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in brief

EXPECT 'VERY HOT' WEATHER TOMORROW

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: The Kuwait Meteorological Department at the Directorate General of Civil Aviation expected very hot weather with light to moderate north westerly changing to south easterly wind, adding that some clouds will appear during daytime tomorrow. The department also predicted that by night, the weather would be relatively hot and relatively humid with light to moderate south easterly to light variable wind.

Stolen cables caused blackout

Ministry of Electricity and Water recently filed a complaint with a Jahra police station accusing unknown robbers of stealing an overhead power line along Salmi highway, which caused a blackout at Salmi quarantine. Security sources estimated the stolen electrical cables' value at tens of thousands of Kuwaiti dinars, adding that even the wooden posts had been damaged. A case was filed pending further investigations.

Illegal slogans

A GCC (Gulf Cooperating Council) national was recently arrested after stickers carrying illegal slogans were found on his vehicle. The man was referred to relative authorities pending further investigations.

THREE DEAD IN CRASH

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: A citizen was killed in a car crash on Sixth Ring Road, while a Saudi national and an unknown person were killed in a car crash in Mahboula.

Weapons collection

Weapons collection force carried out a campaign in search of unlicensed weapons in Um Al-Haiman.

Taxi driver mugged

An Asian taxi driver told Fintas police he was mugged by three young men who took KD 330 from him, after asking him to take them to Sabahiya. The taxi driver said they pulled knives on him and took the money. Detectives are investigating.



Several fires in Kuwait

Several fires broke out in various areas of Kuwait. Operations room received a call about a fire in a main transformer in Yarmouk. Industrial Shuwaikh and Farwaniya firemen responded to the fire and the blaze was put out in a short time. Another call was received about a fire in corrugated metal chalets and a car. Khaitan firemen responded to the scene and put out the fire. No injuries were reported. In a similar incident, a fire broke out in a corrugated metal room in Wafra area. Wafra firemen responded to the scene and put out the fire. No injuries were reported. Also, a fire broke out in a Firdous house and was put out by Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh firemen.

KFSD visit

Kuwait Fire Services Directorate's (KFSD) Deputy Director General for Prevention Affairs Brigadier General Khaled Al-Zaid visited several fire centers on the first day of Eid that included Ahmadi, Qurain, Salmiya, Salmiya sea rescue, Shuhada, Jahra, Farwaniya and military and airport centers. He was accompanied by Deputy General Manager for Fighting Affairs Brig Jamal Al-Bulaihees and Acting Director of Public Relations and Information Major Ahmad Al-Daihani.

Municipality campaign

Kuwait Municipality's Public Relations Department said the public services department carried out a campaign to remove violating ads on pedestrian bridges in the Hawally governorate. Five ads were removed in the campaign.

GAS PRODUCTION CAUSES REFINERY SMOKE: KNPC

KUWAIT: Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) attributed heavy smoke noticed from Al-Ahmadi Port Refinery to increased gas production of the gas liquefaction plant. Khaled Al-Asousi, KNPC Deputy Managing Director for allied services and the company's spokesman, said heavy smoke was also caused by the operation of the fourth gas pipeline. Asousi said work was underway to reduce quantity of smoke, which would yield results in the coming hours. He added that refineries in the ports of Al-Ahmadi, Shuaibi and Abdullah were working normally, and the production was at its maximum limits. — KUNA

SPEAKER, MPs CONDEMN DASHTI'S VISIT TO MUGHNIYA'S FAMILY 'I VISITED A RESISTANCE HERO'

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem strongly condemned the visit MP Abdul Hameed Dashti made to the Mughniya family, noting that it was very provocative, irresponsible and unacceptable. Speaker Ghanem noted that such a visit does not help in enhancing national unity and solidarity and that the lawmaker alone ought to be held responsible for it.

Dashti was reportedly in Lebanon recently where he visited the family of Imad Mughniya; a Hezbollah member who is believed to have been responsible for the hijacking of the 'Jabriya' Kuwait Airways plane in 1988, which resulted in the death of two Kuwaiti passengers on board. Mughniya died in a car bomb in Syria in 2008.

MP Abdullah Al-Turajji called for arresting and questioning Dashti with regard to the visit. Meanwhile, MP Nabil Al-Fadhil condemned the visit, saying that for all Kuwaitis, Mughniya is known as the man who took part in the hijacking of a Kuwaiti plane and the killing of Kuwaiti citizens. "Dr Dashti should not have hurt Kuwaitis and victims' families' feelings!" he exclaimed.

Also commenting on the visit, MP Abdullah Al-Adwani described the visit as provocative to all Kuwaitis. "I wish Dashti had visited the Jabriya flight victims' families and kissed their heads instead! But he only represents himself," he said.

MP Hamdan Al-Azmi meanwhile criticized what he described as the government's silence towards such an unacceptable provocative action of glorifying one of Kuwait's worst enemies and visiting his family and forgetting all about the Al-Jabriya flight hijack in the 1980s and the murdering of Kuwaiti citizens. "This is typical of Dashti," he said, noting that he only blamed those keeping silent about it. "What if someone visited the family of Al-Sadiq Mosque bomber and kissed them on the forehead... will they also keep silent?" he wondered. He blamed Dashti's supporters in both powers and said, "You reap what you sow!" reminding them that Dashti had previously visited Bashar Al-Assad.

Martyred hero

On the other hand, MP Dashti explained that his visit to the family of the 'martyred hero' Imad Mughniya, as he referred to him, was one to the family of a hero who had resisted the Israeli occupation until he was assassinated "at the very same time when MP Turajji and his likes of apparent and hidden Muslim Brotherhood and Islamic State affiliates only fought Israel with words and sophisticated talk," he said. He urged Turajji to stop profiteering and pretending to be someone else. "You are only trying to fish in murky waters but the Kuwaiti people are well aware of such attempts," he said.

Jahra blackouts

MP Sultan Al-Shemmari strongly criticized Minister of Electricity and Water and Minister of Public Works Ahmad Al-Jassar for blackouts reported in Jahra and other areas over the past few days. "It is strange how MEW keeps silent about these blackouts," he said. "The people are fed up with such, almost daily blackouts during very hot weather." He warned that he would question Minister Jassar in parliament. Notably, another blackout was reported yesterday noon in some areas in Jahra.

KUWAITI RELIEF AID DELIVERED TO IMPOVERISHED IN SENEGAL

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti embassy in Senegal supervised distribution of relief aid, presented by Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS), to families of children suffering from cancer, as part of a humanitarian mission lasting during the Eid Al-Fitr holiday.

Kuwaiti Ambassador to Senegal Mohammad Fadhel Khalaf personally oversaw delivery of the supplies to local authorities, namely a charity patronized by the First Lady Marieme Faye Sall, in addition to a number of poor and impoverished people, the Kuwaiti embassy said in a statement. KRCS delivers such aid to the needy in Senegal regularly twice a year, including the holy month of Ramadan. The regular Kuwaiti support is estimated at KD 10,000, however Kuwait rushes in greater aid in catastrophic conditions and draught. — KUNA



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