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Kuwait eyes closer economic ties with Republic of Guyana

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David Patterson, Minister of Infrastructure



Winston Jordan, Minister of Finance



The attendees at the reception. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: Two ministers from Guyana are in Kuwait to appeal for a possible writing-off of debt borrowed from Kuwait around 40 years ago. Finance Minister Winston Jordan and Minister of Public Infrastructure David Patterson hope to get the much-needed relief from the Kuwaiti government. “We had borrowed around \$10 million from Kuwait in the 1970s. It was during a time when we really needed help and Kuwait was very generous to reach out and give the money we needed. But now, the amount has grown to about \$70 million because of interest. This is the reason why we

are here,” Jordan said. The two ministers visited Saudi Arabia before coming to Kuwait.

Jordan lauded his country’s much-improved and long-standing relations with Kuwait. He also urged Kuwaiti businessmen to invest in his country’s growing economy and met the Deputy Chairman of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mohammad Al-Saqer in this regard. “For investors, we will give generous concessions. We are a country almost equal to the UK in terms of size, but not too many people (700,000 plus), so there are huge developmental challenges. We want investors that can help connect different parts of Guyana,” he said.

Guyana is considered part of the Caribbean region and according to Jordan, the country is known as the “land of many waters” because it is surrounded by water. “My country is a melting pot of several races - a land surrounded with forest. I am also very keen to tell our brothers in Kuwait that the Muslim population in Guyana is the fastest growing - it is now about 12 percent,” Jordan said. He added the South American sovereign state offers ample opportunities for investment as a result of its large reserves of natural gas and water resources.

Patterson also said Guyana is open and ready for business, especially for investors from Kuwait. “We

are the only English-speaking country in South America, which is good for the business community. We are a rich country in terms of natural resources and minerals. We have abundant water, so agricultural businesses are thriving. Recently, we discovered that Guyana is also rich in oil - in fact in the next two years, the country expects to begin production. Despite this, we are committed to renewable energy and would like to power our country with renewable energy by 2025,” he said.

Guyana’s Ambassador to Kuwait Prof Dr Shamir Ally welcomed visitors at the reception held at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Farwaniya.

Kuwait partakes in Malian President’s inauguration



BAMAKO: Non-resident Ambassador to Mali Mohammad Al-Failakawi.



BAMAKO: Representative of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Kuwait’s non-resident Ambassador to Mali Mohammad Al-Failakawi recently took part in the inauguration ceremony of Ibrahim Boubacar Keita as the President of Mali for a second term, in addition to the country’s 58th Independence anniversary celebrations.

The events took place in Bamako, Mali on Saturday in the presence of President Keita, several world leaders, and senior officials, Kuwaiti embassy in Ghana said in a statement yesterday. Al-Failakawi, also Kuwait’s Ambassador to Ghana, conveyed congratulations and greetings of HHI the Amir and HHI the Crown Prince to the Malian President, wishing him and his people further progress and prosperity. — KUNA



BAMAKO: Parts of the inauguration ceremony of Ibrahim Boubacar Keita. — KUNA photos

Crown Prince Camel Festival concludes in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH: The Crown Prince Camel Festival concluded on Saturday in the presence of sheikhs and dignitaries from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states. The closing ceremony patronized and attended by the Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, was organized by the General Authority for Sports, represented by the Saudi Federation of Camels, at the racetrack of Ta’if governorate, west Saudi Arabia.

Kuwait was represented at the event by Sheikh Abdullah Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah - representative of First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Sheikh Sabah Fahad Sabah Al-Nasser Al-Sabah and Sheikh Hamad Khaled Al-Malek Al-Sabah under an invitation from Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman.

Addressing the gathering, Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Faisal, Vice President of the General Sport Authority, thanked King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and the Crown Prince for their support and care for sport events and athletes. He said the patronage of the event by Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman materializes his care for traditional sports and folklore activities, and encourages Saudi athletes to make outstanding achievements at local, regional and international sports events. “The camel festival, which kicked off on August 11, has made a resounding success with 11,187 camels competing in 787 races in the four stages of the festival,” he added. Yesterday, the Guinness World Records rated the Crown Prince Camel Festival as the world’s largest camel event.

Modern cafes: The new taste in Kuwait



KUWAIT: A few of the new coffee cafes in Kuwait. — KUNA photos



A coffee roasting machine



A coffee distillation tower

KUWAIT: Kuwait has recently witnessed a surge of new, modern coffee shops or “cafes” that are fast becoming one of the main attractions of the youth community in the country. These cafes are in close competition with each other, each trying to one-up the other by providing a larger or more unique variety of coffee to attract bigger crowds. Despite the high prices, these cafes are regularly filled to the brim with customers. Some come in search for new, exciting coffee flavors while others are there to simply update their social media accounts and show off their lavish coffees to friends. —KUNA