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#### News in brief

##### Kuwait records 205 COVID cases

KUWAIT: Kuwait recorded 205 new coronavirus cases and two deaths yesterday, raising the total number of cases to 144,369 and deaths to 891, respectively. The Ministry of Health announced meanwhile the recovery of 425 patients from COVID-19. The new figures raised the total number of recoveries to 140,035, the ministry said. There were 81 patients in ICUs as of yesterday, as the total number of patients still receiving medical care reached 3,443, ministry's official spokesman Dr Abdullah Al-Sanad said. He added that 4,102 swabs were taken during the same period, raising the total number of swabs to 1,141,794. — KUNA

##### Morocco lauds Kuwait's efforts

RABAT: Morocco on Saturday said it highly appreciates Kuwait's endeavors aimed at ironing out the Gulf crisis and overcoming differences between brothers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). In a statement, the Moroccan Foreign Minister said that Morocco "is upbeat and satisfied with the current positive developments so as to overcome differences amongst GCC brothers." Morocco also wished success for the efforts exerted to reach a final agreement to turn a new chapter in the pan-GCC relations and reunite Gulf states in order to boost regional stability and Arab unity. — KUNA

##### Mauritania wishes success

RABAT: Mauritania on Saturday applauded Kuwait's efforts to end the Gulf rift, wishing it all success. In a press statement, the Mauritanian Foreign Ministry said that the Islamic Republic of Mauritania is pleased to follow up the sincere Kuwaiti efforts to heal the rift among sisterly Arabian Gulf states. Mauritania welcomes the Kuwaiti efforts and wishes all success to resolve the dispute to unite the GCC states in face of regional and international challenges, the ministry said. It hoped that the progress in the reconciliation efforts over the past few weeks would bring the crisis to an end and boost pan-Arab action. — KUNA

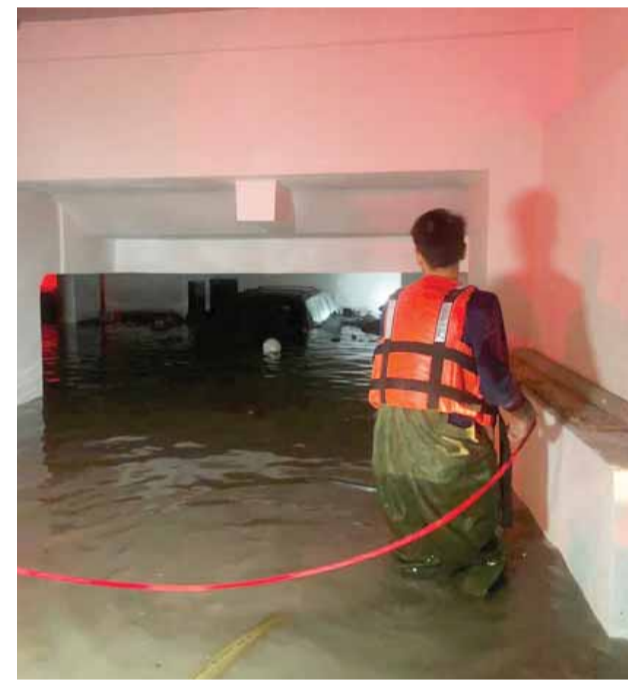
#### Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: Rain clouds hovering over Kuwait City. — KUNA photo

# Kuwait Fire Force saves 44 people trapped by rain floods

KUWAIT: Kuwait Fire Force (KFF) announced yesterday that its teams rescued 44 people who were trapped due to the current heavy rains. The Department of Public Relations and Information at KFF stated in a press release that the operating room received 43 reports yesterday morning, most of which were regarding people trapped in their vehicles from the heavy rainfall and the floods in the basements of buildings. Its teams were alerted and even more ready in all centers, while they activated the rainy season plan, which was under the direct supervision of the KFF Chief Lt Gen Khaled Al-Mekrad, and the KFF Deputy Chief for the Pest Control Sector Major General Jamal Al-Blaihis, the statement added. All the reports that were dealt with did not result in any human casualties, as the public must follow safety guidelines in conjunction with the instability of the weather for their own safety, KFF mentioned. — KUNA



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KUWAIT: Firemen battle the blaze in Jabriya.



Heavy damage left by the fire in Jabriya.

## Ten hurt in fire, one in gas explosion

KUWAIT: Ten people were injured, including one in a critical condition, in a fire reported yesterday in Jabriya, while a gas cylinder explosion in the same area left a domestic helper wounded. Firemen rushed to a building in the area in response to an emergency call, and immediately evacuated the ten persons who suffered from smoke inhalation. Nine of them were treated

onsite, while one person was rushed to hospital. A case was filed for investigations to reveal the cause of the fire. In the second case, firefighters headed to a building where they discovered that a gas leak has caused an explosion in a ground floor apartment. A domestic helper was rushed to hospital with burn injuries, Kuwait Fire Force said in a statement. An investigation was opened.



Heavy damage left by the gas cylinder explosion.