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News in brief

Kuwait to strengthen supply chains

KUWAIT: Commerce and Industry Minister Mazen Al-Nahedh underlined on Tuesday state efforts aiming to ensure an adequate supply of key staples, in light of mounting global concerns over food security. These efforts also include putting in place a business environment that is conducive for foreign investment, Nahedh, who doubles as state minister for communications and information technology, said as he held talks on the matter with a visiting delegation from the United Arab Emirates. The talks mainly revolved around economic and trade issues, in addition to challenges facing both sides, according to a Kuwaiti commerce and industry ministry statement. —KUNA

Woman jailed for fake sick leave

KUWAIT: The criminal court sentenced a Kuwaiti woman to seven years in jail and a 19-workday fine for faking sickness for 19 days. The woman was ordered to pay KD 500 in bail in order to avoid jailtime.

Speaker meets UAE delegation

KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Ahmad Al-Saadoun received on Tuesday at his office Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs and Minister of State for Housing and Urban Development Ammar Al-Ajmi. The minister accompanied a delegation of the UAE National Defense College, headed by Brig Mohammad Al-Jabri. The reception was attended by UAE Ambassador to Kuwait Dr Mutar Al-Neyyadi. —KUNA

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: The British Royal Air Force's (RAF) aerobatic team, the "Red Arrows", escorts a Kuwait Airways plane during an airshow on Nov 22, 2022. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

An independent voice of Kuwait to many Americans

KUWAIT: Reconnaissance Research's Deputy CEO Yousef Alghusain welcomed former US ambassador to Kuwait and Iraq Douglas A Silliman at the onset of the latter's five-day visit to Kuwait, where he is expected to meet with some Kuwaitis. Alghusain said: "Ambassador Silliman played a major role in the launch of Reconnaissance Research. He is a key figure in our portfolio of close friends." He added: "Ambassador Silliman last visited Kuwait in 2019, when he inaugurated the center's maiden event (the US role in Kuwaiti-Iraqi relations), where he along with a number of ambassadors, businessmen and academics had a fruitful discussion."

Alghusain commended Ambassador Silliman as being an active expert in the region's affairs and challenges, thanks to his long practical experience of working in Kuwait and Iraq, and his career at the US State Department since 1984, as well as his current work as president of the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington (AGSIW).



Douglas A Silliman



For his part, Silliman said: "It was my great pleasure to return to Kuwait after three years to renew old friendships and make new ones. In Kuwait I found some new optimism about the possibility of positive reform following elections and the formation of the new government. I hope that we will see cooperation between the government and parliament to put in place laws and policies that will position Kuwait well to deal with the most serious issues of the future - regional security, climate change, and sustainable development."

He continued: "I have a strong attachment to Reconnaissance Research, and have met its founder, Abdulaziz Al-Anjeri, numerous times while in Washington DC just few weeks ago." He added "The last time I was in Kuwait in 2019 I had the



KUWAIT: Reconnaissance Research's Deputy CEO Yousef Alghusain meets former US ambassador to Kuwait and Iraq Douglas A Silliman.

honor of being a keynote speaker at their inaugural event. It was an enlightening and very well executed event by an excellent institution."

Ambassador Silliman concluded: "Reconnaissance Research has succeeded in establishing itself as an independent voice of Kuwait to many Americans and members of the international community. They have put together a number of well-researched analytical reports as well as high quality events. We will continue to work together."

CONDOLENCES

Kuwait Times management and staff convey our deepest condolences to our colleague

Ashraf Barakah

and his family members on the sad demise of his

Brother

May Allah the Almighty bestow His mercy on his soul