers over the age of 40. The pricing for a mammogram is only KD30 instead of KD45 and should the woman need further testing, ultrasound tests are offered at the reduced rate of KD15. This offer is valid until 31 October 2015.

Gulf Bank will be a gold sponsor, for the third year, of the annual breast cancer awareness walkathon that is organized by Fatma Clinic. This walkathon supports those who have survived breast cancer, as well as those who have lost family or friends to the disease. The walkathon will take place on Friday, 24 October and will start next to the Scientific Center in Salmiya. Tickets will be available in the following locations: American University of Kuwait (AUK) on its campus in Salmiya; Gulf University of Science and Technology (GUST) on its campus in Mubarak Al-Abdullah-West Mishref; Al-Hamra Mall in Sharq; and Fatma Clinic in Salmiya. All proceeds and funds raised at the event will be donated to Al-Sidra Association for Psychological Care of Cancer Patients and their Families.

The Bank is also happy to be the gold sponsor for the awareness event, "Fight Like A Girl" on Monday, 26 October at the Regency Hotel. This event is dedicated to raising awareness about the disease and is being

held under the patronage of the US Embassy in Kuwait in partnership with the American Women's League. Several renowned Kuwaiti doctors will be speaking during the event on issues related to the detection, treatment, and prevention of breast cancer.

The Bank will also be aligned with 'Wear it Pink', an international charity that encourages thousands of people all around the world to join with a collective of scientists, supporters, and people affected by breast cancer. 'Wear it Pink' is working towards the goal that no one will die of breast cancer by the year 2050. Every year, 'Wear it Pink' raises funds by asking people in schools, workplaces, homes and social venues to wear something pink and to make a donation. The donated money goes to fund world-class research, by the brightest scientific minds. Gulf Bank staff in all 58 branches and the Head Office will wear a pink item to work in support of the campaign.

This campaign is part of Gulf Bank's corporate social responsibility strategy, as the Bank is committed to raising awareness of health issues. For more information on Gulf Bank's corporate social responsibility initiatives and activities, please visit our website at <http://www.e-gulfbank.com> or our social media channels.

In my view

BEING ARAB



By Bader Al-Dihani

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You cannot visit the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, without feeling overwhelmed by the Orient - the smell, music, colour, and diversity of this vast and fascinating part of the world. In fact that one, particular place, SOAS, is where I spent the last three years reading and where I happened to be at a number of days ago when I skimmed through "Being Arab" by the French-Lebanese writer Samir Kassir. Who are the Arabs and what makes one Arab an Arab? Is language the major factor in determining who is and who is not an Arab? Maybe ethnicity or origin plays the leading roles? Where does the border of Arabism lie? I will tell you now that this article will not attempt to answer the questions above; the article will, however, ask you to question.

There are multiple attempts throughout history to define what ingredients are used to build the 'Arab identity' and how they, the Arabs as one organic, homogeneous identity, interact. Napoleon Bonaparte in 1798 sent an entire expedition to Egypt to study how that particular part of the Orient mechanically operated; an attempt to study Egyptian culture, language, politics, economics, arts and such. The expeditions and scholarly studies, I would argue, have failed in defining who the Arab peoples are. Being an Arab is not wearing certain clothes or talking in a certain way or writing in some scribbling form, it is an identity - to say the least. Since one could consider it as an identity, would an American, or Chinese or French, living in some Arab state and communicating in Arabic with Arabs be considered as an Arab? Would a Syrian, or Kuwaiti or Moroccan, living in Spain and communicating in Spanish with Spaniards be considered as an Arab? Those are very interesting questions that I hope you would take a chance to discuss.

"Orientalism" by the late Palestinian-American academic Edward Said of Columbia University who passed away in 2003 and who wrote his masterpiece in 1978 has reshaped Oriental Studies. In it, Edward Said argues that the West, or Occident or non-Orient, has deliberately been intellectually misrepresenting the East through a particular lens: inferior, uneducated and unenlightened, sexually-driven, uncivilized. The titling of the book would perhaps connote a study of the entire Orient, from India to China to the Middle East, for it implies so; Edward Said is criticized for singling out the other regions. Fred Halliday of the London School of Economics, who criticized Orientalism on several points but who has also spent time studying and reflecting on the 1978 masterpiece, not to mention a colleague and friend of Edward Said, defines the discipline as follows: "External authority and internal nationalism collude to create a timeless, and particularist, discourse." Edward Said's "Orientalism" will undoubtedly better your understanding of what constitutes the Arab identity. The Arabs belong to a certain civilizational space and time - like, say, the Chinese or English. One could not define an entire people through concrete traits or ingredients for there are numerous factors that should be taken into great consideration and analysis. History, culture, arts and politics - to name some elements - all add to the fruitful understanding of what makes a people the way they are. Unless you, the nationalist, disagree, Arabs are indifferent. What ingredients constitute your own identity?

KUWAIT DIVE TEAM AWARDED INT'L ENERGY PRIZE IN AUSTRIA

KUWAIT: Kuwait Dive Team (KDT), affiliated with the Environmental Voluntary Foundation (EVF), won the Energy Globe Award offered and organized by the International Energy Foundation (IEF) based in Austria.

Head of the team Waleed Al-Fadel said that this success is dedicated to Kuwait and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for His Highness' continuous support to the programs and activities of the team, besides his remarkable encouragement to the Kuwaiti youth.

The award's Jury consisting of international experts in the environmental field described the teams' projects as boundless initiatives, he said. The projects conducted by the Kuwaiti Dive Team includes lifting drowned boats, vessels, fishing nets and harmful waste away from corals reefs and waterways, besides rehabilitating and reforming the maritime environment through planting coral reefs and sea creatures, he added.

KDT expressed its deepest thanks and appreciation to the governmental and public institutions that actively supported the team's leading environmental projects, he said. The Energy Globe Award is expected to give a great momentum to the local and international civil society institutions in their efforts to contribute to serving the society and offer fruitful social initiatives, he said.

It will allow KDT to communicate with its international partners in protecting the maritime environment, and contributes in presenting a bright civilized image of Kuwait as a sponsor of serious environmental work, besides promoting for voluntary work, he added. The International Energy Foundation (IEF) is a non-profit group of scientists, researchers, engineers and others from various parts of the world working together. —KUNA

