

# Heavy rain hits Kuwait; scattered showers predicted for today

Interior Ministry urges drivers to stay cautious



—Photos by Joseph Shagra and Fouad Al-Shaikh



KUWAIT: Heavy rain hit Kuwait yesterday after a long period of drought as the country was affected by south easterly winds with speed that reached as high as 42 km/h. Nearly 7mm of rain were recorded around the country, while a chance of scattered rain is also predicted for today according to the Meteorological Department of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation. The Ministry of Interior released a statement meanwhile urging motorists to be cautious on the roads due to the rainy weather, saying that drivers must ensure that their vehicles remain reasonably apart, keep the lights on, adhere to all traffic regulations and call without hesitation the emergency room at 112 if accidents occur. The maximum temperature yesterday reached 23 C degrees while the minimum was 15 C, whereas today's maximum temperature is predicted to reach 24 C and the minimum could drop to 11 C.



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## NCCAL discusses prehistory in 3rd int'l conference



KUWAIT: Officials pose for a group photo during NCCAL's third international conference.

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: The National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) held its third international conference under the slogan 'Prehistoric eras in the Arab World'. The two-day conference hosted an elite group of history professors including the head of antiquities department at Africa International University Yousuf Al-

Amin from Sudan, Dr Mayson Al-Nahar from Jordan, Sultan Al-Duwaish from Kuwait, Nayef Al-Qannour from Saudi Arabia, Ali Al-Masshani from Oman, Abdelwahed bin Nasser from Morocco, Zaidan Kafafi from Jordan, Ahmad Saeed and Abulhassan Bakri from Egypt, Mustafa Ashi from Morocco, Abdelaziz Suwaileh from Bahrain, and Yousuf Munir from Iraq.



Sultan Al-Duwaish speaks during the conference.

## French envoy reiterates close ties with Kuwait

KUWAIT: French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy has reaffirmed the close and distinctive bilateral relations, and continuous efforts to boost them. Diplomatic, strategic and military cooperation between the two countries has significantly contributed to documenting this vital stage in the history of the two nations, Masdupuy said yesterday, as Kuwait is celebrating National Days. She noted that maintaining stability in the region is a priority on the agenda of both. France fully realizes Kuwait's role and efforts for stability in the region, she noted.

Masdupuy lauded Kuwait's recent hosting of the Kuwait International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq (KICRI) and the ministerial

meeting of the International Coalition against the so-called Islamic State (IS). Welcoming Kuwait's membership in the UNSC for the coming two years, the French envoy pointed to the current conditions in the Middle East saying the two countries have to work together to develop solutions to all regional issues for peace and security. She congratulated the Kuwaiti political leadership and people on the country's 57th National Day, the 27th Liberation Day and 12th anniversary of His Highness Amir's ascendance to power. She wished the country further progress and prosperity under its sagacious leadership. —KUNA



French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy