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in brief

Kuwaiti arrested in Turkey

ANKARA: Kuwaiti Ambassador in Turkey Ghassan Al-Zawawi said yesterday that the Kuwaiti Embassy is following up the arrest of Kuwaiti citizen Abdullah Al-Shatti in Turkey. He said in a statement that the embassy communicated with the arrested citizen's family since he was caught in Ankara, and that the embassy's lawyer was checking relevant legal procedures. The embassy in Ankara received several contacts from senior officials of the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry on the developments of the case, according to the statement. But, the ambassador urged mass media to ease out their tone due to "legal sensitivity" that could negatively affect the case.

Oil spillage near Qaruh

KUWAIT: A small oil spillage was discovered near Qaruh Island Friday and ships owned by Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) managed to contain the situation, said Minister of Oil as well as Minister of Water and Electricity Essam Al-Marzouq. In a statement to KUNA, the minister said that an air sortie was carried out to determine if there were pollutants near the Kuwaiti Island. The sortie was undertaken after satellite imagery showed a possible spillage near Qaruh, said the minister, affirming that everything was under control.

World drifting tourney

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti auto champions Msayar Al-Mutairi and Fahad Al-Jadie will partake in fifth round of the world drifting championship, due to begin in Scotland today. Ahmad Al-Gallaf, head of the delegation representing Basel Salem Al-Sabah Motor Racing Club, said in a statement to KUNA upon departure of the Kuwaiti team that he was confident that the pair would perform well at the international competition. The championship will involve some of the world's top drifters, Al-Gallaf said. Ceremonial inauguration of the tournament was scheduled yesterday.

Kuwaitis unharmed

KUALA LUMPUR: Kuwait's General Consulate in Hong Kong said all Kuwaitis were unharmed in the typhoon that struck areas in Hong Kong and Macau, leaving casualties while also damaging buildings. In a statement yesterday, the consulate advised Kuwaiti citizens to follow safety regulations and immediately call the consulate on number 0085298211669 in case of emergency. Typhoon Hato hit Hong Kong and Macau last Wednesday, killing at least 16 people, while also causing massive blackouts and extreme destruction to buildings.

KUWAIT BUILDS SIX NEW SCHOOLS IN NORTH IRAQ

BAGHDAD: Around six new Kuwaiti-financed schools of prefabricated units have been built in Iraq's northern province of Nineveh, located on the outskirts of Mosul, an Iraqi health activist said yesterday. The schools, made of caravans, are part of phase five of a construction project financed by the Kuwaiti humanitarian campaign "Kuwait by your side", Dr Ahmad Al-Haity, Chairman of the United Iraqi Medical Society for Relief and Development (UIMS) said yesterday. The project is under the supervision of Kuwaiti Ambassador Salem Al-Zamanan and the Iraqi government's units of civilian crisis management, Al-Haity added. Out of the total number, four schools were built in the Nineveh Plains region, one in Qayyarah camp for the internally displaced persons, south of Mosul, and one in Mosul's left coast, he said. Each school has 16 classrooms, two units for administration, in addition to fully equipped health and medical facilities, he added, noting that the schools will open to the public in 45 days. — KUNA



CRUDE OIL EXPORTS TO CHINA 'UNCHANGED'

TOKYO: Kuwait's crude oil exports to China in the first seven months of this year remain unchanged from the same period of 2016 at 321,000 barrels per day (bpd), government data showed. In July alone, Kuwait exported 303,000 bpd to the Asian country, down 19.7 percent on the year, according to the General Administration of Customs. Kuwaiti shipments of crude oil to China exceeded the 300,000 bpd level for the fifth consecutive month, it said. China's overall imports of crude oil in July grew 11.8 percent from a year earlier to 8.22 million bpd. Russia remained China's top supplier, with its shipments surging 54.1 percent on the year to 1.18 million bpd, followed by Saudi Arabia with 944,000 bpd, down 0.08 percent. Angola became third, but imports from the country

plunged 17.1 percent to 926,000 bpd. Iraq ranked fourth and Iran fifth, respectively.

Oil price up 42 cents

Meanwhile, the price of Kuwaiti oil was up by 42 cents to reach \$48.69 per barrel after being at \$48.27 the day before, said Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. At the global level, the price of the American crude went down by two percent due to the threat posed by Hurricane Harvey against energy facilities located in the Gulf of Mexico. The price of the West Texas Intermediate's contracts for September delivery went down by 98 cents to settle at \$47.43 per barrel, the same case with the Brent crude's contracts for October delivery, which went down by 53 cents to \$52.04 pb. — Agencies

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KUWAIT: Farwaniya Municipality Inspectors recently conducted an inspection campaign in Khaitan. 351.5 kilograms of expired foodstuffs were confiscated and destroyed. The campaign was headed by Engineer Saeed Al-Azmi.

