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Kuwait condemns continued Houthi attacks on Saudi

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Foreign Ministry yesterday strongly condemned the continued Houthi attempts to target civilians and civilian areas, and to threaten the security of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, by firing three ballistic missiles and launching three drones on the Eastern Region and Najran and Jazan cities. The continuity and escalation of these hostile actions against the security of the Saudi Kingdom and regional stability are blatant violations of the international law and international humanitarian law, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement. It added that these violations necessitate swift and firm actions from the international community to stop these threats and hold perpetrators accountable. The ministry reiterated Kuwait's full solidarity with Saudi Arabia and support to all the measures it takes to defend its security, stability and sovereignty.

Meanwhile, Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf strongly condemned the continued Houthi militia attacks on Saudi Arabia. The Secretary General, in a press statement yesterday, stressed that these attacks are obvious violations of the international law and international humanitarian law. He renewed the council's full solidarity with Saudi Arabia and support to all the measures it takes to defend its security, stability and sovereignty. He also praised the high efficiency of the Saudi air defense forces that were able to intercept all Houthi attacks. On Saturday, Houthi attacks targeted civilian areas by firing three ballistic missiles and launching three drones on the Eastern Region, as well as Najran and Jazan cities. — KUNA

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: Workers are seen near a street in Kuwait yesterday. The period in which outdoor labor is banned during noon hours in Kuwait has officially ended on August 31st. - Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh (To have your picture featured in the Kuwait Times' 'Photo of the Day' section, please send your high resolution, unedited photos to local@kuwaittimes.com, along with the full name and Instagram account)

Several arrests made in 'alcohol breweries' raid

KUWAIT: Hawally police made several arrests during raids at apartments where alcoholic drinks were being brewed illegally in the area. A total of nine apartments were raided during the operation, the Interior Ministry said in a statement yesterday. The suspects reportedly rented the apartments to use them for the sole purpose of brewing liquor, it added. The detainees were taken to the proper authorities for further action.

Separately, Kuwait Fire Force said that firemen battled a blaze that engulfed a 1,000-square-meter storage area for lumber in Al-Rai yesterday morning. No injuries were reported in the incident as an investigation was opened to reveal the cause of the fire. In the meantime, KFF also reported that firemen stopped a leak of hazardous material from a tanker outside a factory in Amghara yesterday.

In other news, Salhiya detectives arrested a suspected thief who confessed to stealing rosaries worth KD 120,000. He said he made copies of the keys of a store where he worked, then disabled surveillance cameras during the theft, Al-Anbaa



KUWAIT: This handout photo released by Kuwait Fire Force yesterday shows fire engines at the site of a storage area in Al-Rai where a fire was reported.

daily reported yesterday. He told police about two of his compatriots with whom he kept the stolen rosaries. An Arab resident rushed to Salhiya police and told them his store was burgled, accusing a person who works for him of committing the crime. Detectives found the accused was about to leave the country and were able to arrest him minutes before his departure..

Meanwhile, police in Rawda arrested a person who attempted to break into two ATM machines. The suspect then slipped into the house of a Kuwaiti man and took the keys of two cars before stealing them. The citizen told police the two cars were parked in front of his home in Yarmouk. The suspected thief was arrested from his Farwaniya residence, reported Al-Anbaa.

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NBK adopts digital training culture

KUWAIT: In-line with NBK's ongoing initiatives towards instilling a digital training culture and constantly developing its human capital, NBK has witnessed a remarkable interest in participation from employees in professional training courses and programs during the first half of 2021, which aimed to improve employees' capabilities and actively contribute to their career development through the latest learning solutions.

During the first six months of the year, 1,433 of the bank's employees successfully completed the training programs and courses, whilst scoring the highest attendance and training completion rate of total employee participation, which signals the great passion of the bank's employees towards career development.

From the beginning of the year, the Training and Development Department of Group Human Resources organized 27 interventions of in-house programs, including Yalla Watani, NBK Academy and workshops with a combined total of 661 participants.

The training programs held in the first half involved soft skills training, covering areas of building a performance-driven culture, that gained intensive attendance with a total of 282 participants, who all of which attended a variety of 15 soft skills training sessions; Covering all levels. Due to the massive interest witnessed, a total of 975 staff were enrolled in 32 planned sessions according to the annual training plan.

Furthermore, NBK organized specific courses and workshops for leadership and development training, as well as courses focusing on leading the digital transformation, in line with the bank's digital roadmap. In the meantime, the Training and Development Department intensively worked on developing 3 specialized curriculums for IBG, Corporate, CBG, Foreign Corporate and Oil and Gas, as well as Trade Finance and Internal Audit in coordination with Moody's Euromoney and Deloitte, with a total of 156 attended participants. In

addition, 72 employees attended Middle Management Program across 4 cohorts, delivered by Learning Tree International. With the shifting direction towards digital learning, Training and Development took the advantage of training 44 employees from NBK overseas branches across multiple development programs.

On this occasion, Ahmad Darweesh, Head of Training and Development at National Bank of Kuwait quoted: "At the Training and Development Department, we are proud of the progress made in implementing a map of top-notch training programs aiming to help promote a digital culture across NBK Group, in line with the bank's digital transformation strategy."

"Today, Group Human Resources has a digital infrastructure and a unique training and development system that are on par with international best practices. The bank's E-Learning platform was developed into an advanced easily accessible digital platform that offers various training programs, including induction for newly hired employees, training requirements of the Central Bank of Kuwait, as well as programs for developing key competencies, aside from its function as a tool for taking tests," he elaborated.

Darweesh emphasized that the "Accelerated Learning" concept is consistently exhibited across the NBK Group, within a culture and work environment that drives employees to pursue personal growth whilst recognizing their long-term career paths, in addition to its contribution to investing in their talents and skills, which serves the bank's sustainable growth.

Darweesh noted that NBK provides equal opportunities for all its employees, by giving them opportunities to attend training programs that are designed based on assessment of corporate and individual needs, as well as being committed to developing the academic and practical skills of its staff, with a view to prepare them as future leaders.

It is worth mentioning that NBK consistently supports its employees in building their careers within the bank, believing that its sustained successful transformation depends on the diversity and quality of talents. In recent challenging times, efficient workforce proved to make a difference, acting as a strategic pillar of the Bank's strategy and ambitious plans for the future.



Ahmad Darweesh