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News in brief

Saudi approves security agreement with Kuwait

RIYADH: The Saudi Cabinet approved a cooperation agreement between the Presidency of State Security in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State Security Bureau of Kuwait in the field of combating crimes and funds for terrorism. This came during a Saudi Cabinet session held on Tuesday and chaired by King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Kuwait oil price down to \$112.81 pb

KUWAIT: The price of Kuwaiti oil plummeted by \$7.86 to settle at \$112.81 per barrel on Monday in contrast with \$120.67 pb last Friday, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) said on Tuesday. Globally, Brent crude climbed \$1.01 to \$114.13 pb, while the West Texas Intermediate crude edged up by 61 cents, settling at \$110.17 pb.

Arab League, UNHCR launch health care strategy

CAIRO: The Arab League and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) launched, on Tuesday, "The Arab Strategy on access to public health services in asylum and displacement contexts in the Arab region." In a statement, Arab League Assistant Secretary-General Ambassador Haifa Abu Ghazaleh welcomed the strategy and its action plan, which will provide health care to refugees to mitigate the effects of asylum in the Arab region and supports the efforts made by the countries hosting them.

The strategy aims to provide health services to refugees and asylum seekers in Arab member states to control diseases and early mortality rates by supporting and improving quality health care services, she explained. The approval of this strategy came after a number of consultative meetings with experts from the ministries of health in the Arab countries, Abu Ghazaleh noted, expressing her belief in the importance of achieving the third goal of the Sustainable Development 2030.

The first Arab workshop will be on held on Tuesday and Wednesday to follow up on the implementation of this strategy, in cooperation and coordination with the Office of the UNHCR. Meanwhile, the representative of the (UNHCR) to Egypt Pablo Matteo, praised the progress witnessed in health care sector in the Arab countries, "despite its decline in middle or low-income countries and conflict areas." In a similar speech, Matteo pointed out that the refugee movements have caused pressure on the health care systems in the host countries, which led to the growth of health concerns and problems that affected the refugee and displaced communities, "especially the most vulnerable groups." He praised the strategy, which will "ensure all refugees have access to their rights to life-saving health care, reproductive health services, and food security, nutrition, water and sanitation services." This strategy was prepared in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Cairo and reviewed by experts concerned with the ministries of health in the Arab member states before being approved by the Council of Arab Health Ministers. —KUNA



Kuwait Fire Force, Health Ministry officials discuss cooperation

KUWAIT: Kuwait Fire Force's Deputy Chief for Prevention Sector Major General Khalid Fahad Chaired a meeting in the presence of Assistant Undersecretary for Engineering and Projects Affairs at Health Ministry Ibrahim Al-Nahham, Directors of governorates in the prevention sector at KFF, KFF Public Relations Director, and hospitals directors in order to strengthen cooperation between Kuwait Fire Force and Health Ministry to make it easier for inspection teams. The meeting discussed the appointment of liaison officers to quickly process licenses and projects.

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: Vehicles drive on a main highway in Kuwait at sunset. —Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh

Kuwaiti healthcare firm opens new facility in Jahra

Fourth of five primary healthcare centers in operational stage



Thamer Arab

Dr Abdullah Al-Sanad

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Health Assurance Hospitals Company (DHAMAN), a public-private healthcare firm, inaugurated its fourth primary healthcare center in Kuwait on Tuesday. The new clinic is located in Jahra, west of Kuwait City. Addressing the opening ceremony, the company's Chairman Mutlaq Al-Sanea said the new facility, which covers 2,095 square meters and embraces eight specialized clinics, is considered a fresh step of the firm's strategy purposed to serve this densely populated area. He added that it is the fourth of five primary healthcare centers planned for the company's current operational stage. He emphasized that the planned centers are a core element of the firm's drive to establish an integrated healthcare system that targets, in its final stage, three hospitals and 12 centers in all governorates.

Speaking to reporters while opening the facility, DHAMAN's CEO Thamer Arab said the company's fifth center would be established in Fahaheel in Ahmadi Governorate. Arab added that it would be the company's largest primary healthcare center, spanning over 4,000 square meters and covering 45 specialized clinics. Meanwhile, Spokesman of the Health Ministry Dr Abdullah Al-Sanad commended the new center as being a considerable addition to the country's public and private health-



KUWAIT: Officials tour the Health Assurance Hospitals Company's new primary healthcare center in Jahra. —KUNA photos

care system. He said the company's health facilities would serve many citizens and residents, thus easing out pressure on the country's current health system. "This will positively reflect on the quality of healthcare provided to citizens and residents altogether," he said, pointing out continuing and fruitful collaboration between the ministry and the company in this regard. Since its establishment in 2014, Health Assurance Hospitals Company (DHAMAN) is the first Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) healthcare organization in the Middle East as it was founded upon Amiri directives as part of the national development plan "New Kuwait 2035".

DHAMAN handles establishing an integrated healthcare system that includes medical insurance programs, as well as building and operating a network of primary healthcare centers and hospitals that cover all areas in Kuwait. The shareholder structure of DHAMAN consists of government bodies represented by Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) and the Public Institution For Social Security (PIFSS) with 24 percent, a strategic partner from the private sector with 26 percent, and 50 percent of the Company's shares were allocated for Kuwaiti citizens through an initial public offering. —KUNA

IBS Director meets with Scholarship Program Graduates

KUWAIT: The Director-General of the Institute of Banking Studies, Prof Dr Yaqoub S Y Alrefaei, met the graduates of the "Scholarship Program for Kuwaitis Pursuing a Master's Degree" on June 20, 2022. He congratulated them on their graduation from the best universities in the world.

This is the fifth batch of this program, one of the "Kafa'a" initiative launched by the Central Bank of Kuwait, in cooperation with Kuwaiti banks, with implementation supervised by Institute of Banking Studies. The program aims to create distinguished national cadres and competencies that are capable of contributing to and supporting the development process in the State of Kuwait, and that can actively participate in building their country.

Prof Alrefaei congratulated the graduates on their graduation, which was a challenge for them that was not easy to achieve, but they worked and persevered until they achieved this difficult feat by graduating from the best international universities in the year 2021, and he wished them continued success. The graduates are:

- Mohammad Abdullah Al-Ghunaim, graduated from: University of Melbourne, Australia, Major: Master of Management (Finance)



- Sulaiman Khaled Boodai, graduated from: Durham University, United Kingdom, Major: MSc Islamic Finance and Management
- Mohammad Saud Al-Hamad, graduated from: Imperial College London, United Kingdom, Major: Master of Business Administration
- Abdulrahman Abdulmalek Al-Tulaihi, graduated from: Durham University, United Kingdom, Major: MSc Islamic Finance

It is worth mentioning that this program is held with the aim of sending Kuwaiti graduates to obtain master's degrees from the best international universities, according to international classifications in these fields, which enriches the participants' experience and contributes to preparing them to work efficiently and professionally and to serve our beloved country, whether in the public or private sectors.