



EMBASSY OF BELGIUM IN KUWAIT, KWA HOLDS POETRY NIGHT 'OMSSIAH'

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The embassy of Belgium in Kuwait, in collaboration with the Kuwaiti Writer's Association (KWA) held a poetry night 'Omssiyah', in French and Arabic by the Belgian Moroccan poet and writer Taha Adnan, on Wednesday at KWA's premises. The event came on the occasion of the International Francophonie Day and one year after the Brussels attacks, it was moderated by Kuwaiti novelist Taleb Al Refai.

Andy Detaille, Ambassador of Belgium to Kuwait, honored the poet Adnan during the event. "The Francophonie defends cultural diversity, since cultural diversity constitutes an important part of mankind's inheritance," he said. The Ambassador thanked Dr. Talal Al-Rumeidhi, board member of Kuwait Writers' Association and Association of Culture Forum for participating cultural activities. Meanwhile, Adnan has lived for several years in Brussels.

He read during the event some selection of his poems that he wrote about the Brussels attack where he asked ISIS if God created all kind of people in the whole world just to torture them. He described Brussels and how it allowed all people who lived there to communicate with their different languages and backgrounds.

The Poet Taha Adnan was born 2 August 1970 in Assfi, Morocco. He grew up in Marrakesh and since 1996 lives in Brussels, working in the Ministry for Francophone Education. He has published three collections of poetry in Arabic and one in French entitled Transparences (L'Arbre ≠ Paroles, Belgium, 2006). He organizes an annual Arabic literary festival, Al-Salon al-Adabi in Brussels. Grew up in Marrakech and moved to Brussels in 1996. He runs the Brussels Arabic Literary Salon and co-ordinates Arabic Love Poetry in Belgium. His poems have been translated into French and Spanish. He won second prize at the 2011 International Arab Festival of Monodrama in the United Arab Emirates.



Andy Detaille, Ambassador of Belgium to Kuwait



JUMEIRAH MESSILAH BEACH HOTEL AND SPA SHINES A LIGHT ON CLIMATE ACTION

On Saturday March 25th at 8:30 pm, the luxurious resort joined millions of people around the globe to mark Earth Hour by turning off the non-essential lights and other electrical appliances in a move to raise awareness for the need to take action against climate change. Surrounded by the hotel team, General Manager,

Hakan Petek, said: "Earth Hour is an extraordinary initiative that unites people around the world to protect our planet, which is in line with our strong commitment to environmental responsibility and practicing sustainability. Since our opening in May 2013, it is one of the activities that we uphold and we have been at the forefront in driving an

impact for a greener future every year." As part of the milestone, the event brought together hotel colleagues for a human alphabet group photo spelling out the word Earth Hour which was filmed from above the property and is shared on the hotel's social media accounts. On the night of the event, colleagues observed Earth Hour in

their accommodations and demonstrated their support by turning off all their unnecessary lights. Since 2015, the luxury resort has been recognized by Green Globe for its dedication to sustainable management and operations, which represents the hotel's long-term pledge to sustainable practices.



LAPA PRESENTS 'ISMAIL SABILIYYAT' MONODRAMA PLAY

On the occasion of celebrating the World Theatre Day and in the presence of NCCAL's secretary general, Ali Al-Youha and his assistant, Mohammed Al-Assoussi, LOYAC's Academy for Performance Arts (LAPA) recently presented the 'Ismail Sabiliyyat' monodrama play

at Al-Dasma theatre stage. The play is based on Ismail Fahad Ismail's book with the same name.

The monodrama played by actress Shirine Hajji an directed by Rasoul Al-Sagheer tells the story of Um Qassim, an Iraqi widow who lost her husband during

the Iraqi Iranian war after they had to leave their village. On his death, the husband asks her to bury him back in their home village of Sabiliyyat.

At the sidelines of celebrating the World Theatre Day, LOYAC's board chairperson, Fare'a Al-Saqqaf honored veter-

an Kuwaiti novelist Ismail Fahad Ismail who also expressed his joy with LOYAC's efforts in supporting Kuwaiti theatre and young talented artists. Ismail also announced that arrangements had been made with Kuwait's consol in Irbil to perform the monodrama there.

TRADE EXHIBITION

Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) Pakistan, in collaboration with Pakistan Embassy and Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI), is organizing a Trade Exhibition inside the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) with effect from 27th March, 2017 for two days.

Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI), established in 1982, is one of the premier business chambers of Pakistan having more than 8000 membership and is known world-over for rich industrial heritage. This is second time, in less than two years, that the SCCI are exhibiting their trade potential in Kuwait.

Under this 2-Day Trade Exhibition on 27th & 28th March, 2017, the trade potential of Pakistan in the range of products like surgical instruments, sportswear, leather & factory garments (including working gloves), martial arts uniforms, ceramic & sanitary wear and military uniform accessories etc will be showcased.