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Sulaibikhat Bay, Jahra Corniche key projects in Kuwait Bay development plans

Kuwait in full gear to execute development projects, meet 2035 Vision

KUWAIT: The State of Kuwait is pressing ahead to execute the seven pillars of its New Kuwait Vision 2035 with the objective of transforming the north Arab Gulf state into a financial, commercial and cultural hub. One of the major projects in the vision was the development of the Sulaibikhat Bay and Jahra Sea Front, or Jahra Corniche, all within the 6th pillar of 'Sustainable Diversified Economy' with a total cost of KD 2 billion (\$6.5 billion). The government plans to offer these projects to the private sector and market them internationally with the aim of adding a new tourist destination through development of Kuwait Bay and providing a sea front which consists of entertainment and commercial facilities.

A full-fledged plan will be put in place to develop the 38-kilometer-long Sulaibikhat Bay, stretching from the Free Trade Zone in Shuwaikh to Umm Al-Namel Island west of Kuwait City, and rehabilitate the marine environment. The KD 1.5 billion (\$4.9 billion) project is expected to improve the environment, offer recreational activities, provide 6,000 housing units, create up to 64,000 jobs and up to 5,400 rooms in resorts and hotels.

The 7.3-kilometer-long Jahra Corniche, meanwhile, will be connecting Jaber Al-Ahmad Area with Kuwait Bay. The KD 500 million (\$1.6 billion) project will be located between West of Doha Station to borders of Jahra Natural Reserve, and aimed at creating a balance between environment on one side and establishing touristic and commercial facilities

on the other. The infrastructure of the Jahra Corniche will cost KD 135 million (\$447 million), and the area would include a sport academy, shops, restaurants, fishermen village, playgrounds for children and a designated path for cyclists, in addition to creating 11,519 job opportunities. The Corniche will include a mall and a traditional museum.

Humoud Al-Enezi, Municipal Council member, said the Council was executing the government's development plans in general and the two afore-



Total cost of KD 2 billion

mentioned projects in specific. Enezi said Kuwait Municipality already signed consultation contracts of the two projects, and did preliminary environmental and feasibility studies to pave way for the outlines. Elaborating on the two projects, Al-Enezi said the Sulaibikhat Bay would encourage healthy lifestyle, while the Jahra Corniche would consist of a special hotel for athletes, an academy, a spa resort,



KUWAIT: This October 8, 2021 file photo shows flamingos resting at a beach in Kuwait. Kuwait's beaches offer a great habitat for migratory birds to make their stops during their long annual migration routes. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

a bird observatory and an aquarium. "These projects are part of opening the economy and to have a maximum benefit from distinguished locations in the

country through partnership with the private sector, create new jobs, boosting income and supporting national economy," he said. — KUNA

Deputy Foreign Minister receives UN official

KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Majdi Al-Dhafiri received yesterday Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Iraq Ingibjorg Solrun Gisladdottir, where they discussed the relationship between Kuwait and the UN Office in Iraq. During the meeting, Dhafiri stressed on the necessity of moving forward with the efforts made to find out the fate of prisoners and missing Kuwaitis in Iraq, in addition to reclaiming the National Archives of Kuwait. The meeting was attended by Assistant Foreign Minister for the Deputy Minister's Office Affairs, Ambassador Ayham Al-Omar, and Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for International Organizations Affairs, Counselor Abdulaziz Al-Jarallah. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Majdi Al-Dhafiri meets Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Iraq Ingibjorg Solrun Gisladdottir. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Qatari Ambassador to Kuwait Ali Bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud delivers the letter to Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Sabah. — Amiri Diwan photo

Amir invited to attend FIFA Arab Cup 2021

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday a written letter from Qatari Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, including good brotherly ties between both countries and an invitation to His Highness the Amir to attend FIFA Arab Cup 2021 opening ceremony due late this month in Doha. The letter was delivered by Qatari Ambassador to Kuwait Ali Bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud to Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Sabah. — KUNA

Minister inspects new maternity hospital project

KUWAIT: Minister of Public Works Dr Rana Al-Fares yesterday inspected the new maternity hospital project, which is considered one of the biggest health projects in Kuwait with a 780-bed capacity, an ICU with 127 beds, as well as 81 outpatient clinics, 60 labor rooms and 27 operation rooms. The KD 7,220 project was designed according to the latest international systems in healthcare. Located in front of the old maternity hospital in the Sabah Health Zone, the new hospital consists of four buildings, in addition to a building for outpatient clinics and a car park. The project is part of Kuwait's Vision 2035 development plan. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Minister of Public Works Dr Rana Al-Fares is seen while inspecting the new maternity hospital project yesterday. — KUNA

Deputy Chief urges competition among KNG personnel

KUWAIT: The Deputy Chief of Kuwait National Guard (KNG) Lieutenant General (retired) Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah yesterday stressed on the importance of competition among KNG members, as well as honoring the distinguished ones. These remarks came in a statement issued by KNG following the Deputy Chief's visit to Protection and Reinforcement Commander, Brigadier General Hamad Salem, to examine the mechanism of workflow, as he listened to an explanation of the tasks and duties of this Command, besides their main activities and the current training season. He called on the Command members to reflect a positive image about KNG, and to be extremely cautious at the locations they are assigned to monitor and guard. He expressed sat-



Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

isfaction at the remarkable efforts he witnessed, that aim at improving the efficiency and performance of command members. — KUNA

Kuwait oil price up \$2.53 to \$83.03 pb

KUWAIT: Kuwait crude oil went up by \$2.53 during Monday's trading to reach \$83.03 per barrel (pb), compared with \$80.50 pb on Friday, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) said yesterday. Brent crude rose by 72 cents to reach \$83.44 pb and West Texas Intermediate went up \$68 cents to \$81.95 pb. The OPEC daily basket

price went up by \$2.23 to \$82.34 a barrel on Monday, compared with \$84.66 Sunday, the organization said yesterday. Annual average rate of the OPEC basket in the past year amounted to \$41.47 pb. OPEC+ alliance decided during the 22nd ministerial meeting on Thursday to continue adhering to the current oil production plan; designed to increase the output gradually. Stakeholders agreed on pursuing increase of the crude supplies by 400,000 barrels per day, effective December. The crude oil output will be revised anew during another meeting at this level, to be held virtually on December 2. — KUNA



Haitham Al-Ghais

Kuwait nominates Haitham Al-Ghais for OPEC chief post

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Ministry of Oil yesterday nominated ex-Kuwaiti governor to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Haitham Al-Ghais for OPEC Secretary-General's post, to succeed outgoing chief Mohammad Barkindo whose term ends in July. In a statement, the ministry said that Al-Ghais has been OPEC Kuwait governor since 2017, and chaired the joint technical committee between OPEC and non-OPEC countries. He also chaired the organization's internal check committee and has many contributions at the organization, it added. Ghais has extensive experience extending over nearly 30 years in the field of global oil markets and the oil industry, and has a wide presence and participation in many international oil conferences and forums. — KUNA

Kuwait condemns Houthi attempts to threaten Saudi security

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry denounced on Monday in the strongest terms the persistent attempts of the Houthi militias' attempts to jeopardize the security of the sisterly Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The recent targeting of Khamis Mushait city, south Saudi Arabia, with an explosives-laden drone and the threatening of maritime navigation in the Straits of Bab Al-Mandab and the southern Red Sea with a booby-trapped boat represent a serious escalation of the aggression on civilian targets and

the security of Saudi Arabia, the ministry said in a statement. The continuation of such hostilities poses a flagrant violation of the rules of the international humanitarian law, which requires a prompt and decisive response from the international community to prevent such threats and bring the perpetrators to book, it stressed. The statement renewed Kuwait's full solidarity with sisterly Saudi Arabia and full support to whatever measures it might take to protect its security, stability and sovereignty. — KUNA