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HH the Crown Prince receives HH the Prime Minister. (KUNA photo)

HH the Crown Prince hosts PM

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace on Wednesday

His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. (KUNA)

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Prayer Timings

	Max	Min	Sea	6ft	SE
Fajr	05:09				
Sunrise	06:29				
Dohr	12:02				
Asr	15:12				
Maghreb	17:36				
Isha	18:53				

4 days forecast - Marine

Thursday, Feb 13

Expected weather: Rather cold and some scattered clouds will appear.
Sea state: Slight to moderate, rough at times
Wave height: 1-3 ft
Max Temp: 18C
Min Temp: 03C
Wind Direction: VRB-NW
Wind Speed: 06-28 km/h

Friday, Feb 14

Expected weather: Fair and clouds will increase gradually
Sea state: Slight to moderate
Wave height: 1-3 ft
Max Temp: 24C
Min Temp: 09C
Wind Direction: VRB-SE
Wind Speed: 06-28 km/h

Saturday, Feb 15

Expected weather: Rather hot and partly cloudy
Sea state: Slight to moderate
Wave height: 1-3 ft
Max Temp: 24C
Min Temp: 09C
Wind Direction: VRB-SE
Wind Speed: 06-28 km/h

Sunday, Feb 16

Expected weather: Warm and partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance for rain that might be thundery at night
Sea state: Slight to moderate, rough at times
Wave height: 2-6 ft
Max Temp: 26C
Min Temp: 09C
Wind Direction: VRB-SE
Wind Speed: 06-28 km/h

Tide times at Shuwaikh Port

1st high tide: 14:46
2nd high tide: 02:03
1st low tide: 08:25
2nd low tide: 20:31
Sunrise: 06:29
Sunset: 17:35

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max temp: 15C
Min temp: 02C
Max RH: 49%
Min RH: 13%
Max Wind: NW 53 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs: 0 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max Air Temp: -1C
Min/Max Rel Hum: -1%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed: N/ - km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht: N/ - ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp: -1/ - C
Sea Current: Upwelling

— Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.

4 days forecast — Weather

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Max Temp: 18C
Min Temp: 03C
Wind Direction: VRB-NW
Wind Speed: 06-28 km/h

Friday, Feb 14

Expected weather: Fair and clouds will increase gradually
Max Temp: 22C
Min Temp: 05C
Wind Direction: VRB-NW
Wind Speed: 06-28 km/h

Saturday, Feb 15

Expected weather: Rather hot and partly cloudy
Max Temp: 24C
Min Temp: 09C
Wind Direction: VRB-SE
Wind Speed: 06-30 km/h

Sunday, Feb 16

Expected weather: Warm and partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance for rain that might be thundery at night
Max Temp: 26C
Min Temp: 12C
Wind Direction: SE
Wind Speed: 15-45 km/h

Marine Forecast

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec	Sea Surf	Today's Waves	Ht	Direction
South Dolphin	-	-	-	6ft SE		
Umm Mudayrah	-	-	-	6ft SE		
Beacon M28	-	-	-	6ft SE		

deaths

Hasyen Ayuda Miftaq Al Enzi, 65 years old, buried on Wednesday. Condolences: (Men) Firdous, Block 6, Opp. Al Adwani Mosque, Tel. 50055008 (Women) Firdous, Block 6, Street 1, Avenue 9, House 8, Tel. 55004445. **Amereen Mohammad Ali Al Ataa**, 56 years old, buried on Wednesday. Condolences: (Men) Sharq, Huseiniyah Al Jafriyah, Tel. 60070673 (Women) Rumaithiya, Al Mustafa, Block 8, Street 79, House 313, Tel. 97328915. **Mohammad Ali Husein Al Boqssami**, 36 years old, buried on Wednesday. Condolences: (Men) Dasma, Al Nasr Mosque, Tel. 97930931. (Women) Sabah Al Salem, Block 10, Street 1, Avenue 4, House 7. **Abdullah Isa Abdulla Al Jeeran**, 79 years old, buried on Wednesday. Condolences: (Men) Dahiya, Al Nasr Mosque, Tel. 9917809, 50344113, 97909059 (Women) Hiteen, Block 1, Street 105, House 29, Tel. 66193080, 66840151. **Naeema Yousef Yaqoub Al Ali**, 58 years old, wife of Ali Husein Ali Mulla Yousef, buried on Wednesday. Condolences: (Men) Qurain, Block 3, Street 25, House 7, Tel. 66772228 (Women) Mubarak Al Kabeer, Block 1, Street 17, house 1, Tel. 97776765. **Yaqoub Saleh Al Enzi**, 40 years old, to be buried on Thursday, after Asr prayers. Condolences: (Men) Dahiya, Sabah Al Nasser, Block 3, Street 18, House 52, Tel. 99945000. **Abdullah Zamel Abdulla Zamel**, 77 years old, to be buried on Sunday after Asr prayers. Condolences: (Men) Oortuba, Block 1, Street 6, Avenue A, House 17, Tel. 96979139 (Women) Shamya, Block 9, Street 93, House 5, Tel. 24817828. **Abdul Aziz Khaled Al Mikhled**, 84 years old, to be buried on Thursday after Asr prayers. Condolences: (Men) Khaldiya, Block 2, Saleri Al Mehairi Street, House 1, Tel. 99393154 (Women) Rawda, Block 3, Shahab Al Bahar Street, House 24, Tel. 22518109.

Feb 12, 2020

Supreme Petroleum Council agrees to study 'restructuring' of oil sector

'Merger of oil companies'

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 12: The Supreme Petroleum Council approved in its first meeting, which was presided over by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, a number of decisions related to the oil sector, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

According to informed sources, the budgets of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries were approved, as well as gave an initial approval of the study and proposal submitted by KPC on restructuring the oil sector.

The council's meeting, which was held on Monday evening, approved the operating budgets of KPC and its subsidiaries for the 2020/2021 fiscal year, at a value of 4.3 billion dinars, with expected profits for that period to be about 2.5 billion dinars.

The council agreed in principle to the proposal to restructure the oil sector, starting with KPC coordinating with a technical consultancy firm for the process of merging economic consultations on the subject and discussing them after a period of one and a half to two years. This is to express an opinion and finish the study after that period in order to take a final decision on the subject after evaluation and presentation to the board.

Regarding the strategy of the oil sector, the sources stated that the council agreed to update the revised strategy of KPC and its new subsidiaries for 2020/2040. The oil production of Kuwait, including the divided region, will be about 3 million barrels during 2020, reaching 3.1 million barrels per day by 2025, provided it increases production quantities gradually every year to 4 million barrels per day by 2040.

They revealed the council's discussion of Kuwait's plans for production in the divided region during that period. The new strategy will be used to raise the total quantities of Kuwait from the divided region to about 350,000 barrels per day of crude oil, provided the Al-Durra Gas Field is developed with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia such that Kuwait's share will be up to 500 million cubic feet of gas per day.

Regarding the oil refining operations, the sources said that the council agreed to update the strategy for refining operations to be 1.6 million barrels with the actual operation of the environmental fuel projects and the Al-Zour refinery project.

They stressed that oil sector officials discussed the ongoing modernization of some units in Al-Zour Refinery. The sources affirmed that the council discussed before the initial approval of the proposal to restructure the oil sector as submitted by KPC in order to start and move forward in activating plans, strategies and studies for including oil companies to be specialized sectors under the umbrella of the institution.

They noted that the council agreed in principle to approve the preliminary study submitted to it by the institution regarding the merger of oil companies.

Meanwhile, acting CEO of Gulf Oil Company Abdullah Al-Sumaiti has issued a circular to declare the appointment of two new directors in Al-Wafra joint area starting from Sunday, February 9, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to the circular, Qaed Bouaraki has been appointed as the Director of Competency Development Department, Ibrahim Al-Huili as the Director of Supply Department. A director of the Operations Department will be appointed in the near future.



Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah receives new US Ambassador to Kuwait Alina Romanowski.

Deputy Foreign Minister meets new US envoy

Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah met on Wednesday with new US Ambassador to Kuwait Alina Romanowski.

During the encounter, they

tackled bilateral relations between both friendly countries and the latest regional and international developments.

Assistant Foreign Minister for

the Deputy Foreign Minister's Office, Affairs Ayham Al-Omar and Minister Plenipotentiary Hamad Al-Mashaan attended the meeting. (KUNA)



Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah and Secretary General of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs Joke Brandt discussed bilateral ties and recent regional and international developments. The meeting was attended by senior officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Dutch Ambassador to Kuwait Frans Potuyt.

Bid to take future GCC dreams, turn them into realities

GCC unity vital for enhancing stability: Bishara

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 12: The Center for Gulf Studies at the American University of Kuwait (AUK), began the Spring Semester with a lecture by His Excellency Ambassador Abdullah Bishara on "GCC Countries' Dreams and Realities" on Wednesday, Feb 5.

Ambassador Bishara has worked in the Kuwait Ministry of Foreign Affairs for over thirty years, serving as Kuwait's permanent representative to the United Nations, the chairman of the United Nations Security Council, the first secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council, and a current member of AUK's Board of Trustees. The talk was attended by over one hundred members of the AUK community, including AUK President Rawda Awwad and Faisal Al-Ayyar, Vice-Chairman of Kuwait Projects Company (Holding) KIPCO, and member of the AUK Board of Trustees.

Ambassador Bishara recalled the beginnings of the Gulf Cooperation Council and the genuine hope and discourse shared by the founding leaders. He noted that one shared dream between the founders was diversification away from oil, but pragmatically, the economic shift had been and is currently facing obstacles. He also noted that there was discussion of a shared framework for security for years, but that bilateral, state-to-state alliances and partnerships had been and were being pursued.

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HE Ambassador Abdullah Bishara presenting his lecture at AUK.

unity among GCC members.

In his call for unity, Ambassador Bishara reminded the audience of the strategic importance of the GCC to Kuwaiti diplomacy particularly during the 1991 Gulf War and throughout history. He also explained the importance of GCC unity for enhancing stability in the Middle East region and for pragmatic, economic, and political interaction with the rest of the world. He ended with a call to all, from GCC youth to GCC decision makers, to keep up the dialogue domestically and regionally, and underscored that there should be no fatigue in this pursuit.

Ambassador Bishara earned a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science from St John's University. After retiring from the MoFA, Ambassador Bishara continued his involvement with politics and diplomacy in formal and informal capacities. He has also written multiple books, including Kuwait's Diplomacy Wars, writes weekly for Al Qabas, and has contributed several articles on politics and Economics in English-language periodicals.