

Crown Prince receives Kuwait National Assembly Speaker

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister received Kuwait's National Assembly Speaker, Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim, and the accompanying parliamentary delegation, at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness hailed the historic ties that exist between Bahrain and Kuwait and resolved to pursue efforts to further strengthen the

relationship.

HRH Crown Prince also highlighted the commitment of His Majesty King Hamad and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to expanding Bahraini-Kuwaiti ties, which reflect the long-standing relation between the two countries.

Speaking about broader cooperation efforts, HRH Crown Prince noted that both countries recognise the importance of aligning their efforts to achieve far-reaching GCC strategic goals and interests.

HRH Crown Prince welcomed the visit of the delegation to the

Kingdom, stressing that the visit plays an important role in strengthening parliamentary cooperation. His Royal Highness stressed that increased intra-regional collaboration on parliamentary affairs directly supports the role of the legislature in advancing national development.

HRH Crown Prince emphasised Kuwait's continued support to the Kingdom. His Royal Highness went on to extend his wishes for continued development and prosperity on the occasion of Kuwait's upcoming National Day and Liberation Day.



HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa with Kuwait National Assembly Speaker, Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim

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Middle East Insurance Forum-2017 kicks off



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The 13th annual Middle East Insurance Forum (MEIF-2017), organised in partnership with the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), began at Gulf Hotel here yesterday, marking the start of a high-level industry gathering.

More than 400 global and regional insurance leaders and experts are attending the two-day forum, which was opened by Abdul Rahman Al Baker, Executive Director of Financial Institutions Supervision at the CBB.

Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) and Mark Cooper, General Representative of



Mark Cooper the Middle East and Director of Lloyd's Limited, spoke on 'Current Challenges and their Implications on the Regional Insurance Industry - The Road Ahead,' at the forum yesterday.

The Forum focussed on 'The Role of Regulation; Current Issues and Challenges'; Mergers & Acquisitions in the Insurance Sector; and 'Introduction of VAT and its Implication in the Regional Markets' at yesterday's meeting.

The "Best Insurance Company in the MENA Region" was also honoured at the forum. RSA Insurance UAE won the award for best insurer, which recognizes extraordinary achievement in the industry among those servicing the GCC, MENA



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"We have witnessed the commencement of a successful year being crowned with multiple awards across the GCC and the wider Middle East. This continued success gives us the reassurance that our compass is pointing in the right direction when it comes to making everything better for the customer, together," said Chris Dooley, CEO RSA UAE and MD RSA Bahrain, receiving the award. This flagship event, spearheaded by the BB, is being held with the support and cooperation of the BIA and sponsored by Braxtone Insurance Management. The forum concludes today.

Prisoner gets one year for assaulting cop

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The High Criminal Court has sentenced a jail inmate to one year's imprisonment for beating a police officer in Jau Prison. The incident happened

while the defendant was serving a jail sentence for a criminal conviction. The victim said that he was assaulted while trying to handcuff the accused man. "He pushed me to the ground, and used force to remove

the handcuffs while I wanted to tie him," the victim told prosecutors. The defendant said that it handed a mercy-sentence to the defendant, invoking Article 72 of the penal law.