

Prayer Timings

Fajr 04:36 Asr 14:44
 Sunrise .. 05:56 Maghrib .. 17:08
 Zohr 11:32 Isha 18:25

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First visit paid to UK by Kuwaiti official was in 1919

Kuwaiti-British visits show keenness to strengthen friendship

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 25, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's visit to the United Kingdom, which started earlier Tuesday, opens new chapter in the distinguished and deeply-rooted relations between the two friendly countries.

This is the fourth visit His Highness the Crown Prince pays to the United Kingdom since his assumption to post on October 7, 2020.

His Highness Sheikh Mishal visited the UK for the first time on September 18, 2022 as a representative of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to pay tribute to the late Queen of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth States Elizabeth II.

His Highness Sheikh Mishal visited Britain for the second time on May 6, 2023 to attend the coronation ceremony of King Charles III as the new King of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth States.

On August 28, 2023, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal visited Britain for the third time upon an official invitation from the UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. During his visit, His Highness Sheikh Mishal sponsored and attended a ceremony held to mark the 70th anniversary of opening the Kuwaiti Investment Office in London.

On the other hand, King Charles III visited Kuwait for the first time on March 12, 1989 when he was the Crown Prince of Britain and the Prince of Wales and he was accompanied by his late wife Prince of Wales Diana Spenser. During this visit, he held talks with the then His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on bolstering bilateral ties.

On November 9, 1993, the then Crown Prince Charles III visited Kuwait for the second time. His Highness Sheikh Jaber decorated him with the Mubarak Al-Kaber Medal in recognition of the United King-

dom's honorable role in the liberation of Kuwait from the Iraqi occupation.

On February 21, the Crown Prince Charles III visited Kuwait and held talks with Kuwaiti officials over bilateral ties and several issues of common interest.

Prince Charles III's fourth visit to Kuwait was on January 17, 2006, to pay tribute to the late Amir His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

He visited Kuwait also on February 19, 2007, accompanied by his wife Duchess of Cornwall Camilla Parker Bowles. During this visit, he discussed with the late Amir His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah strengthening bilateral ties.

On October 30, 2011, Prince Charles III visited Kuwait for the sixth time. On February 6, 2015 Prince Charles headed a delegation in a two-day visit to Kuwait.

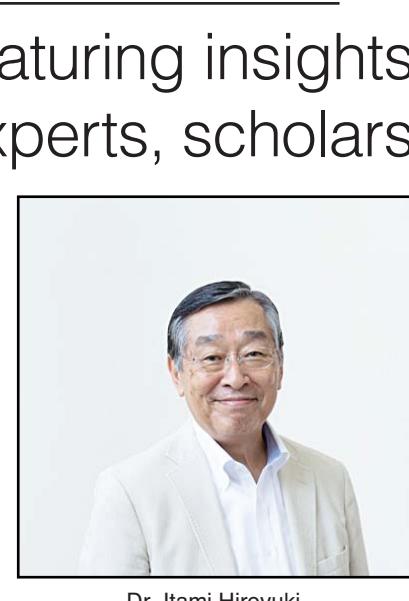
On October 4, 2020, Prince Charles III visited Kuwait and met His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to pay tribute to the late Amir His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

These visits reflected the peculiarity of relations between the two countries which extended over 124 years and underwent several milestones: the signing of the Anglo-Kuwaiti Agreement of 1899 by the late Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Mubarak Al-Sabah in 1899; the signing of the Kuwait independence agreement in 1961; and the United Kingdom participation in the liberation of the State of Kuwait from the Iraqi occupation in 1990.

The first visit paid to the UK by a Kuwaiti official was in October 1919 when Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah visited London as a representative of the then Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Salem Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah to congratulate King George V on the victory of Britain and Allies in the World War I. In mid-1935, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber, who became the Amir of Kuwait, paid the second visit to the United Kingdom.

The first official visit to Kuwait by a UK official was on February 12, 1979 when Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, visited Kuwait upon an official invitation from the late Amir His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

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Govt, FTA reach agreement to up anti-money-wash war

KUWAIT CITY, OCT 25: The government has reached an agreement with Financial Transparency Advisors (FTA) to enhance Kuwait's preparedness in combating money laundering. This collaboration involves assessing the performance of government institutions, investment firms, and financial organizations, and taking necessary measures to elevate their anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing capabilities reports by Al-Rai daily.

This accord with FTA coincides with Kuwait's anticipation of a visit from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which will impact the country's ranking in terms of its technical and supervisory competence in addressing these issues.

Under the guidance of the National Committee to Combat Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing, these companies are conducting extensive meetings with local financial and investment entities, some of which are in coordination with the Capital Markets Authority and in the presence of the Financial Investigation Unit. This ensures that these entities adhere to the standards and controls sanctioned by the FATF, with committee members and relevant authorities overseeing enforcement.

The government committee has made substantial progress towards achieving the necessary objectives for the state's preparedness. Multiple stakeholders are collaborating on this initiative, adhering to a specific timeline. These stakeholders include the Kuwait Financial Investigation Unit, the Central Bank of Kuwait, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Capital Markets Authority, the Public Prosecution, as well as the Ministries of Justice, Finance, Interior, Foreign Affairs, Social Affairs, Labor, the General Administration of Customs, the General Anti-Corruption Authority, and the Insurance Regulatory Unit.

MoH starts issuing diabetes monitors

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 25: The Ministry of Health (MoH) has started issuing home diabetes monitors to diabetic patients in primary healthcare centers, reports Al-Jarida daily.

Director of the Central Department of Primary Healthcare in the ministry Dr Dina Al-Dabaib stated in a circular to the heads of primary healthcare centers that this step is in line with the strategic and executive plan to prevent chronic non-communicable diseases by improving the quality of health services provided to patients with diabetes and chronic diseases, while reducing pressure on diabetes clinics in public hospitals.

The circular also indicated that the conditions for issuance of the home diabetes monitor are as follows: the patient must be of Kuwaiti nationality, his address on the civil identification card must match the entity issuing the form, he has type one or type two diabetes, uses three or more insulin injections daily, more than 65 years old, have had diabetes for more than five years, and that he must not have previously obtained any other type of form.

Regarding the method of disbursement, the circular confirmed that the application must be approved by the authorized treating physician, head of the center and his representative or a consultant physician.

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Day: Rather hot and cloudy to partly cloudy with light to moderate northeasterly wind to light variable wind, with speeds of 10-42 km/h with a chance for rain that might be

Weather

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	34	26
Kuwait Airport	33	22
Abdaly	33	21
Jahra	34	23
Salmiyah	31	26
Ahmadi	-	27
Nuwaibis	32	23
Wafra	34	20

'Shift embassies in living areas'

Govt must rescind decision on Audit Bureau: MP

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 25: MP Hani Shams has submitted a proposal to stop the issuance of licenses for the embassies and consulates of other countries whose offices are in residential areas.

He suggested relocating these embassies and consulates in the designated diplomatic area.

On the other hand, MP Hamad Al-Elyan criticized the decision of the Council of Ministers that the State Audit Bureau (SAB) has no right to look into the regulations on the work of ministries. He said the decision contradicts Law No. 30/1964 on the establishment of SAB, particularly Article 20 stating that SAB has the right to look into the administrative and financial regulations to ensure compliance with monitoring rules. He stressed that the decision limits transparency and disrupts the monitoring tasks of SAB, so he called for immediate cancellation of the decision.

He added the decision violates Article 29 of the aforementioned law, which grants SAB the right to check every document or forms needed in completing its tasks. He went on to say the decision also violates Article Five of law number 12/2020, which obligates public institutions to publish decisions and regulations on their websites to be available to the public. He concluded that the government has no other option but to cancel the decision; otherwise, it must bear political responsibility.

Meanwhile, Inter-Parliamentary Group Treasurer MP Hamad Al-Obeid revealed that the proposal of Kuwait to hold an emergency session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to discuss the Israeli attacks on Gaza obtained the majority vote – 607 votes of the delegations at the 147th IPU Assembly in Angola. He asserted this indicates full international support for the Palestinians and shows that the world's people are against the Israeli violent attacks. He pointed out that the proposal, which was adopted by the Arab group at IPU, includes calls for immediate ceasefire in Gaza and to stop the Israeli attacks on civilian Palestinians.

Moreover, MP Abdulhadi Al-Ajmi asked Minister of Education, Higher Education and Scientific Research Adel Al-Mane'e to provide him with copies of all decisions and correspondences with the Legal Advice and Legislation Department concerning the rare specialization allowance for teachers, heads of departments, school assistant managers, school managers, monitors of educational stages and heads of educational districts. He wants copies of the career development of these employees, delegation and reshuffling decisions, and the comments and observations of SAB on the distribution of rare specialization allowance.

MP Badr Al-Mulla forwarded queries to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Ahmed Al-Fahd regarding Military Conscription Law No. 20/2015.

He asked about the number of citizens referred to the General Department of Investigations for violating Articles 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 of the aforementioned law since it was enforced till date. He wants to know the number of those who violated these articles and were not referred to the General Department of Investigations.

Lastly, National Assembly Speaker Ahmad Al-Sa'adoun met HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for National Assembly and Cabinet Affairs Essa Al-Kandari, Minister of Finance Fahd Al-Jarallah and Minister of Social Affairs and State Minister for Family and Childhood Affairs Sheikh Feras Al-Sabah.

Al-Sa'adoun also met a delegation from Germany including MP Christopher Plob and German Ambassador to Kuwait Hans-Christian von Reibnitz.

In addition, he sent a cable to Speaker of the Senate of Kazakhstan Mäulen Äsimbaev and Speaker of the House of Representatives Yerlan Koshnov to greet them on the National Day of their country.

KU, KOC sign MoU to boost health services

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 25, (KUNA): The Medical Sciences Center of Kuwait University (KU) on Wednesday signed a memorandum of understanding with Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), aiming to exchange expertise and boost partnership in the healthcare field.

In a press statement after signing the MoU, Acting University Director Dr. Fayez Al-Dhefiri said that Kuwait University supports interests of medical, service and research value in the healthcare field to best serve the society, noting that the agreement will allow joint cooperation within a research and academic framework.

In a similar statement, Acting Vice Director of the University for Medical Sciences Center Dr. Osama Al-Saeed said the MoU aims to develop the healthcare system through exchanging expertise and providing the best community services.

On his part, KOC's Executive Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs Qusay Al-Amer affirmed that the medical agreement reflects Kuwait University's commitment to supporting and enhancing joint cooperation and developing healthcare systems, noting that experts will be recruited from KU according to the agreement.

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'Develop gov't e-services': Minister of State for Municipal Affairs and Minister of State for Communications Affairs Fahad Al-Shuaib said Wednesday that there are plans to develop "Sahel" application through preparations to launch "Sahel Lab", a testing space to receive ideas, experiences, and suggestions that would develop the quality of electronic services.

In a statement to KUNA, following the meeting of the Ministerial Coordination Committee supervising "Sahel" and "Sahel Business" applications, the Minister stressed importance of proceeding with plans to develop the application to achieve users' aspirations, by providing more electronic services that citizens and business owners need and through strengthening the cooperation of government agencies.

The government digital applications, channels and platforms are considered an essential tool in achieving digital development in the modern state and represent an important part in improving the quality of services provided to citizens, residents, business owners and entrepreneurs, Al-Shuaib said.

The government is very interested to reach the best possible means of simplifying the administrative procedures for government services to be available easily and effectively, he added.

HH Amir congrats Kazakh Pres.

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 25, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent Wednesday a congratulatory cable to Kazakhstan President Kassym Jomart Tokayev on his country's national Day.

In the cable, His Highness the Crown Prince wished Tokayev good health and further progress and prosperity for his country and people.

His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah then sent a congratulatory cable to Kazakhstan President Kassym Jomart Tokayev on his country's national Day.



KUNA photo
Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Ahmad Al-Sa'adoun in talks with His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Speaker receives HH PM

Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Ahmad Al-Sa'adoun received on Wednesday His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Al-Sa'adoun also received Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of State for

Cabinet Affairs and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Essa Al-Kandari, Minister of Finance Fahd Al-Jarallah and Minister of Social Affairs, Family and Childhood Affairs Feras Al-Sabah. (KUNA)



'We remain committed to supporting youth'

KIPCO sponsors 10th Youth Empowerment Symposium

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 25: KIPCO – Kuwait Projects Company (Holding) was the Strategic Sponsor of the 10th Youth Empowerment Symposium (Tmkeen). KIPCO has been one of the symposium's main sponsors and supporters since 2015, and the partnership extends to the KIPCO Tmkeen Award for Young Entrepreneurs which has supported many startups in their transformation into sustainable businesses.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Ms Eman Al Awadhi, KIPCO's Senior Vice President – Corporate Communications and Investor Relations, said:

"We are delighted to be here tonight to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Tmkeen Symposium, which provides a platform for young people to be inspired by the stories of local and international business leaders. The KIPCO Tmkeen Award for Young Entrepreneurs was born from our shared vision to support young en-

trepreneurs out of our firm belief in the important role they play in the country's economic development. We are proud of the successes of our award finalists and winners, many of whom have expanded their presence beyond Kuwait, to the GCC and the Arab world."

She added: "KIPCO remains committed to supporting the youth of Kuwait through various initiatives. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Group companies – Burgan Bank, United Real Estate, Gulf Insurance Group, Kameo Invest and Marina FM – for their unwavering support."

The two-day conference brings together local, regional and international business leaders, who share their stories with the audience with the aim of inspiring them to pursue their own passion and establish businesses that will contribute to the growth of the local economy."