

KCCI pushes to strengthen Kuwait-Saudi trade routes

NEOM links seen key to resilient supply chains

KUWAIT CITY, April 15, (KUNA): Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) stressed on Wednesday the importance of enhancing economic integration and logistics cooperation between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in light of exceptional regional challenges.

It called for stronger public-private coordination to ensure market stability and food security.

KCCI Director General Rabah Al-Rabah made the remarks during a meeting with a delegation from Saudi Arabia's NEOM Port, which discussed developments in transport and logistics and potential joint investment opportunities.

Al-Rabah said Kuwaiti government agencies are working to ensure supply chain stability, with security authorities protecting national security and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry facilitating the flow of goods and essential supplies.

He noted that efforts to explore alternative logistics routes through regional ports such as Fujairah, Khorfakkan, Abdullah Port, and Jeddah to strengthen supply chain resilience.

Referring to regional tensions, he said any disruption in the Strait of Hormuz would pose a major challenge to global supply chains, highlighting the need for strategic alternatives to secure imports and market needs. He praised Saudi Arabia's logistics development, describing NEOM as a strategic project with advanced infrastructure and a key location



Abdulaziz Al-Salama, Director General of Logistics Business Development at NEOM Port.

linking major global trade routes.

For his part, Director General of Logistics Business Development at the Saudi port of NEOM, Abdulaziz Al-Salama, emphasized in a similar statement the importance of strengthening partnerships in the fields of import and export and building an integrated supply chain system between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

He added that NEOM aims to develop a comprehensive logistics ecosystem and enhance trade routes between Kuwait and NEOM.

NEOM logistics executive Jan Willem said recent regional developments allowed greater flexibility in logistics operations, noting approval of a route via Egypt's Safaga Port to NEOM and onward to the Gulf.

He said initial shipments to Kuwait and the UAE have already been completed, with around 20 shipments recorded last week, and expected to increase gradually, offering an alternative route for high-value and perishable goods amid disruptions in traditional corridors.

Kuwait, Ghana FMs address regional stability and diplomatic cooperation

KUWAIT CITY, April 15, (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on Tuesday received a phone call from Foreign Minister of the friendly

Republic of Ghana Samuel Ablakwa. During the phone conversation, the two ministers discussed the latest regional developments and efforts exerted to address them.

Humanitarian bridge reaches 20 million

Kuwait leads relief efforts in Sudan as international engagement falters

KHARTOUM, April 15, (KUNA): Three years into the war, Sudan has become one of the world's largest humanitarian crises, with around 14 million people displaced and 30.4 million in need of aid, according to UN estimates, amid declining international engagement.

In this context, Kuwait has emerged as a key humanitarian supporter since the outbreak of the conflict. Kuwaiti Ambassador to Sudan Dr. Fahad Al-Dhafiri told KUNA that Kuwait -under directives of its leadership- has carried out one of the broadest relief operations, delivering more than 37 aid flights and three ships through a continuous air and sea bridge since the early days of the war, alongside multi-million-dollar projects by Kuwaiti charities.

He stressed that Kuwait's efforts reflect a sustained commitment rooted in strong bilateral ties, noting that true solidarity is measured through continuous action.

Then-Secretary-General of the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) Aida Al-Sayed Abdullah said that the Kuwaiti air bridge arrived at a critical moment when humanitarian stocks were depleted, making it the first response to meet urgent needs in Sudan.

Kuwait operated a continuous air bridge that transported hundreds of tons of food, medicine, and tents. Meanwhile, more than 70 percent of Sudan's hospitals went out of service, and the efficiency of about 45 percent of healthcare facilities declined, according to World Health Organization estimates. Nevertheless, medical services continued through more than 300 health facilities supported by the Kuwaiti Patients Helping Fund Society.

Head of the projects department at the

Direct Aid in Sudan, Ahmad Al-Sheikh told KUNA that the organization's interventions include healthcare initiatives carried out in partnership with Patients Helping Fund Society, implemented through an emergency humanitarian response project across seven states, involving mobile clinics, vector control programs, and support for primary healthcare services.

He added that the society operated sickle cell anemia treatment centers and therapeutic nutrition centers aiming to fill critical gaps in healthcare services, particularly for the most vulnerable groups. Around 70 medical camps were conducted, benefiting more than 240,000 people.

In Al-Fasher, western Sudan, where the siege intensified, medical teams affiliated with the Kuwaiti Patients Helping Fund Society continued to operate without closing their doors, providing treatment despite the loss of eight of their staff members while performing their duties.

According to Omar Abdulsayed, a media officer at the Patients Helping Fund (Sudan Office), these interventions reached approximately 20 million people across 13 states-nearly half the population.

Kuwait signed an agreement with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to provide healthcare support to Sudan valued at USD 2 million.

Sudan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mohi Al-Din Salem told KUNA that humanitarian resilience in the country is closely tied to Kuwait's support, particularly its ongoing air bridge, which has bolstered shelter, healthcare, and food security efforts and could serve as a foundation for recovery.

Kuwaiti aid has further included food and shelter distributions to hundreds of thousands, as well as livelihood support programs, water projects, and vocational training initiatives.

The continued Kuwaiti humanitarian bridge has made a tangible difference-restoring medical services, providing shelter, and sustaining lives amid ongoing hardship.



Dr. Al-Dhafiri

MEWRE sets up task force for utilities law

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KUWAIT CITY, April 15: Undersecretary of the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy Dr. Adel Al-Zamel issued a directive on the formation of a task force to develop legislation for regulating the electricity and water sector, marking a significant step in the institutional transformation of the ministry.

Al-Zamel heads the task force, which is composed of eight representatives from Kuwait In-



Dr. Al-Zamel

vestment Authority (KIA), Legal Advice and Legislation Department, and the ministry.

The main objectives of the task force are as follows:

1. Establish a general regulatory framework on financial sustainability, supply security and operational excellence,

2. Evaluate current legislation to identify overlaps or gaps and recommend legal revisions,

3. Design a sector-wide regulatory model that defines the authorities of policy-making bodies and organizes production, transmission and system operations,

4. Define fundamental principles for licensing, consumer protection, reliability enhancement and private sector engagement,

5. Produce the final draft law and supporting documentation through extensive consultations with the stakeholders.

MoC launches four new phone management services on Sahel

KUWAIT CITY, April 15: Ministry of Communications (MoC) launched four new online services on Sahel application as part of the ongoing efforts to enhance digital transformation and streamline procedures for citizens and residents, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

In a press statement, the ministry explained that the new services allow users to view all phone numbers registered in their name and take several actions, including temporarily deactivating an active phone, permanently deactivating an active phone, reactivating a temporarily

deactivated phone, and permanently deactivating a number.

These services are available through the "Activate/Deactivate Existing Phones" option within the "Phone Services" section on the Sahel application, enabling subscribers to manage their phone numbers more easily and flexibly.

The ministry encouraged subscribers to take advantage of these services through the application, emphasizing its commitment to developing more online services to better meet user needs and improve the user experience.

Private Universities Council reviews AUK's institutional safety measures

KUWAIT CITY, April 15: The American University in Kuwait (AUK) received Dr. Jassem Al-Ali, representative of the General Secretariat of the Council of Private Universities, as part of field visits to higher education institutions, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

This visit is part of ongoing efforts to monitor the implementation of emergency plans and precautionary measures to ensure the safety of the university environment and the continuity of the educational process.

Dr. Al-Ali was briefed on the preparations undertaken by AUK, as well as the operational procedures adopted to maintain a safe and stable university environment.

AUK officials presented a comprehensive overview of institutional preparedness plans and approved safety protocols, along with the mechanisms in place to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and administrative staff, while maintaining



AUK photo

Dr. Jassem Al-Ali and a delegation from the Private Universities Council during a visit to the American University.

the continuity of academic and administrative operations.

This visit reflects the level of coordination and ongoing cooperation between the General Secretariat of the Council of Private Universities and private higher education institutions in Kuwait, reinforcing their shared commitment to strengthening institutional safety standards and enhancing the academic sector's readiness to face various circumstances.

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him. His minor children also lose their Kuwaiti nationality if they acquire their father's new nationality under the law pertaining to that nationality. Those who are Kuwaiti citizens as per Article One of this law may declare to the Minister of Interior their desire to retain their Kuwaiti citizenship within one year of reaching the age of maturity.

By decree, based on the recommendation of the Minister of Interior and with the approval of the Supreme Committee for Kuwaiti Citizenship Verification, Kuwaiti citizenship may be restored to any Kuwaiti who lost it, under Article One of this law, provided they stayed legally in Kuwait for at least one year, request to regain their Kuwaiti citizenship, and renounce their foreign nationality.

Article One stipulates that Kuwaitis by origin are those who settled in Kuwait before 1920 and maintained their habitual residence therein until 14 Dec 1959. The residence of the ascendants is considered complementary to the residence of the descendants. A person is considered to have maintained his habitual residence in Kuwait even if he resides in another country, provided he retains the intention to return to

Kuwait. Anyone born in Kuwait or abroad to a Kuwaiti father by descent, and so on, is a Kuwaiti by origin.

Article 12 permits the reinstatement of Kuwaiti nationality to a Kuwaiti woman who lost it upon the dissolution of her marriage as per Article One of this law. The reinstatement is granted through a decree and with the approval of the Supreme Committee for Kuwaiti Citizenship Verification in accordance with Paragraph One of Article 10 of this law, provided that she requests it and that her habitual residence is in Kuwait, or she has returned to reside in Kuwait.

Kuwait-wide raid

law in absconding cases. A security source told the newspaper that these arrests are the result of intensified security deployment in various governorates. He indicated that the arrests took place during the inspection campaigns conducted throughout the country.

The source added that traffic and security campaigns are carried out on a daily basis to apprehend violators and lawbreakers, and to maintain security and safety nationwide.

The source indicated that traffic officers continue to carry out their duties with the highest level of vigilance and efficiency.



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