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## Indian Embassy Open House on July 27, 2022

**KUWAIT:** The next Indian Embassy Open House will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at Embassy of India, Diplomatic Enclave, Safat, Arabian Gulf Street, Kuwait-13015 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (registrations will be open at the Embassy from 10:00 am to 11:30 am). All Indian nationals in Kuwait are invited to participate in the Open House, subject to being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The event will not be hosted on the virtual platform. Those who wish to raise specific issues may please send their queries in advance with full name as in passport, passport number, civil ID number and contact number and address in Kuwait, by email to amboff.kuwait@mea.gov.in.

## Commerce ministry closes violating stores

**KUWAIT:** Commerce and Industry Ministry inspectors cited a coffee shop in Fahaheel for violating its business license. Emergency teams took legal action against the violator. Meanwhile, ministry inspectors closed a store for selling counterfeit goods. Large quantities of clothes carrying fake tags for famous makers were found, so the store was closed, and legal action was taken, the ministry said in a statement.



## Photo of the day



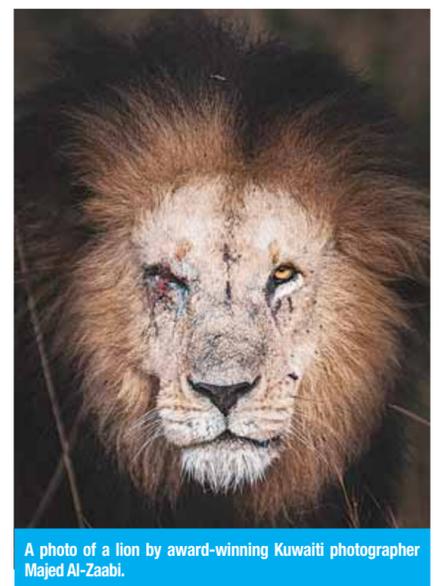
**KUWAIT:** A photo taken from the Salmiya beach showing the city's skyline. —Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh

## Kuwaiti photographer elated after clinching UAE-based global award

Social media useful tool for photographers to get global exposure: Zaabi



Giraffes photographed by Majed Al-Zaabi.



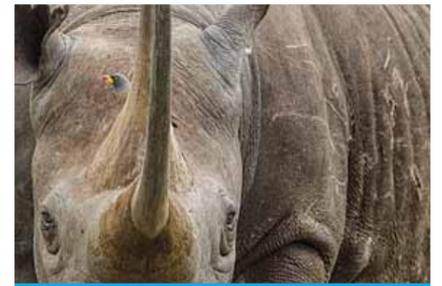
A photo of a lion by award-winning Kuwaiti photographer Majed Al-Zaabi.

**KUWAIT:** Kuwaiti photographer Majed Al-Zaabi expressed his elation on Saturday after he was named the winner of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)-based Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Photography Award (HIPA). Zaabi, who won top honors in the "content creator" category, said that this year's edition of HIPA was dedicated to nature and wildlife, saying he was glad to have been acknowledged in his quest to leave an indelible mark on the world of photography.

He cited social media as a useful tool for a photographer looking for global exposure, but warned that the platform can often be a "dou-

ble-edged sword" if used improperly. The Kuwaiti photographer is no stranger to global accolades, having amassed a slew of international awards over the course of a journey that has spanned over two decades.

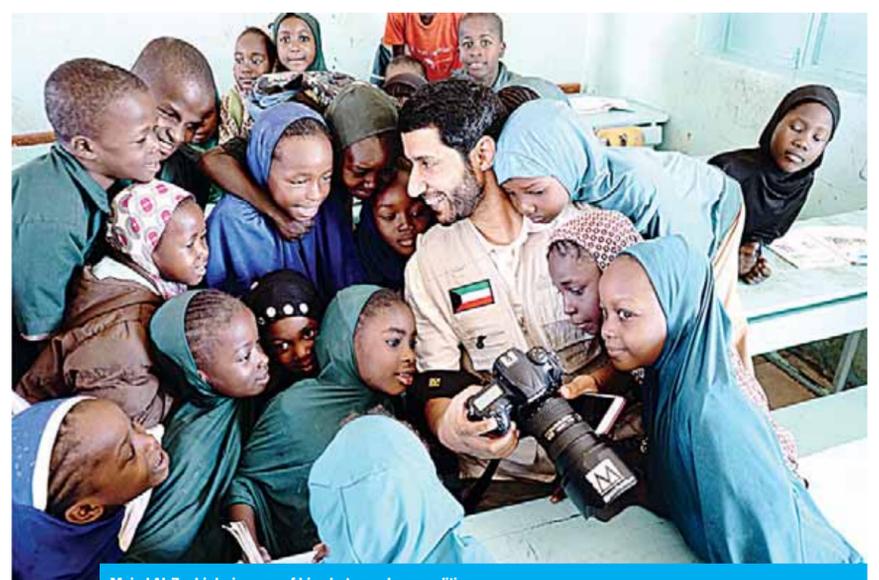
The General Secretariat of HIPA had recently announced the winners of the special prizes for the 11th session of the award, titled "Nature". Zaabi expressed his thanks and pride in the award and the extent of its impact and support for the photographers' communities and its very special position, pointing out that it is much more than a traditional competition, considering that it is an institution full of activity and life throughout the year. —Agencies



A photo of a rhinoceros by Majed Al-Zaabi.



Kuwaiti photographer Majed Al-Zaabi.



Majed Al-Zaabi during one of his photography expeditions.