



**KUWAIT:** Commerce Minister Dr Youself Al-Ali received a parking ticket yesterday after parking his car in a handicapped parking space while making a tour of the electricity and water branch offices in Ishlibiya. Afterwards, Commerce Ministry Undersecretary Khalid Al-Shamali sent a letter of appreciation to the Interior Ministry, thanking him for applying the law on all equally. — Photo from social media.

# KUWAIT DISCOVERS NEW OIL-GAS FIELD

## GCC URGED TO DIVERSIFY INCOME

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) said in a statement that the new crude field was discovered in Al-Jathatheel in western Kuwait, "forecast to be substantial add to the State's output productivity and reserves of light oil and gas." The KOC Chief Executive Officer Jamal Abdelaziz Jaafar said that preliminary scans of the underground strata determined that the field is of highly economic feasibility.

KOC teams are currently conducting main tests at the location to the northwest of Al-Manaqees field, predicting that the volumes of extracted crude oil and gas would double after finishing the tests. The new discovery is forecast to "enrich the Kuwaiti oil reserves and enable the country pursue the crude oil production for decades to come," he said. The company is steadily moving ahead toward accomplishing objectives of its 2030 strategy, intended to bolster Kuwait's international status as a major crude producer, in addition to securing and supporting domestic supplies of by-products.

### Oil prices fluctuations

Meanwhile, GCC States have been urged to adopt new economic policies, including diversifying income sources, to face the recent instability in global economy due to the strong fluctuations of oil prices, a Kuwaiti researcher said. GCC countries must develop monthly economic indicators for decision makers in state and private sectors, and independent companies, Sulayman Al-Qudsi, a researcher at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), confirmed.

Al-Qudsi made his remarks while discussing his research paper he has submitted to the 15th International Conference of Middle East Economic Association (MEEA), which kicked off earlier in the Qatari capital. He also stressed the importance of watching and monitoring every single moment of indicators around the world, particularly in the United States, Canada, Europe, China, and India. Increasing the income via increasing productivity is essential for Gulf countries instead of depending on just investment and labor as income increasing sources, the Kuwaiti researcher said, noting that developing and improving national cadres, in addition to using skillful and distinctive labor, is also important.

The three-day international event, themed "The Impact of Oil Price Changes on the Economic Growth and Development in the MENA Countries," is hosted by Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DIGS). —Agencies

## CARPENTRY A BOOMING CRAFT IN OLD KUWAIT

**KUWAIT:** Carpentry in Kuwait is traditionally associated with specific families and craftsmen who excelled in this craft and making furniture and home accessories a long time ago. This is not an easy craft since it requires, besides tools and materials, exceptional professional skills and physical abilities to master working on various types of wood.

For its hard features, imported teal (locally known as Gonguli) is predominantly used in making doors, windows and quality furniture such as tables, desks cupboards, beds and chairs. Old Kuwaiti carpenters used to buy from wood importers or loggers in coastal areas big logs of wood with lengths ranging between 10 and 15 meters, and then cut them into smaller pieces or boards with different thicknesses. Wood importers or loggers used to live in coastal areas near the seaports in order to be able to import woods from traditional exporters - India and Africa.

Later on, they opened warehouses near the flourishing carpentry workshops in such areas as 'Derwazet' Abdulrazzaq - the third gate of the second wall of Kuwait located in the 'Blockat' (blocks) area in 'Sharq' (east) neighborhood in Kuwait City. Besides the traditional carpentry, the craft expanded nowadays to involve several specializations in the areas of cutting wood, softening, decorating and painting the products.— KUNA

The Kuwaiti carpenters excelled in making items such

## Crime

Report

### KUWAITI FLEES TO UAE

**KUWAIT:** A 20-year-old Kuwaiti secretly fled to UAE - leaving her mother's home. Her mother filed an absconding complaint. A security source said a citizen in her 60s told Adan police that her daughter left home and did not return, and she gave them her details. Detectives began working on the case and discovered that she left the country to UAE. The sources said the girl will be arrested upon her return to find out why she ran away.

#### KD 13,800-car stolen

A citizen reported that her daughter's car has been stolen while parked in front of her house in Eqaila. The girl's father called police and told them that the car (worth KD 13,800) got missing - in less than 24 hours after she bought it. Police are investigating.

#### Liquor dealer nabbed

Police have arrested an Indian expat for selling locally made liquor. 85 bottles of locally made liquor was found in his car. A security source said Ahmadi police were on patrol in Abu Halifa area when an Indian was stopped. He seemed confused and suspicious, so he was searched and the liquor was found. He was sent to DCGD.

#### Boy flees from kidnapers

A Juvenile escaped from his kidnapers by jumping out of their 4WD vehicle. A citizen reported to Jahra police that his son was dragged into a vehicle by the kidnapers. The boy jumped out of the car and sought help from a passerby. Detectives are working on the case.

#### Airport security beefed up

Security sources said that a meeting by high ranking Kuwait International Airport officials, was held recently following the Belgium terror attacks. The source added that the officials decided to spread 100 officers to checkpoints around the airport and inside, to stop any suspected individuals. Officers will also be fully armed, and ready to use them if necessary. There will also be police dogs to detect any suspicious material. — Al Rai



**KUWAIT:** Municipality Public Relations Department recently participated - through the Environment Affairs Department and Yarmouk Cleanliness Center in the 'Yarmouk a sustainable healthy city' event which targeted Laila Al-Qurashiya Intermediate School. The aim is to spread environmental awareness among Kuwaiti youth thus teaching them the importance of protecting Kuwait environment by planting trees. —Photos by Hanan Al-Saadoun