

Kuwait interior minister urges GCC unity to confront threats

Sheikh Talal calls for unified security apparatus across Gulf region



Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Talal Al-Sabah. —KUNA

RIYADH: It is imperative to build a unified security apparatus across the wider Gulf Arab region as part of efforts to keep potential security threats at bay, Kuwait's interior minister said on Wednesday. Citing his country's "successful" efforts to clamp down on drug-traffickers as a case in point, Sheikh Talal Al-Sabah, who doubles as Kuwait's first deputy prime minister, told his counterparts from Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states that the bloc has already forged a "unified strategy" to provide rehab programs for addicts.

He went on to say that Kuwait firmly backs all measures taken by Saudi Arabia to protect its

security and stability from similar perils, underlining that Riyadh's security is inextricably linked to the security of all GCC member countries. On some of the outcomes that the talks are likely to yield, Saudi Interior Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud said the decisions will encapsulate the unity and "brotherly spirit" that bound GCC countries, which is necessary to fight all security challenges. Highlighting the critical juncture at which the talks are taking place, the Saudi minister emphasized that more security cooperation among the Riyadh-based bloc is key to preserve the region's security and stability. —KUNA



Gulf Cooperation Council members in session.

KJA head receives UN info delegation

KUWAIT: The head of the Kuwait Journalist Association (KJA) Adnan Al-Rashed received a delegation from the United Nations Information Center which included the director of the Center Margo Helou and Executive and Knowledge Associate representative of secretary general at

the UN and resident coordinator office in Kuwait, Asmae Aitssi.

The meeting was attended by Assistant head of the media department at KJA Halla Al-Feghali and member of the KJA management council Rabaa Al-Jumaa. The two sides discussed ways to improve cooperation between the KJA and the UN media center which has branches in Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. They also discussed the general situation at regional and global levels and what the region is going through at the moment.



Adnan Al-Rashed with the delegation members



Kuwait Information Minister meets with Expo965 team

Al-Mutairi meets Expo965 team

KUWAIT: Minister of Information and Culture and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi met Thursday with the founders and members of the Expo965 team for heritage and craft fairs and Kuwaiti innovators. In a statement, the ministry said both sides touched on projects related to preserving Kuwaiti heritage and intensifying cultural pro-

grams, in addition to discussing ways of cooperation between the ministry and the team. The two sides also discussed the current situation of handicrafts in Kuwait and ways to develop them to practically contribute to raising the level of individual and family income, in addition to its effective contribution to increasing the national product in line with the vision of (New Kuwait 2035), the statement added. The delegation of the Expo965 team included the founder and general coordinator Mohammad Kamal, Hussein Al-Qattan, Ahmad Al-Sharqawi, Khaled Al-Hadab and Professor Ali Al-Najada. —KUNA

KFF launches state-of-art Munjed 2 boat

KUWAIT: Kuwait Fire Force (KFF) inaugurated Thursday Munjed 2 boat, equipped with state-of-the-art ship firefighting technologies, and navigation gadgets to aid in nautical search and rescue missions. The inauguration ceremony was sponsored by Prime Minister's First deputy and Interior Minister Sheikh Talal Khaled Al-Sabah who was represented in the ceremony by the fire force chief Lieutenant General Khaled Al-Mekrad. KFF added in statement.

The Canada-manufactured boat, is around 26 meters long and eight meters wide and comes as part of KFF's plan of developing its mechanisms and equipment, and bolstering its fleet. Attending the ceremony were several KFF and interior ministry officials. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Fire Force chief Lieutenant General Khaled Al-Mekrad with officers during the launch of the new Munjed 2 boat.



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