



AMIR RECEIVES TOP OFFICIALS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday received His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at Sief Palace. His Highness also received National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim. His Highness then received His Highness the Premier Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-hamad Al-Sabah. — KUNA photos



AL-RAI SHEEP MARKET READIES FOR EID AL-ADHA

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: Eid Al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice), one of the holiest celebrations in the Islamic calendar, is round the corner. Traditionally, sheep are slaughtered and the meat is distributed to friends and family and the needy. A couple of weeks before Eid, the sheep

market in Al-Rai turns into a thriving marketplace for sacrificial sheep.

Yesterday, Kuwait Times witnessed the place being prepared for the arrival of truckloads of sheep. According to workers in the area, sheep from various countries are now in Kuwait, and are currently kept at various farms and holding areas. "Yes,

the sheep are in Kuwait now, but we need to prepare the place to make it more organized. Also, we have built shaded areas for them," said one of the traders. Prices are traditionally higher compared to the rest of the year, where prices range from KD 50 to KD 120 depending on the type of sheep. Local sheep are the most

expensive, a vendor told Kuwait Times. The reason is that they are not fed chemically-modified fodder. "We have a lot of stock from Australia, so maybe this is why Australian lamb is cheaper. It also depends on supply and demand. The prices will be clear in the next three to four days when we open the sheep market," he added.



KUWAIT: Dealers and workers prepare the sheep market ahead of the Eid Al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice), one of the holiest celebrations in the Islamic calendar.

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FAMILY QUESTIONS

By Attorney Fajer Ahmed

Although I write for the newspaper on a variety of legal topics, I only handle employment and commercial issues personally. Being a lawyer can be very difficult as it is, usually dealing with tension or differences, so I have the utmost respect to lawyers that handle family issues. I really urge you though if you have a family issue to resolve things amicably, to know what your rights are as a man, woman or child, but to always seek a quieter alternative. Even if you are to seek a lawyer always request from your lawyer to resolve things with dialogue and respect as family is really important. Like I mentioned, I am not a family lawyer but I can answer your legal question with the help of my hardworking team.

Question: Fortunately, my family comes from different religions and different backgrounds - which law will apply to us, should there be a family death?

Fajer: This depends greatly on who has passed away and where they are from, and whether the dead person has made a will or not. In Kuwait, Shiite and Sunni courts deal with inheritance differently. The matter is very complicated and it is not something that you want to find out at a time of mourning. This is why I always suggest for my clients to see a lawyer before anything happens

and to ask these questions and to understand what law applies to you or what law they would like to be applied to them, so they have the full picture. I also suggest they hire a lawyer before anything happens, so when an unfortunate event takes place, they are prepared.

Question: I am not Kuwaiti but I would like to make a will for my wife to manage all my belongings in Kuwait and let my wife live here, can I give her the right to handle my bank accounts, other properties and so on.

Fajer: Yes, you could, but this depends on what law applies to you or what law you have your marriage under. If the applicable law prohibits your wife from managing your wealth in Kuwait, then you could give her the right through the Kuwaiti courts or have the will written in your country but notarized in Kuwait.

As for your bank account and other properties, you could give your wife a POA (although not a power of attorney, it is referred to generally as a POA) and it is a document obtained from the Ministry of Justice to act on your behalf and you can personalize the document to fit your needs.

Questions or concerns can be emailed to ask@fajerthelawyer.com

CHINESE PROJECTS IN KUWAIT HIT 84

KUWAIT: China's Ambassador in Kuwait Wang-Di said yesterday that the number of projects executed by Chinese companies in Kuwait till the first half of this year has reached 84 - and worth \$18.12 billion. In an interview to KUNA ahead of Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Zhang Gaoli's visit to Kuwait today, the ambassador said the projects include the sectors of oil, housing and infrastructure, and the value of the contracts concluded in the first half of this year was \$2.22 billion. China is Kuwait's key trade partner in non-oil fields, he said, adding that two-way trade exchange amounted to \$9.5 billion in 2016.

He pointed to both sides' willingness to upgrade the level of cooperation in financial, investment and communication areas. The Chinese diplomat noted that Kuwait was the first country to sign a document of cooperation with

China for participation in the Belt and Road Initiative. He hailed His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's initiative to transform Kuwait into a regional financial and trade hub as being in harmony with the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative in a strategic manner.

Wang reiterated Chinese companies' eagerness to join Kuwaiti mega projects and to continue promoting cooperation with Kuwait in housing and development domains. On Zhang Gaoli's visit to Kuwait yesterday, the Chinese ambassador said it comes at the invitation of First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. During his stay here, the Chinese official will meet with a number of Kuwaiti officials for promoting and consolidating bilateral cooperation between both friendly nations, he said. —KUNA