



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Fire Services Directorate, in cooperation with Al-Khalaf Consultation and Training Institute held a ceremony in honor of firemen in the presence of Deputy Director General for Human Resources Development Affairs Maj Gen Eng Khalid Al-Tarkeet and Director of the Institute Dr Sultan Al-Khalaf. The firemen just completed the farms fire fighting course. — Photos by Hanan Al-Saadoun

## STAMPS GALLERY OPENS AT DICKSON HOUSE

**KUWAIT:** Secretary-General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) Ali Al-Youha said yesterday that the permanent stamps gallery tells about an important part of Kuwait's history. The gallery is the fruit of cultural cooperation among the NCCAL, Kuwait Philatelic and Numismatic Society (KPNS), and stamp and coin collectors, he said on the sidelines of the opening ceremony of the event.

Al-Youha commended KPNS for selecting the Dickson House Cultural Center, the site of the first post office in Kuwait opened in 1904, as venue of the gallery. "The gallery welcomes visitors and researchers in philately and numismatics in morning and afternoon periods around the year, including weekends and public holidays," he pointed out. On cooperation between NCCAL and the KPNS, Al-Youha said

the two bodies jointly released the philatelic magazine which issued so far four editions, including one to commemorate the centenary of Kuwait post office. "Another edition of the magazine entailed a file on Palestine post office which has historical relations with Kuwait post office dating from the British colonial era and during the Israeli occupation of Palestine. "That edition, which sheds light on the reflec-

tions of the Palestine question on Kuwaiti stamps, will be on display at a book fair, to be held in Ramallah, the West Bank, as a dedication from the Kuwaiti delegation to the event," he said, adding that Kuwait will be a guest of honor at the fair. During the opening ceremony individuals interested in philately and numismatics were honored for contributing their personal collections to gallery.— KUNA

## KUWAIT INKS CONTRACTS TO IMPORT 2.5 MILLION TONS OF GAS PER YEAR

KPC, BRITISH PETROLEUM, SHELL, QATAR GAS SEAL DEAL

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's state-run oil firm has signed contracts to import 2.5 million tons of liquefied natural gas a year through 2020 to meet the state's needs, a company official said yesterday. OPEC member Kuwait is rich in crude oil but its natural gas production is too small to meet its needs, which surge during the heat of the summer when power consumption soars.

Kuwait Petroleum Corp signed contracts with British Petroleum and Royal Dutch Shell to buy one million tons a year from each company, its marketing chief, Nabil Buresli, told the official KUNA news agency. It signed a third contract with Qatar Gas to import half a million tons a year. Buresli did not provide details of the value of the contracts. He said that after 2020, KPC plans to sign long-term contracts of up to 15 years to import 6-7 million tons of LNG a year.

Kuwait last week inked a \$2.93 billion contract with three South Korean firms for the construction of a new LNG import terminal that is due for completion in the first quarter of 2021. The project, to be built at the Al-Zour refinery near the border with Saudi Arabia, was awarded to Hyundai Engineering Co., Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co. and Korea Gas Corporation. Kuwait sits on 101.5 billion barrels of crude-equivalent to around 7.0 percent of the world's proven reserves, according to the latest OPEC figures-and pumps around 3.0

million barrels per day. But it is dependent on imports of LNG for both power

generation and its petrochemicals industry.—AFP

### SUDAN MPS APPLAUD KUWAIT'S SUPPORT

**KHARTOUM:** Speaker of Sudan's National Assembly Ibrahim Ahmed Omer praised in a meeting yesterday with visiting Kuwaiti lawmakers Kuwait's support of his country's growth and development aspirations. Moreover, he stressed the importance of furthering Sudanese-Kuwaiti diplomatic ties. The Kuwaiti lawmakers are part of a delegation headed by Deputy Speaker of the Kuwaiti National Assembly Mubarak Al-Khurainij visiting Sudan upon an official invitation.

The delegation held talks with its Sudanese counterpart, with Mubarak Al-Khurainij heading the Kuwaiti delegation to the talks and Sudan's deputy speaker Aisha Salih heading the Sudanese delegation. In statements during the talks, Al-Khurainij noted "Arab states are currently facing enormous challenges, the most salient of which are terrorism and Iranian intervention in the region, requiring all of us to unite against them."

He demanded Iran to stop its interventions in such places as Yemen, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon and to show commitment to internation-

al norms of conduct. "We seek peace with Iran but we will not kowtow to that country's interventionist policies; at the same time we differentiate completely between our stances vis-a-vis the government of Iran and the people of that country." Further, he applauded Sudan's participation in the Decisive Storm operation and in the Islamic Coalition and in its position regarding the assault on the Saudi Arabian consulate in Iran. He also called for a lasting solution of the Palestinian problem in accordance with UN resolutions. On her part Sudan's deputy speaker Aisha Salih extolled the two nations' bilateral relations and hoped for more cooperation between them in all fields of interest. Among issues dealt with in the talks today were removing obstacles facing Kuwaiti investments in Sudan, encouraging the two countries private sectors to interact more vigorously, and exchanging expertise and information on relevant concerns. The Kuwaiti parliamentary delegation included MPs Hamdan Salem Al-Enezi, Majed Mousa Al-Mutairi, and Mohammad Al-Hediya. —KUNA

## Crime

Report

### INMATE RAPED

**KUWAIT:** An Egyptian prison inmate was raped by two Kuwaiti inmates in their jail. The two citizens pulled a sharp object and refused all his pleas, and raped him in his prison cell. Prison administration lodged a complaint at the Sulaibiya police station, while the rape victim was sent for a medical checkup. The rape suspects face additional prison sentences if found guilty.

#### Soldier attacked

Two citizens, one a soldier were attacked by two unknown persons in Jahra area. One of the suspects hit the soldier with an axe, while the other one had broken teeth when he was hit with a fire extinguisher. The two were rushed to hospital, where they obtained a medical report. Investigations are underway.

#### 'Insulting the State'

An Arab expat was taken to state security detectives for questioning over charges of 'insulting the state' of front of a mall in Jahra. A security source said a citizen called police and told them that a man insulted the state aloud. A patrol team went arrested the suspect. The suspect denied the allegation.

#### Mol employee faces jail

Prosecutor General Dherar Al-Asousi ordered an employee of the Interior ministry be jailed for 10 days at central prison pending investigations over his embezzlement of thousands of dinars in public funds. An informed source said the Interior Ministry discovered that one of its employees who supervises the collection of citations fines has been pocketing the money. The suspect also canceled the citations on the computer.—Al Rai, Al Anbaa, Al Qabas