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Al-Fadhel takes part in Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable

'Session focused on cooperation among the Asian countries'



ABU DHABI: The Eight Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMERS) kicked off on Tuesday with Kuwaiti Minister of Oil and Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Khaled Al-Fadhel participating. The gathering provides a platform for ministers from the Asian member states of the International Energy Forum (IEF) to exchange views and share experience on how to address the challenges facing the energy sector, Dr Al-Fadhel told KUNA.

"Today's meeting, held at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, focused on cooperation among the Asian countries in energy security," he said, noting that Asia accounts for the lion's share in the world's energy production in terms of oil and gas. "The conferees have debated some technical issues such as role of new technologies for a more competitive and productive world energy mix, and the role of clean energy uses in curbing

carbon dioxide emissions." "We have discussed ways to advance inclusive access to secure, affordable and sustainable energy services, and the supportive relationship between producers and consumers for the world to grow as a whole," he revealed.

Dr Al-Fadhel added that Kuwait has always been keen on attending the Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable and sharing experience in the areas of renewable energy. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the triennial World Energy Congress - the World Energy Council's global flagship event offering a unique platform for global energy leaders to explore new energy futures, critical innovation areas, and new strategies. Opened yesterday at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre under the theme of "Energy for Prosperity". The 24th edition of World Energy Congress will conclude today.



MOCI leads campaign to purge counterfeit goods

KUWAIT: The ministry of commerce and industry has given merchants selling counterfeit goods three weeks' notice to remove such products off the market and take advantage of the deadline set by the ministry to avoid legal violations and expropriation of goods. The move is part of the ministry's extensive campaign to eliminate fake goods in Kuwait.



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It said these goods are negatively affecting the economy because of their popularity and cheap prices. They are also affecting the environment of the country and could harm consumers' health, pointing out that many official scientific studies have confirmed negative medical effects threatening consumers' health because of the use of fake cosmetic products that mostly contain poor quality ingredients.

The campaign is monitoring the market for any abnormalities. It is monitoring the commercial sector for selling fake items like clothes, shoes and bags. It is also monitoring the information technology sector such as software programs, computer spare parts and other fake products found in the market. The ministry has also notified printing businesses and centers not to print slogans, signs, symbols and logos to protect the authorship of copyrights and intellectual property from abuse.

The ministry of commerce and industry aims to protect companies and consumers from commercial fraud and piracy, which poses a great national economic risk. The ministry is applying its authority to protect both the market and the consumer from the dangers of counterfeit goods, reminding of the fact that piracy and selling fake products is a crime penalized by law.

Kuwait renews its support for Afghanistan

NEW YORK: Kuwait has renewed its support for Afghanistan in its fight against terrorism and its efforts to extend its control and sovereignty over its entire territory. This came in Kuwait's speech at the Security Council session on Afghanistan delivered by Permanent Representative Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi on Tuesday night.

Al-Otaibi stressed the importance of addressing the threat posed by terrorism, which remains a key factor for stability in the security situation in Afghanistan through the collective commitment to combat this scourge within the framework of the international strategy to combat terrorism. He praised the efforts made by the security authorities in Afghanistan in the fight against crime and drugs, which is reflected in the recent report of the Secretary General.

Al-Otaibi said: "We are holding the meeting today, just days before the presidential elections in Afghanistan and note with satisfaction that the past period has made remarkable progress in preparing for those elections and provided new opportunities for political participation for peace in the light of continuing serious challenges that must be overcome." He pointed out that the current stage in Afghanistan is a historic phase, where intensive consultations are taking place among various groups and political parties in order to elect a president of the

country, who has the responsibility to ensure Afghanistan's transition to a phase of comprehensive and lasting peace.

Al-Otaibi added that the current phase is also witnessing the continuation of the electoral management bodies to prepare for the presidential elections scheduled for September 28, 2019. He praised the vital role of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and the Independent Election Commission in monitoring the registration of voters and candidates and preparing polling stations for those elections.

Al-Otaibi said that the total number of voters, which reached 9.6 million voters, is a clear indication of the desire of the Afghan people to choose the path of democracy as a path for them despite the security threats endangering their lives. He applauded the courage of the Afghan people, who reaffirmed that a political solution in Afghanistan must come with Afghan leadership and be determined by the Afghan people themselves.

Al-Otaibi stressed the importance of national reconciliation and the peace process in Afghanistan. He said that Kuwait has been keenly following up all measures adopted by the government of Afghanistan, the last of which was the establishment of a ministry for peace to support the reconciliation efforts. He noted that Afghanistan is still unfortunately suffering from the instability of the security situation in its territory, adding that the recent report of the Secretary-General pointed out that there were 5,856 security incidents during the period from 10 May 2019 to 8 August 2019, including 3,294 incidents as a result of armed fighting. — KUNA

Info Ministry's care for disabled receives int'l tribute

GENEVA: Kuwait's Assistant Undersecretary for Press and Publications Affairs Mohammad Al-Awash said yesterday that the meeting with members of the International Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was a very good opportunity for the Ministry of Information to present its programs to support people with disabilities in society.



Mohammad Al-Awash

Al-Awash said, in a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) after the conclusion of Kuwait's first report on the situation of persons with disabilities before the International Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, that this occasion was a good opportunity to become acquainted with international experts' opinions in this respect.

He added that during the meeting, the ministry presented its experience over supporting the disabled and integrating them in the media institutions as well as the services provided by the ministry such as the adoption of sign language in news bulletins and live broadcast programs in addition to programs prepared by the disabled to enable them to raise their aspirations, issues and hopes.

He added that the efforts of the Ministry of Information also includes the dissemination of advertising flashes in various media, including social media, stemming out from the belief that people with disabilities are like other citizens with rights similar to any segment of the society. Al-Awash pointed out to Kuwaiti Minister of Information Mohammed Nasser Al-Jabri's good interest in this issue and that he has clear directives in this context to integrate the disabled in the media and then to the Kuwaiti society. — KUNA

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