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Crown Prince, PM send greetings

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Municipal Week marks major leap in joint Gulf integration

GCC adopts nine new guiding principles

By Inaas Awadh
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 30: Salah Al-Rashidi, Head of the Media Committee for the Third Gulf Municipal Week, which concluded in Kuwait on Saturday, affirmed that the event is considered a significant milestone in intensifying joint municipal work among the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, while consolidating technical and legislative integration among municipal bodies, which affirm the strength of the Gulf entity and its ability to keep pace with similar global experiences, such as those of the European Union.

In a statement to the newspaper, Al-Rashidi revealed that the final day witnessed fruitful discussions, affirming consensus among the participating delegations on the importance of developing joint guiding principles. He said the countries agreed to move forward with preparing and adopting nine guiding principles that support Gulf municipal work and achieve harmony in practices and procedures.



Al-Rashidi

He added the event proved the ability of the Council to keep pace with global experiences, disclosing that the third edition of the Gulf Municipal Week focused on three guides developed this year, which included the Unified Guide for Classifying and Licensing Construction Contractors. He said Kuwait presented an updated version of this guide after successfully

issuing and adopting it last year, which was then circulated to other GCC countries.

He stated that the aforementioned guide is one of the most important outcomes of the joint Gulf municipal work, as it provides a unified model which harmonizes standards among member states, thus, reinforcing the concept of a unified Gulf municipal market.

He emphasized that the level of understanding and convergence of visions reflects the unity of purpose and the deep interdependence among Gulf municipal authorities. He pointed out that the Municipal Week solidified the position of the GCC as an entity capable of generating knowledge, unifying legislation, and developing joint government work. He added that the strength of Gulf municipal work is now comparable to major global blocs and rivals the leading experiences, such as that of the European Union in the field of unifying regulations and standards.

He then announced that the fourth Gulf Municipal Week will be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain in 2026.

Guarantee extensions requested as studies progress

CAPT advances North Shuaiba privatization

By Mohammad Ghanem
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KUWAIT CITY, Nov 30: The Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) has contacted the consulting firms involved in preparing the technical and legal specifications and conditions and evaluating the assets of North Shuaiba Power Plant, in preparation for its privatization, requesting them to extend the initial guarantee period until Feb 19, 2026 in accordance with Article 46 of the Public Tenders Law concerning the validity of bids.

Reliable sources told the newspaper that the Supreme Council for Privatization previously tasked the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Re-

newable Energy with preparing a feasibility study on privatizing the plant. The study concluded that the privatization project is feasible, pending approval of the technical requirements by the Environment Public Authority (EPA).

Sources disclosed that three consulting firms will be involved in the privatization process. The first will prepare the technical and legal specifications, the second will evaluate the assets of the plant, and the third will prepare the financial procedures. Sources said the privatization tender will be offered to investors once the consulting firms finalize the terms and procedures for the sale of the 875 megawatts power plant, which comprises of three 220-megawatt gas turbine units with a total installed capacity of 660 mega-

watts, in addition to the 215-megawatt steam turbine unit to convert the output to a combined cycle system.

Sources clarified that although Law No. 37/2010 stipulates the privatization of Subhan workshops belonging to the Technical Services Sector, this item was removed from the privatization plan, and only the North Shuaiba Power Plant privatization remained.

Sources added this project is one of the strategic plans linked to the New Kuwait 2035 vision, which aims to involve the private sector in the development process, improve energy production capabilities, create an attractive business environment, and support efforts to limit the public sector's control over operational divisions.



Kuwait University photo
Kuwait University debaters secure national final spot, headed to Qatar.

KU secures second place in 9th National Debate Championship

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 30: The Ninth National Universities and Colleges Debate Championship commenced at the American University of Kuwait, with the participation of several public and private academic institutions, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The event's success reflects the importance of fostering the culture of dialogue, research and analysis among university students.

In a press statement, Kuwait University announced that its team, which secured

second place, qualified for the national championship finals. This achievement is a manifestation of the advanced level that the debate teams of the university have reached and the unwavering support that students receive from the Deanship of Student Affairs.

"Based on this excellence, the Kuwait University team qualified for the regional championships held in Qatar, enabling them to continue representing the university and the nation in Arab and international forums," the statement added.

KU affirms institution's role as pioneering academic hub

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 30, (KUNA): Kuwait University Director Dr. Dina Al-Mailam has said that the university will continue its national role as a leading institution, adding that its longstanding journey has been a cornerstone in preparing graduates that supported the country's progress.

In a statement marking the 59th anniversary of the university's establishment, Dr. Al-Mailam stated the Kuwait University - founded in 1966 - has consistently contributed to nation-building by promoting education, scholarship, and knowledge.

Over the decades, she noted, the university has continued to develop its academic programs to keep pace with the rapid transformations in the labor market, enhance the quality of its graduates and train them with competitive skills that meet the real needs of future jobs, while expanding cooperation with national and international institutions.

She highlighted the university's status as a leading research institution by boosting scientific research through advanced laboratories, facilities and specialized centers that allow researchers to pursue innovative solutions to various challenges. Scientific research, she stressed, is a strategic commitment that contributes to achieving national priorities and future directions, while expanding partnerships locally and globally to strengthen the university's role in developing human capital.

Dr. Al-Mailam expressed pride in the strong support and patronage the university receives from His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

She reaffirmed that this support has had a significant impact in enabling the university to advance academically, expand research efforts and enhance community service.

She reiterated Kuwait University's ongoing commitment to its national mission and its role in advancing higher education and preparing generation capable of supporting the country's long-term aspirations.

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The report added that gold contracts for delivery in February 2026 continued their gains, supported by expectations of an interest rate cut, closing at \$4,254 per ounce last Friday, marking a 3.3 percent weekly increase.

It indicated that higher prices have limited Asian demand, particularly in India, in addition to a decline in demand in China, following the cancellation of tax breaks.

It revealed that gold achieved strong gains as investors awaited the release of delayed US economic data this week. The delayed indicators include personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price indices, industrial production figures, labor market data, purchasing managers' indices (PMIs), and consumer confidence figures. International data from China, Canada, Europe, Brazil and Australia will also be released, along with India's interest rate decision. It states that analysts at several European banks have raised their gold price target to \$4,500 per ounce by mid-2026, with the possibility of reaching \$4,900 per ounce if financial and political risks escalate. This forecast is based on continuous central bank purchases, which could reach 950 tons this year, as well as 222 tons of inflows into exchange-traded funds (ETFs), and strong demand for bullion and coins expected to exceed 300 tons.

It also pointed out that geopolitical de-escalation efforts between Russia and Ukraine are ongoing, with indications of a US push toward initial negotiations. It cited Russian statements expressing conditional willingness to engage in dialogue, which could create some relative easing of tension and limit gold's gains in the coming days despite the ongoing tensions and the absence of a decisive resolution.

Kuwait forms

The statement stated that Law 91/2013 stipulates several main tasks namely activating the national referral mechanism in the Public Prosecution, setting unified procedures for specifying and protecting the victims, in addition to overhauling methods of investigation, evidences' collection, setting technical guidelines for members of the Public Prosecution and the authorities tasked with the judicial measures over crime indexes.

Other tasks include preparing unified samples of the judicial cases and procedures related to victims of human trafficking, revising current and emerging cases, deducing practical challenges, submitting necessary recommendations, building an integrated database for the human and immigrants' trafficking and preparing regular analytical reports pending submission to the Public Prosecutor.

Moreover, the team is charged with international coordination for tackling remarks in reports by UN and regional agencies, preparing replies and the required information, plus proposing and conducting specialized training programs for members of the Public Prosecution and the judicial control authorities in cooperation with Kuwait Institute for Judicial and Legal Studies.

The Public Prosecution has affirmed that forming the special team embodies its approach for boosting sovereignty of the law, developing tools for protecting the victims, and ensuring harmony of the national measures with the international commitments, amid the continuous development of crimes' types.



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