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the South Korean delegation was briefed about ongoing works at the venture site by the supervising engineer, May Al-Mese'd. State of Kuwait's Ambassador to South Korea Badr Al-Awadhi, who was also present during the visit to the project site, affirmed in a statement that cooperation between

the two countries covers various economic and commercial spheres. The planned 37-km-long bridge project is one of the mega ventures envisaged in the state development scheme.

It links up Kuwait City with Al-Sabbiyah Al-Jedidah. The project, which stretches

over seawaters in Kuwait Bay, aims to shorten distance for motorists between the capital and Al-Sabbiyah. The South Korean speaker and the accompanying lawmakers arrived in the country two days in response to an invitation by National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim.—KUNA

DUO ARRESTED FOR INSTALLING CAMERAS INSIDE GIRL'S HOUSE

KUWAIT: A citizen and his brother were recently arrested in Jahra for illegally installing seven surveillance cameras inside a girl's house, blackmailing and threatening to kill her unless she married him, said security sources. The man had repeatedly proposed to the girl related to him but was rejected by her. He thought of sneaking into her house and installing seven surveillance cameras including one in her bathroom. He had then connected the cameras to his mobile phone and kept on telling her about the details he had access prompting the family to search the house and remove the cameras. The father reported the matter to the police. Angered by being exposed, the suspect barged into her house and put a knife on her neck threatening to kill her unless she married him. However, he was scared away by her screams. He was finally arrested along with his brother who helped him install the cameras.

Life sentence

The court of appeal recently issued a first instance verdict sentencing a citizen to a lifetime for killing his own friend in a Salmiya apartment.

Tomboy arrested

A tomboy was recently arrested for dressing up in male attire and insulting a police officer when he stopped her and asked for her friend's ID, said security sources. Case papers indicate that a police patrol stopped a vehicle with a young couple in it and on checking up the ID of the young 'man', policemen found out that it was only a girl dressed up like a man who also got angry when the police asked for the other girl's ID. A case was filed.

Nine expats deported

Nine expats were recently deported for various reasons including illegal and expired residencies and begging. One was arrested while urinating in a basin used by a citizen's chicken for drinking.

Jeweler arrested

An Arab jeweler was recently arrested for allegedly trying to molest a female citizen. A female citizen in her forties accused an Arab jeweler him of sexual harassment and touching her hand while trying a bracelet on at his shop in Mubarakiya, said security sources. The woman immediately slapped the salesman before filing a report against him despite his argument that she misunderstood him and that he had no bad intentions.—Al-Rai/Al-Anbaa

KUWAIT, CHINA SEEK CLOSER ECONOMIC, TRADE RELATIONS

KUWAIT TO OPEN TWO OFFICES IN BEIJING

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti-Chinese joint economic, technical and trade committee agreed yesterday to promote bilateral relations, mainly in economic and trade domains. The agreement capped two days of meetings of the joint committee held in Beijing, which focused on ways of consolidating bilateral cooperation in vital areas, Kuwaiti Ambassador to China Samih Johar Hayat said in a release, a copy of which was sent to KUNA.

During its 5th session, the committee reviewed Kuwaiti-Sino cooperation in the fields of economy, finance, trade, investment, development, planning, oil, gas, energy and public works, he said.

The meetings were held in a friendly atmosphere that reflected mutual friendship and close cooperation and high ambitions for a further promotion and development of bilateral ties, he added. Undersecretary of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Finance Khalifa Hamada and the Chinese vice-minister of commerce co-chaired the committee meetings. Hamada addressed the session by voicing much satisfaction with the current level of Kuwaiti-Sino cooperative relations even though the last joint session was held 15 years ago.

The continuation of bilateral cooperation came through the signing of several economic, trade and investment agreements and Kuwait's opening of two investment and oil offices in Beijing, he said. He pointed to mutual visits between both countries' senior officials, the last of which was paid by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah to China in 2014. During the meetings, both sides agreed to consolidate economic and financial cooperation in order to ensure the implementation of

already signed cooperative agreements, and to provide a congenial atmosphere for launching joint ventures. They also underlined the significance of encouraging and spurring mutual visits by both countries' trade delegations with a view to promoting each other's available investment openings, and stimulating participation in international exhibitions and conferences. The Chinese side expressed much appreciation to the

Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) for its great help in the implementation of the Chinese's development projects. They even voiced mutual willingness to promote and open up broader vistas of bilateral strategic cooperation in the field of oil, gas and energy. In 2015, China's total exports to Kuwait amounted to \$5 billion, while its imports from this oil-rich Gulf country hit \$807 million.—KUNA

MUNICIPALITY SQUAD HOLDS FIELD INSPECTION

KUWAIT: Kuwait Municipality PR department said that the Capital Municipality had recently conducted a field inspection campaign to examine the machinery used upon contract number N13/2010/2011.

The department added that the aim of the inspection was to raise the level of cleanliness in the capital governorate areas. It also urged the public to report any complaints to hotline number 1844448 around the clock.

