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Souq Mubarakiya fire's aftermath



KUWAIT: People walk past burnt-down shops in Souq Mubarakiya on April 16, 2022, two weeks after a fire that broke out at Kuwait City's landmark historic market. —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Plastic recycling competition aims to protect environment

KUWAIT: The Environment Public Authority (EPA) said Sunday that the plastic collection and recycling competition recently launched aimed to protect the environment from harmful waste and raise community awareness of environmental affairs. EPA director of public relations and media Sheikha Al-Ibrahim said that the competition would be an annual event held in different areas of the country. Within the

framework of this competition, the authority organized events in the Mishref area in which more than 150 participants participated, as about 650 kilograms of plastic was collected for recycling, she said. The first three winners were awarded with KD 500, 200 and 100, she added. Pointing that the plastic waste will be transported to recycling plants as soon as possible to be disposed of in safe ways. The focus was on plastic, as it is one of the pollutants most affecting the environment, and in the coming years, the focus will be on other wastes such as oils, paper waste and other waste that have a negative impact on the environment, Ibrahim said. The recycling will be done in Al-Salmi area, and there is a step to convert waste into energy, she said, stressing Kuwait continues support to waste recycling. —KUNA

Several options to confront price increases

KUWAIT: Acting Commerce and Industry Undersecretary Mohammad Al-Enezi said the ministry is contemplating several options to confront any rises in the prices of essential goods so that they do not burden middle- and low-income people, bearing in mind that the problem is a perpetual one. Enezi said among the options is reducing government fees, storage costs, local costs and the repay-

ment period for business owners to reduce the severity of inflation.

He said Kuwait's strategic reserves of some basic products are enough for more than a year, adding the Russian war against Ukraine did not affect the availability of goods in Kuwait, but only their prices. Enezi said Kuwait has extensive flexibility in dealing with crises and does not rely on one market to source any product, adding that imports are open for alternatives of a product if its price increases, and there is no monopoly over any product.

Enezi said the state guarantees availability of products to consumers, both citizens and residents. He said Kuwait has the experience and ability to get a product cheaply and in large quantities.

Women promote tourism in Kuwait



KUWAIT: Members of the Union of Specialized Arab Women took a tour around some Kuwaiti landmark in a trip themed "encouraging domestic tourism". The tour included visits to Kuwait beaches to encourage domestic tourism during good weather just before the arrival of summer. Union members are planning a tourism and enter-

tainment schedule to attract tourists as Kuwait is distinguished with its many cafes and restaurants. The plan also includes visits to several Kuwaiti islands. The delegation included Union President Dr Kulthoum Awadh, Head of Media Wafaa Al-Shatti and Head of Tourism Department Ilham Maarafi.

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