

139K passengers expected to use airport during New Year holidays

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Speaker of the National Assembly Ahmed Al-Saadoun during the adjournment of the session.

Major events concerning Kuwait parliament in 2022

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 26, (KUNA): In 2022, Kuwait witnessed several major developments and events related to the Kuwaiti National Assembly (parliament), mainly swearing by MPs of the constitutional oath during the first regular session of the 17th legislative term.

The following is a list of major events and activities connected with the Kuwaiti parliament:

Jan 4: The Prime Minister and his cabinet took the constitutional oath at the start of National Assembly's ordinary session.

Jan 4: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim announced he has received an interpellation request from MP Hamdan Al-Azmi against Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah that consists of five aspects.

Jan 12: Speaker Al-Ghanim adjourned the session due to lack of quorum, and government non-attendance according to Article 116 of the Kuwaiti constitution.

Jan 13: Kuwaiti National Assembly approved in the second reading a draft law to amend some provisions of the Printing and Publishing Law.

Jan 18: Speaker Al-Ghanim announced that 10 lawmakers presented a no-confidence motion against Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah.

Jan 25: The National Assembly in its special session agreed to increase Kuwait Credit Bank's (KCB) capital to provide liquidity for housing loans.

Jan 26: The National Assembly renewed confidence in Deputy Prime Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah.

Feb 1: Speaker Al-Ghanim announced the interpellation motion submitted by MP Shuaib Al-Muwaiwzi to Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah.

Scrap

Feb 1: The National Assembly rejected a Public Prosecution request to scrap the parliamentary immunity of MPs Mohammad Al-Mutair, Khaled Al-Otaibi and Thamer Al-Suwait.

Feb 1: The National Assembly rescinded the immunity of MP Shuaib Al-Muwaiwzi at the request of the Public Prosecutor's Office.

Feb 8: The National Assembly discussed the grilling of Foreign Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah over alleged mismanagement, submitted by MP Shuaib Al-Muwaiwzi, and 10 MPs filed a no-confidence vote against the minister.

Feb 9: The National Assembly approved a number of recommendations regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) travel restrictions and health guidelines in general.

Feb 16: MP Abdullah Al-Mudhaf handed Parliament Speaker Al-Ghanim a grilling motion filed against Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Ali Al-Mousa.

March 8: Parliament Speaker Al-Ghanim said that 10 Kuwaiti members of parliament lodged a no-confidence motion against Minister Al-Mousa.

March 9: Speaker Al-Ghanim declared that he had received an interpellation motion from MPs Dr. Hassan Johar, Khaled Al-Otaibi and Muhammad Al-Sayer to His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

March 15: The National Assembly approved the post-ponement motion requested by the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, to defer interpellation submitted against him.

March 15: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Talal Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah took constitutional oath before the parliament session in line with Article 91 of the Constitution.

March 16: The National Assembly renewed confidence in Minister of Public Works and State Minister for Youth Affairs Ali Al-Mousa.

March 29: National Assembly Speaker Al-Ghanim announced that 10 MPs filed a "non-cooperation" motion against His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

Resignation

April 5: Speaker Al-Ghanim announced that His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and his cabinet had submitted resignation.

May 12: The Arab parliamentary scout union honored parliamentary Speaker Al-Ghanim with the 2022 "order of the falcon" award for his support of the scouting movements in the Arab world.

May 20: Speaker Al-Ghanim headed to Cairo to partake in the urgent meeting for the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU) focusing on development in occupied Jerusalem.

May 31: Speaker Al-Ghanim headed to Brussels meet with top officials from the European parliament.

June 14: The National Assembly approved a KD-3,000-grant (around USD 10,000) for retirees and their beneficiaries.

June 19: Speaker Al-Ghanim arrived in Istanbul to partake in an international conference organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Turkish parliament.

June 29: Speaker Al-Ghanim headed to Azerbaijan to partake the Baku Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network.

Sept 29: Elections for the 17th legislative term of the National Assembly were held.

Oct 18: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah opened the first regulation session of the 17th legislative term for the National Assembly.

Oct 18: Members of Parliament swear the constitutional oath during the first regular session of the 17th legislative term for the National Assembly.

Oct 18: The cabinet, in an unprecedented historical step, did not partake in the sessions forming the National Assembly's committee in adherence with the leadership's instructions.

Selected

Oct 18: The National Assembly chose MP Ahmad Al-Saadoun as Speaker of parliament during its first session of the 17th legislative term. The positions of deputy speaker, secretary, and other leading posts were also selected during the session.

Oct 18: The National Assembly approved in the first session of its 17th legislative term the formation of several committees including the human rights and the food security amongst others.

Oct 30: The National Assembly's Interior and Defense Committee approved two draft laws concerning the elections of MPs, voting via the civil ID Card, and the reconsidering of constituent inclusion in some areas.

Nov 2: The National Assembly approved a draft proposal for the 12/1963 law concerning the parliament statute and discussions of the Amiri speech.

Nov 21: The National Assembly received the interpellation motion by MP Hamdan Al-Azmi against the Minister of Public Works, Minister of Electricity, Water, and renewable Energy Resources, Dr. Amani Bugamaz.

Nov 30: The National Assembly referred Amiri speech to the committee concerned with preparing a parliamentary reply to the document.

Nov 30: The National Assembly approved law 6/2022 including several areas in electoral constituencies based on geographical location.

Nov 30: The National Assembly approved law 5/2022 approving voting based on the address found in eligible voters' Civil ID Cards.

Dec 1: Sheikh Saud Salem Abdulaziz Al-Sabah was appointed Kuwait Investment Authority's board member.

Dec 12: The cabinet okayed the appointment of Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi as deputy foreign minister, and Mohammad Bu-Erki as chief of the National Cybersecurity Center.

Dec 13: The National Assembly passed draft proposals concerning health insurance for Kuwaiti retirees.

‘400K tons food wasted’

KOC to sign deal with British firm over consulting services

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 26: Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) will soon sign a contract with an international British company to provide consulting services for the evaluation of air quality monitoring network in the country, follow up the environmental performance, and implement the executive regulations for the environment as part of the transition to environment friendly cities and to contribute to the implementation of the Smart Cities Program, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Sources disclosed the company received offers from various companies, indicating British company Ricardo-AEA won the bidding as it offered the lowest price — KD 4.7 million — out

of four local and international companies that participated in the bidding.

Sources added the project consists of different qualitative programs, the most important of which are the programs for verifying data of air quality stations and developing the skills of national professionals in this field.

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Food waste: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has announced that the country's food waste reached 400,000 tons annually, reports Al-Jarida daily.

In a recent social media post entitled: "Food is available ... but save", the ministry revealed that the food waste per capita is 95 kilograms.

Deputy Amir ‘receives’ ex-parliament speaker

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 26, (KUNA): His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received former speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanem at Bayan Palace on Monday.



A photo from the panel discussion.

Two events held in Kuwait

AUK and GUST host the IOM Global Migration Film Festival

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 26: IOM Kuwait concluded its celebration of the Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) with two events in Kuwait. The events took place on two consecutive days (18th and 19th of December 2022) and were hosted by the American University in Kuwait (AUK) and the Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST). Both events comprised of screening of two short films on the topic of migration, followed by an in-depth discussion with the students during panel discussions.

The GMFF is an initiative launched globally by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2016, where it takes the opportunity to features films and documentaries that capture the promise and challenges of migration, and the unique contributions that migrants bring to their new host communities.

For decades, the IOM has been working with migrants and receiving communities to reduce prejudice and prevent xenophobia through the facilitation of positive interaction between migrants and host communities as well as targeted campaigns to promote a more balanced narrative on migration.

Collaborating

"This year comes as the third consecutive year of collaborating with AUK to raise awareness on migration through the GMFF; for better outreach, we are also glad to collaborate with GUST for the first year for this initiative," said Mazen AboulHosn, IOM Kuwait's Chief of Mission. "IOM recognizes the importance of and takes pride in its collaboration with academia to advocate and raise awareness on migration, and factors that push people from their home, which may either be economic, political, cultural or environmental".

William Andersen, Chair of the Art and Graphic Design Department and Associate Professor of Art and Graphic Design at AUK said "We wish to thank the IOM for bringing the Global Migration Film Festival to AUK for the third year in a row. Our department is honored to collaborate with the IOM on this prestigious event that is not only strikingly creative in the various filmmakers' approaches every year but importantly raises awareness about the lives of migrants for our students."

Improve

"In both films, the main characters gained a sense of agency to improve conditions in a difficult situation, symbolically with the ball as a way to bridge a barrier, and through the activities that young asylum seekers pursue to connect to their communities," said Claire Giddings, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design at AUK. "While one film is fiction and the other documentary, they both increased awareness of the lives of migrants, it is important to consider and discuss the context in which the films were produced."

The two short films that were screened this year covered topics of asylum seekers and migrants who have fled from war and are seeking for a better place in the world to live.

"The film screening and the panel discussion provided GUST students with a unique opportunity to discuss issues surrounding migration in Kuwait in a very accessible way. We hope to do more fruitful collaborations like this with IOM in the future," Rania Al-Nakib, Assistant Professor at the department of humanities and social sciences at GUST.

This year marks the fifth year of the IOM missions' celebration of GMFF in Kuwait.

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- **Foreman** (Secondary school with 3 years' experience with valid driving license and KOC Gate Pass).
- **Site Supervisor** (Bachelor's degree with 2 years' experience with valid driving license and KOC Gate Pass).
- **Welder** (Secondary school with 2 years' experience).
- **Electrician** (Secondary school with 2 years' experience).
- **Mechanic** (Secondary school with 2 years' experience).
- **Heavy Duty Driver** (Secondary school with 2 years' experience).
- **Light Duty Driver** (Secondary school with 2 years' experience).
- **Helpers/ Labourers** (2 years' experience).

Ideal candidates should have:

- Transferable visa.
- Experience in Water Submersible Pump projects(ESP) KOC previous experience.

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| 2 | CCR Operator | Operating & Controlling Rotary Kiln | Below 40 years |
| 3 | Field Operator | Working experience in Waste heat recovery Boiler Area | Below 35 years |
| 4 | Electrical Technician | Should be more than 5 years' of experience | Below 35 years |
| 5 | Chemist | Should be more than 7 years' of experience in testing of Petroleum Products, Minerals, Lime and Water Chemistry. Experience in similar capacity in Petroleum Coke, Power, Steel or Cement Industry. Good understanding of International Standards like ASTM, ISO & BSI. Good Laboratory Practices. Exposure to latest Instrumental Analysis ex. ICP-OES, ED XRF, UV- Spectrometer, etc. Well known of Cement, Water & Oil Sampling & Sample Preparation systems. Proficiency in the use of computer programs | |

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