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News in brief

Kuwait Amir offers condolences over death of Saudi royal's mother

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Wednesday sent a cable to Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, offering sincere and heartfelt condolence over the death of Prince Nayef bin Majed bin Saud bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud's mother. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent the Saudi king two more cables of identical sentiments.

Info Ministry takes action against 'violating' media outlets

KUWAIT: Minister of Information Hamad Rouh El-Din referred 73 media outlets to the public prosecution and gave orders to withdraw the licenses of 90 electronic news services for violating the press and publication, audiovisual and electronic media laws.

Kuwaiti official meets UN Regional Director

KUWAIT: Kuwait Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for International Organizations Affairs, Counselor Abdulaziz Al-Jarallah, met Wednesday with the visiting UN Regional Director for Development Coordination in the Arab Countries, Laila Baker. During the meeting, the two sides touched on the historic ties between Kuwait and the UN. The talks were attended by United Nations and the Resident Coordinator in the State of Kuwait Dr Tariq Sheikh.

GCC chief welcomes GCC, UK meeting

RIYADH: The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretary General Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf has welcomed the planned meeting between GCC commerce ministers and UK International Trade Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan in Riyadh on Wednesday. In a press statement on Tuesday, the GCC chief stated that the GCC states are interested in bolstering economic and trade cooperation with the United Kingdom. He admired the constructive moves taken by both sides to achieve this goal since their latest meeting in London last October. Hajraf noted that they have discussed during this meeting signing a joint free trade agreement to signal a new milestone in GCC-UK relations.



Kuwait oil price went up \$3.31 to \$116.12 pb

KUWAIT: The price of Kuwaiti oil went up by \$3.31 to settle at \$116.12 per barrel on Tuesday in contrast with \$112.81 pb last Monday, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) said on Wednesday. Globally, Brent crude climbed 52 cents to \$114.65 pb, while the West Texas Intermediate crude edged up by \$1.09, settling at \$110.65 pb. The price of OPEC's basket of oils rose by \$2.58 to \$115.97 per barrel on Tuesday against \$113.39 pb on Monday. Bulletin of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said Tuesday the annual average rate of the crudes' basket, last year, reached \$69.89 pb. A report published last week by OPEC detailed that oil futures hiked sharply due to geopolitical tensions in Europe as well as possibility of increased demand on crude oil as Chinese authorities gradually lift COVID-19 restrictions. Energy ministers of the OPEC+ coalition agreed, on June 2, on increasing the oil production by 648,000 barrels per day for coming July and August. OPEC+ countries are set to hold a meeting on June 30, 2022, to follow up on market conditions. —KUNA

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: A view of high-rise buildings in Kuwait City. —Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh

Kuwaiti student Mishary Al-Rashed delivers graduates' speech at UCLA

Kuwait small in size but large in youth ambitions: Rashed

LOS ANGELES: Kuwaiti student Mishary Khaled Al-Rashed affirmed that although Kuwait is a small country in terms of geographical size, it is large in the ambition of its youth. This occurred in his speech at the commencement ceremony of the department of physics and astronomy at UCLA, one of the top 10 universities in the world and the number 1 public university in the United States. Rashed graduated Magna Cum Laude with the highest honor in Physics and a minor in mathematics. He was the only Kuwaiti student in the Physics department.

Rashed had opened his speech by thanking the chair professor, students, and faculty staff, and congratulating the UCLA Department of Physics and Astronomy Class of 2022. "I am truly grateful for this opportunity to speak here today not only representing the people and the department that I have grown to love so much but also as a proud student from Kuwait," he said.

"While I am proud to be a student of UCLA, I am equally proud to be representing my country Kuwait, a country small in its geographic size but large in the ambition of its younger generation," he said in his speech. "Shoot for the stars, the sky is the limit in schools like UCLA. Choose majors that are important such as physics. Follow your heart and pursue the things you are genuinely interested in. As Ameenah Farhan, Chair of the Kuwait University Physics Department, once told me, 'saw iely et7ba ra7 it bad3 feet' which means do what you love and you will excel in it."

Rashed spoke extensively about his journey at UCLA and what led him to choose physics as his major. He spoke highly of Professor David Saltzberg, professor of physics and astronomy at UCLA, who inspired him to choose this path. "[Physics] is a set of



Kuwaiti student Mishary Khaled Al-Rashed.



Kuwaiti student Mishary Al-Rashed with UCLA Chancellor Gene Block.



Kuwaiti student Mishary Al-Rashed with his family.

ideas that aren't really attributed to one person but are ideas that anyone can experience — an experience that can be enjoyed by working out the equations and conducting the experiments," he said.

"I took a leap of faith in what I believed I would enjoy and I'm happy to say it has been the best decision of my life," he pointed out. "Not only did I get to learn about some of the most interesting ideas in the history of mankind, but I also became a part of one of the most vibrant, friendly, and inspiring communities at UCLA — the physics community." Rashed gave a shout out to UCLA Professor Andrea Ghez who received the Nobel prize for her discovery of the supermassive black hole in the center of the galaxy. "I will never forget the day the noble was announced, I walked proud-

ly into campus... knowing that I was in the same department as her," he said. Rashed also thanked his research advisor, "mentor, and friend Professor Zhongbo Kang for believing in me and cultivating such a welcoming environment in your group."

Rashed also addressed the "incredible group of undergraduate students in this department," expressing strong faith in their abilities. "My message to you all is that if you have something that you know you are passionate about, whether that's physics or something else entirely, follow it — even if it's challenging, no more how all of our unique challenges by being students here, especially during the pandemic," he said. "I am proud of all of you for overcoming these challenges."

Zain participates in first KCST career fair

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, announced its participation of the Kuwait College of Science and Technology Career Fair 2022. The first career fair was organized by KCST Public Relations and Marketing Department which runs from 22-23 June, 2022.

Zain took part in the opening ceremony held at the KCST campus in Doha, attended by Her Excellency Belinda Lewis, the United Kingdom's Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, President of KCST Professor Khaled Al-Begain, Dean of Engineering at KCST Professor Ali Chamkha, KCST Public Relations and Marketing Manager Ibrahim Al-Mutawa, and a number of students and graduates.

Through its booth, Zain introduced students and graduates to its leading experience in the telecom sector, as well as its internal policy and wonderful workplace environment. The company also presented the available job vacancies, provided a detailed explanation of the nature of work at various departments and divisions, and answered questions and inquiries from visitors.

The career fair is considered the first to be held at Kuwait College of Science and Technology, which offers exclusive majors in engineering and technology, most notably cybersecurity, 5G communications and artificial intelligence. The College also enjoys international relations with universities specializing in engineering and technology such as Kanagawa University of Japan, specializing in robotics, the IIT Technological Institute, one of the largest technological institutes in the world, as well as an internationally experienced academic staff from around the world.

Zain is always eager to participate in career fairs all year round as part of its Human Resources strategy, which closely focuses on supporting the education sector hand in hand with various universities, colleges, and educational institutions in Kuwait (both public and private), with the aim of providing



KUWAIT: UK Ambassador Belinda Lewis with President of KCST Professor Khaled Al-Begain and Zain's team at the exhibition.



UK Ambassador Belinda Lewis and President of KCST Professor Khaled Al-Begain recognize Zain's participation during the exhibition.

students and graduates with career opportunities in the private sector.

Zain is committed to playing an active role in the investment in the human capital of Kuwait. The

company seeks to provide young and eager Kuwaitis with job opportunities that allow them to apply their practical skills, achieve their potential, and fully develop their capabilities.