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The Central Bank of Kuwait.

## CBK holds workshop on money laundering, finance of terrorism

**KUWAIT:** The Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) stressed yesterday the importance of boosting its efforts for meeting the international requirements and recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to combat money laundering and finance of terrorism.

This is implemented by inspecting the abidance of FATF criteria, and by following up on the ultimate possible manners of recommendations issued by financial institutions on that matter. CBK added in a statement issued yesterday as it held a workshop in coordination with the US Department of Justice (DOJ) on money laundering and financing terrorism via video call technology. Participants in the workshop also discussed latest challenges and dangers in this field, and tackled illegal financial practices, virtual assets, compliance requirements, as well as reviewing the best control practices applied globally in this regard.

"This workshop is part of CBK's efforts in following up with the regional and international developments in a changeable financial environment and is a vital step towards bolstering cooperation with US in fighting the financial crimes," the statement quoted Executive Director of the supervision sector in CBK Waleed Al-Awadi as saying.

The workshop also discussed the international views regarding combating financial crimes and financing terrorism under new threats, especially the virtual ones, the US Deputy Chief of Mission James Holtsnider, said. (FATF) is the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog. The inter-governmental body sets international standards that aim to prevent these illegal activities and the harm they cause to society. —KUNA



## Kuwait Airways launches 17 new summer destinations

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Airways Company announced yesterday the launch of 17 new tourist destinations as part of its preparations for the summer season, which is expected witness a remarkable recovery in travel traffic with more options for travelers. In a press release, the company's CEO Maen Razouqi said that the total number of destinations offered by the company has become 57, pointing out that the new destinations will start from the beginning of next May.

The operation of the new destinations and flights will include Malacca, Moscow, Sarajevo, Nice, Salalah, Sharm El Sheikh, Sohag, Alexandria, Mykanos, Bodrum, Trabzon, Vienna, Madrid, Casablanca, Manchester, Kathmandu and Kuala Lumpur, Razouqi explained. "In choosing the new destinations, Kuwait Airways had put into consideration the most wanted and preferred destinations with high demands from all social segments, whether for business, tourism, or education", he noted.

Razouqi stressed the company's keenness to reach best levels of excellence through the services it provides to its passengers, in addition to improve all services to keep pace with the latest developments in the aviation sector. The launching of the new travel destinations comes as part of Kuwait Airways strategy and to meet the growing demand for these new markets, which are important for travelers. —KUNA

## Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: A general photo showing the Palace of Justice in Kuwait City. —Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh

## Several topics on National Assembly session's agenda



KUWAIT: A general view of a parliamentary session in progress last week. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

**KUWAIT:** The National Assembly is scheduled to hold regular sessions today and tomorrow to discuss articles listed on its work agenda, mainly to consider interpellation of Foreign Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah, as well as look into government work plan. The session will begin with rectifying session transcripts, queries and incoming letters, followed by the

four-axis grilling motion submitted by MP Shuaib Al-Muwaizeri. The interpellation will be in regards to "squandering of public funds", "breaching of laws and mismanagement", "failure of protecting country's political interests", and "non-adherence to international treaties and documents", according to the interrogating MP. Article 100 of the Kuwaiti Constitution grants members of parliament the ability to file an interrogation

request against the prime minister and cabinet ministers about affairs relating to their duties and responsibilities.

The assembly will then address government work plan for the years 2021/2022 - 2024-2025, in application of article 98 of the constitution. Further on the session's agenda is a host of parliamentary committees' reports of draft laws, amendments and proposals, amongst which, is the foreign affairs

parliamentary committee proposal on amending law boycotting the Zionist entity and suggesting law prohibiting dealing with and normalizing the Zionist entity and its organizations. The session will also be handling reports relating to domestic affairs including committee tasked with addressing conditions of stateless people report on civil, legal, social and employment rights of stateless people. —KUNA

## Two dead, one injured in Wafra Road accident



KUWAIT: The car seen following the accident.

**KUWAIT:** Two people died, and another was critically wounded in an accident reported yesterday evening on Wafra Road. Firemen rushed to the scene in response to an emergency call reporting an accident involving a sports-utility-vehicle. They

freed the victims from the wreckage and handed them over to emergency medical technicians, Kuwait Fire Force said. An investigation was opened to reveal the cause of the accident.

Meanwhile, firemen freed a worker who became



A fireman helps a worker after he became trapped following a landslide.

trapped following a landslide reported near a house under construction in Rawdha yesterday. The man was in a stable condition at the time of his rescue, Kuwait Fire Force said in a statement, noting that an investigation was opened into the case.