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News in brief

GCC eyes deeper cooperation with Turkmenistan

KUWAIT: Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf affirmed Wednesday importance of reinforcing cooperation with the Republic of Turkmenistan to serve the common interests. This came after Hajraf's meeting with Turkmenistan's Deputy Foreign Minister, Rasit Meredowm, in which the two signed a Memorandum of Understanding bolstering cooperation in fields of economics, trade exchange, energy security, water and food security, achieving stability and supporting sustainable development. An official negotiations session was held between the two officials where they handled a number of regional and international issues in addition to the various and diverse opportunities of cooperation.

GCC Management, Manpower Committee concludes meeting

KUWAIT: The GCC Management and Manpower Committee concluded its 14th meeting in Kuwait on Wednesday, where the participants touched on GCC military cooperation. In a statement, the Ministry of Defense said that these meetings come within the aspects of cooperation to exchange visions and experiences and military coordination between the GCC countries. The meeting was chaired by the Kuwaiti Assistant Chief of General Staff of the Administration and Manpower Authority, Major General Dr Khaled Al-Kandari, it added. Meanwhile, Kandari said that these meetings aim to unify and develop the concepts of management and manpower in the GCC countries. He also went on thanking the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council for the efforts made to arrange such meetings.

Kuwait crude oil plunges to \$105.62 pb

KUWAIT: Kuwait crude oil plunged \$3.08 during Tuesday's trading sessions to reach \$105.62 per barrel (pb), compared with \$108.70 pb the day before, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) said Wednesday. Brent futures edged 51 cents higher to reach \$100.54 pb and West Texas Intermediate (WTI) gained 53 cents to \$94.42 pb.

Fire controlled in basement of Sharq building

KUWAIT: Fire squads controlled fire at dawn Wednesday in the basement of a building in Sharq, Media and Public Relations department of the Kuwaiti Fire Force announced. The Central operations department has sent fire squads from Al-Hallali, Kuwait City, search and rescue fire stations, as well as, supporting units to handle the incident and evacuate the nine-storey building of its residents, KFF said. The Public Relations department added that the fire squads began to fight the fire that was in a 2,000-square-meter basement, and they were able to control it without any injuries. Investigations are underway to know the reason behind the incident and take the necessary precau-



Photo of the day



KUWAIT: This file photo shows Kuwait's flag raised in Kuwait City. —Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh

Kuwait exports first low-sulfur, low-aromatic gasoline shipment

KNPC exports excess production after meeting local demand



KUWAIT: The first low-sulfur, low-aromatic gasoline shipment. —KUNA photos



The ship carrying the first low-sulfur, low-aromatic gasoline shipment.

KUWAIT: Kuwait exported the first shipment of low-sulfur, low-aromatic gasoline (car fuel) which meets international environment standards, Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) announced Wednesday.

The 35,000-ton shipment, produced at Mina Al-Ahmadi Refinery, was exported in cooperation and coordination with Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's (KPC) International Marketing sector, KNPC's Deputy CEO for Administrative and Commercial Affairs and Official Spokesman Ahed Al-Khurayif said. KNPC's Clean Fuel Project helps produce environmental-

friendly fuel, he added, and the company succeeded in meeting local market's demands and exported excess production. There is a growing international demand for car fuel due to recent global crises, said Khurayif, prompting KPC's International Marketing to seek new markets in Southeast Asia and Europe, generating other sources of income that contributed to national economy.

KNPC, noted Khurayif, succeeded in overcoming many obstacles and challenges related to safe operation of Clean Fuel Project, which would boost Kuwait's regional and international position in clean energy. —KUNA



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Dasman Diabetes Institute organizes annual student research posters day

KUWAIT: Dasman Diabetes Institute, which was established by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, concluded this year's summer training program, a program organized annually by the institute for students of medical specialties in its various fields. The institute organized a day to display scientific posters summarizing the research conducted by students during their training period under the supervision of specialists from the institute. This

scientific day was attended by Dr Qais Al-Duwairi, Director General of the Institute, Dr Ebaa Al-Ozairi, CMO of the Medical Sector, Dr Faisal Al Refai, COO of the Operation Sector, in addition to many researchers and doctors of the institute. Professor Fahad Al-Mulla, CSO of the Research Sector at the institute, closely supervised this event.

On the sidelines of this scientific day, Dr Duwairi stated that he is proud of what the students presented during this training program, adding that it provides practical opportunities for students to be trained in an integrated and advanced work environment at the institute, specifying that this year has witnessed various research projects and initiatives on diabetes. Dr Duwairi said that the aim of this training program, which extends over a period

of months, is to establish and provide the participating students with the necessary skills and practical knowledge in the research and scientific aspects, and to help them enhance their research capabilities. The students were enrolled in various projects to explore, develop and refine their scientific abilities, under the guidance of senior members of the scientific team at the Institute and with the support of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences. Dr Duwairi concluded that Dasman Diabetes Institute, which was established by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, is pleased to provide the appropriate environment for developing the skills of researchers of the new generation in this field, wishing them success.