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# Premier hails opening of fourth phase of Avenues

## Shaya: Determined to execute Vision 2035 • Sabeeh: Govt backing private sector

**KUWAIT:** HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah attended and patronized the ceremony for the opening of the fourth phase in the Avenues mall yesterday. The prime minister was welcomed at the ceremony by Mohammad Abdulaziz Al-Shaya, Board Chairman of Al-Mabani Company, owner of the complex, and accompanied him on a tour of the facility's various sections. The ceremony was attended by a number of sheikhs, ministers and senior state officials.

In a press statement, Sheikh Jaber hailed the new developments in the Avenues, adding that Kuwait is proud of this project locally and internationally. He also stressed on the importance of such projects, executed by the private sector in attracting foreign investment and boosting the country's development plan.

Shaya, a renowned Kuwaiti developer and businessman, affirmed his determination to execute the top national strategy, Kuwait Vision 2035, adding that the Avenues has become the number one leisure and purchasing destination for every family in Kuwait. Moreover, the Avenues is luring a large number of tourists from regional countries, said Shaya, the top man behind one of Kuwait's top business landmarks. He expressed gratitude to state officials for

their ongoing support for the mall, which has become with the new expansion one of the largest of such complexes in the world, spread over 360,000 sq m.

Minister of State for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh affirmed the keenness of Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber and the government on backing the private sector to be an effective partner in implementing "New Kuwait 2035" vision. Sabeeh, also Minister of Social Affairs and Labor, made her remarks to KUNA on the sidelines of the inauguration of phase four of the Avenues.

The Avenues was recently listed as one of the largest shopping malls in the region and the world, she said, adding the inauguration would have a positive effect on supporting family tourism in Kuwait. Family tourism in Kuwait has grown notably in the last three years, the minister said, noting the number of Gulf tourists in the country has increased significantly to five million in 2017, compared to three million in 2015.

HH the Prime Minister is keen on diversifying the local economic base in the country based on the directions of HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to make Kuwait an international financial and commercial hub, said Sabeeh. Such care and support



**KUWAIT:** HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, accompanied by Chairman of Al-Mabani Company Mohammad Abdulaziz Al-Shaya and other senior officials, attends the opening of the fourth phase in the Avenues mall yesterday. — KUNA

would also be able to face global economic challenges and changes, in addition to building main pillars for a local environment capable of achieving many goals of the country's development plan such as a sustainable diverse economy, creative human capital, and advanced

infrastructure, she noted. Sabeeh also indicated that inaugurating phase four completes one of the largest projects in the country, and also affirms Kuwait is ongoing with attaining its 2035 vision through encouraging and backing the private sector. — KUNA

## Amiri Diwan officials check Motor Town construction



**KUWAIT:** Deputy Amiri Diwan Affairs Minister Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah and the head of financial and administrative affairs at the Amiri Diwan Abdulaziz Saud Ishaq examined yesterday the construction site of Kuwait Motor Town. The Amiri Diwan is overseeing the sports facility's construction. — KUNA

## Weekend weather: Hot during daytime, moderate in evening

**KUWAIT:** Hot weather is expected in the country during daytime this weekend while it will be moderate during the evenings, said an official at Kuwait Meteorological Center Abdulaziz Al-Qarawi. Qarawi told KUNA yesterday the country is affected by a high-pressure area causing scattered clouds, adding that the effect of low Sudan depression will increase the amounts of clouds due to active wind.

Yesterday's weather was relatively hot with light to moderate northwesterly winds at speeds of 15-40 km per hour, said Qarawi, adding that dust might prevail in on open areas with some scattered clouds. Temperatures were between 31 and 33 degrees Celsius with sea level between 3 to 5 feet. Yesterday evening, a light to moderate northwesterly winds at speeds of 12-35 km per hour were expected, with temperatures between 16 to 18 degrees Celsius and sea level between 2 to 5 feet.

Today's weather will be warm with light to moderate northwesterly wind during the day with speeds of 15- 40 kilometers per hour, and a high temperature between 30 to 33 Degrees Celsius. However, today evening will witness a drop in temperature with light variable wind and low temperatures between 14 to 16 degrees Celsius. As for tomorrow, Qarawi expected the weather to be warm early during the day, with southeasterly wind at speeds between of 8- 35 km per hour. Low temperatures will reach between 13 to 15 degrees Celsius. — KUNA



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## Kuwait, Qatar to boost health cooperation

**DOHA:** Kuwait's Minister of Health Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Sabah and Qatari Minister of Public Health Dr Hanan Al-Kuwari yesterday discussed means of boosting bilateral cooperation, with a focus on children's genetic diseases. The meeting also reviewed the brotherly relations between the two Arab countries and means to enhance them in all fields, health in particular, Sheikh Basel told KUNA. He added that he was acquainted with Qatar's health strategy and the use of modern technology to care for the elderly, and mental health services. Sheikh Basel lauded the Qatari hospitals and medical centers for the high-level services they offer to patients.

The Kuwaiti minister and an accompanying delegation visited the Hamad Medical Corporation's (HMC) Medical City complex, where he toured departments of medical rehabilitation, woman health and the one-day surgery center. They also visited the Sidra Medical and Research Center, a leading institution that provides exemplary healthcare to women and children. During the visit to Sidra, the minister was briefed on the multitude of health services, which cover prevention, treatment and research, especially in heart and genetic diseases. Sheikh Basil and the Kuwaiti delegation arrived in Doha Wednesday to attend the three-day Middle East Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare that kicks off today. — KUNA



**DOHA:** Kuwaiti Health Minister Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Sabah meets Qatari Minister of Public Health Dr Hanan Al-Kuwari. — KUNA