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## News in brief

## Contractor arrested for dumping trash

**KUWAIT:** The Kuwait Municipality, in response to complaints on the social media from the South Khaitan families' committee, clarified that the drivers of 18 trucks have been emptying trucks carrying garbage in the area. The garbage consisted of building trash in South Khaitan. Supervising authorities immediately arrested the contractor and took legal action against him. The Municipality forced the contractor to remove the trash and his punishment could lead to his deportation. The trash was removed later. —KUNA

## Kuwait crude price drops

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait crude oil dropped \$2.56 during Wednesday's trading sessions to reach \$93.74 per barrel compared with \$96.30pb the day before, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) said Thursday. Brent futures also dropped \$2.71 to \$92.65pb and West Texas Intermediate lost \$3.08 to \$85.83pb. —KUNA

## Top European MP hails Kuwait

**BRUSSELS:** European Parliament (EP) Vice-President Eva Kaili Thursday lauded the geopolitical role of Kuwait and said the EP is keen to develop ties with Kuwait. "I was impressed by what I have seen during this visit. Kuwait is a small but very dynamic country whose geopolitical role and prestige goes well beyond its borders," she said in an exclusive statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), referring to her first visit to Kuwait at the end of October. "The visit was very fruitful and I am certain that it will pave the way to further enhanced cooperation between the EU and Kuwait," said Kaili who is a young Greek politician. —KUNA

## Photo of the Day



A view of the Kuwait City from Subia. — Photo by Zahra Abbas Bakrawala

## Kuwait aims to get 15% of energy from renewable sources by 2030

Countries must move towards green growth to support global efforts: Dr Mahdi

**KUWAIT:** The general secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development participated on Wednesday in a special lecture that discussed the latest World Bank report on the economic update in the GCC entitled "The Opportunity of Green Growth in the GCC."

The lecture was held under the sponsorship of Finance Minister Abdulwahab Al-Rushaid. The general secretary of the Council Dr Khaled Mahdi said, "The world faces serious hurdles while combating climate change and global warming and it is clear with the increase in forest fires, floods and rising water levels which are considered major threats to the human life."

"It has become important that countries must combat climate change and global warming by supporting all global efforts by moving to green growth by reducing the amount of carbon used in global



KUWAIT: Dr Khaled Mahdi speaks during the lecture.

economy," Mahdi said.

The World Bank expected domestic economic growth in Kuwait this year to accelerate to 8.5 percent, provided that the balance of public finances records a 1.1 percent surplus of total output. In its revised economic autumn report on the latest economic developments in the six-nation bloc, the World Bank expected a rise in the growth rates of the domestic non-oil sector in Kuwait by 7.7 percent this year, with its expansion in 2023, with the decline of domestic economic growth to 2.5 percent on average in 2023 and 2024.

"The report involves the latest economic developments of the GCC as it focuses on green growth

during a period after the COVID-19 pandemic," Mahdi added. "The report focuses on all economic levels based on a median within the current development of fluctuating oil rates," he added.

"Kuwait is currently executing a number of green projects and is on track to meet 15 percent of its energy requirements from renewable energy sources by 2030. The projects include Shagaya Renewable Energy Park and Al-Dibdibah photovoltaic (PV) solar project, among others," Mahdi clarified. "Many other sectors have also been contributing to the New Kuwait Vision 2035 to use renewable energy while producing energy, and solar and wind power have become a tangible reality," he concluded.



Attendees during the lecture

## Health minister keen on solving workers' issues

**KUWAIT:** Health Minister Dr Ahmad Al-Awadh has met with management council of the union of workers at the health ministry to discuss their most important requests.

The head of the union, Hussain Al-Azmi has briefed the minister's open door policy to nationals while hearing their problems and requests.

The minister is aware of the problems being

facied by the MoH workers and he is keen on solving their problems. The minister's policies are in accordance with the instructions of the Council of Ministers.

"During the meeting, we discussed the issue of hazard allowance as it has been held back for years as the current situation in hospitals for managers has been explained and the possibility that they could catch illnesses," Al-Azmi clarified. "The minister understood the employees' grievances and the danger on employees as he promised to study the situation seriously," he added.

The organizational structure has been discussed and new job titles have been given as the minister understood their need to change their titles, he informed.



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## Kuwait, Years From Now

### Student Art Competition 2022

10 October - 13 November 2022

We are excited to welcome each and every youngster to our Student Art Competition 2022. We hope everyone is ready to showcase and create beautiful artworks of Kuwait in the future. We're searching for great art – so get your paintbrushes, color pencils and markers ready. Let your talent flow and start painting. Good luck to our young artists!

- The competition is open to students aged 6-18 years under the categories of 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years, 15-18 years and special abilities students.
- The competition is open to all schools in Kuwait (government and private).
- 5 winners from each category will receive valuable prizes.
- All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation.
- All schools and individuals interested in participating in this competition are welcome.
- You can use any drawing sheet, but of A3 size.
- All artworks must be hand drawn and not computer generated.
- All paintings should be submitted by email at art@kuwaittimes.com in PDF format only.
- Kuwait Times reserves the right to retain the drawings for future use.
- Participants should include on the bottom of the artworks the following: Name, age, email address, phone number and school in legible font.

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