

KUWAIT URGES END TO THEFT OF ARAB CULTURE

'CULTURE UNDER THREAT'

AMMAN: Secretary General of the Kuwait National Council for Culture, Art and Letters (NCCAL) Ali Al-Yoha has stressed on the need for increased efforts to repel all attempts to plunder Arab culture and civilization. Al-Yoha made those remarks during a regional conference entitled, "Culture Under Threat" held in the Jordanian capital with several international officials in attendance, including Kuwait's Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom Dr Hamad Al-Duaij.

Moreover, the NCCAL Secretary General said that Kuwait is committed to enhancing

regional cooperation to combat cultural racketeering, as he pointed out that around 20 to 30 thousand cultural entities worth \$10 billion have been stolen. This pivotal conference builds upon the Cairo Declaration issued in 2015, in which ministers from 10 Arab nations agreed to take steps to fight cultural crimes, as Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh cited, "malicious gangs who seek to sow seeds of acrimony around the world."

Furthermore, Jordan's Minister of Tourism Lina Ennab underscored that cul-

tural racketeering has become a chief concern in recent years, as she highlighted the need for further action to put an end to such dastardly deeds. The conference, hosted by the Jordanian government, the Antiquities Coalition and Middle East Institute (MEI), will bring together ministers from 17 Arab League nations as they seek to address the mounting threat of cultural destruction at the hands of looters and terrorist groups. A delegation from Kuwait's NCCAL is partaking in the conference, with Al-Yoha at the helm. — KUNA



TWO POLICEMEN ARRESTED

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Mol's Relation and Media Security Department recently announced that the Correctional Facilities Directorate has arrested two policemen. The suspects were trying to smuggle banned electronic devices into Kuwait Central Prison, security sources said. In another development, as part of its plan to train its staff according to the latest development and technologies, Ministry of Interior Mol's Training Department recently concluded a training course titled 'Investigating computer and itinerant human trafficking related crimes'. The course was organized in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the period of September 4-8 at the UN's headquarters.



Firemen battle blaze

Five fire teams were dispatched yesterday morning to

battle a huge fire that broke out at a metal industry headquarters in Amgra. The fire teams said the fire started in the waste dump. Firemen managed to control the fire and prevented it from spreading to adjacent buildings. No casualties were reported. Another fire broke out in a Jabriya apartment. Security sources said that firefighters from Hawally and Shohada rushed to the scene and evacuated the building. Firemen managed to control the fire and prevented it from spreading to other floors.

Massive security campaign

In a massive security campaign in all the governorates recently, security forces arrested a total of 150 people. According to Mol's Relations and Media Security Department, the campaign included checking IDs and legal statuses of pedestrians and motorists. The report explained that 17 people who had been wanted for various cases were arrested, 43 absconders were arrested, 50 were arrested for not holding any ID, 34 were arrested for holding expired residency visas and 4 were arrested for drug related cases. The sources added that 315 traffic tickets were issued.

KAC - technical problems

A KAC flight heading to Istanbul yesterday returned to Kuwait International Airport 30 minutes after takeoff due to some technical problems. On detecting the malfunction, the pilot reported to Kuwait Airport and was given permission to land. A substitute plane was provided and the passengers resumed their flight safely.

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in brief

Kuwait General Consul denounces aggression

BERLIN: Kuwait General Consul in the German city of Frankfurt has denounced aggression by members of a security company on Kuwaiti nationals, which occurred last night. In a statement, the General Consul said the aggression by "members of a security company working at Kuwait Health office in Germany on Kuwaiti nationals was completely rejected and also was unacceptable." The statement added that the consul's and Kuwait health office roles were to care for Kuwaiti patients and meet their needs during their treatment in Germany. The statement said Consul General Dherar Al-Tuwaijri called on the five injured Kuwaitis and acquired about their health status, confirming that the injured received treatment in a nearby hospital and all are in good condition. The statement concluded that the Kuwaiti Health Office contacted the security company calling for replacement of the security crew.

Kuwait MoH to provide heart pacemakers in public places

KUWAIT: Health Ministry and Municipality have been collaborating to make heart pacemakers available in public places, as a move to reduce the number of fatal heart attack cases. This move is part of a national program that aims at saving lives; the collaboration was announced during a visit made by the Health Ministry Undersecretary for supporting medical services Dr Jamal Al-Harbi to the Municipality. The idea is to make heart pacemakers available in commercial buildings, public spaces, schools, sporting clubs and government buildings, he told the press yesterday. Emergency units should also be setup close to these venues for quick medical intervention.



Kuwait's new Ambassador to Romania Talal Mansour Al-Hajri submitted his credentials to State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania Daniela Gitman. — KUNA

New envoy to Romania submits his credentials

KUWAIT: Kuwait's new ambassador to Romania Talal Mansour Al-Hajri has submitted his credentials to State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania Daniela Gitman. Following the ceremony on Thursday, Al-Hajri lauded the deep-rooted ties between Kuwait and Romania, reiterating mutual keenness to push them to broader horizons in all fields, political, economic, cultural and humanitarian, according to a statement to KUNA yesterday. For her part, Gitman voiced relief over the level of bilateral ties and expressed eagerness to develop them. Kuwait enjoys a distinguished status in Romania, she said, wishing Al-Hajri success in his mission.