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# Launch of largest integrated oil complex, with three mega projects

*Al-Mubarak: the government is studying and implementing strategic development projects*



HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah standing between Al-Marzuq and Al-Adsani; Hashem and Baksh also seen

Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC) has announced the launching of Al-Zour Oil Complex Projects -- one of the largest projects in the oil sector.

The launching ceremony was held under the generous sponsorship of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah who heralded the

implementation of this gigantic project.

His Highness the Prime Minister confirmed that the Kuwaiti government is studying and implementing strategic development projects in the oil and non-oil sectors for the good of Kuwaitis and the foundations that care for their interests and needs.

Present at the ceremony were First Deputy Prime

Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Al-Saleh, a host of Sheikhs, senior State officials and His Highness the Premier's Diwan officials.

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## CEO's message

**KIPIC's mega projects: enduring achievement**



Launching of Al-Zour Oil Complex Projects coinciding with KIPIC's 1st Anniversary, sheds light on company's projects

### Al-Zour Refinery

Al-Zour Refinery is one of the world's largest grassroots refineries and a major initiative of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC). It will add 615,000 barrels per day (bpd) — about 45 percent — to the refining capacity of the State of Kuwait. It will also process Kuwaiti heavy crude.

The refinery will primarily provide 225,000 bpd of environmentally friendly low-sulphur fuel oil (LSFO) — less than 1 percent — for local power plants; in addition to 340,000 bpd of high-value light products on par with future standards of world markets for export purposes.

The facility's contract was signed at the end of 2015 after grading the land and constructing infrastructure for the project.

So far, the total achievement rate reached 43 percent and the refinery is expected to kick off operations by the end of 2019.

### LNG Import Facilities

The decision to implement this project is in line with KPC's strategy to meet the growing need for natural gas in Kuwait's power plants, refineries and petrochemical industries.

The LNG Import Facilities project has been designed with a production capacity of 3 trillion British thermal units (Btu) per day -- about 65,000 tons.

The achievement rate for this project has reached about 21 percent. The first stage is expected to operate in September 2020 and the second in February 2021.

### Petrochemicals Complex (PRIZe)

The project includes grassroots Olefins III-Aromatics II plants and a catalytic cracking unit.

Preparation of initial engineering studies for PRIZe is ongoing.

The main focus of KIPIC's specialized team for the project is to select top process licensors for designing a world-class project that integrates with Al-Zour Refinery to produce high-quality products like p-Xylene (para-xylene), polypropylene and gasoline, as well as motor fuel for the local market and other products for export to world markets.

Furthermore, PRIZe will give local businesses the opportunity to develop more downstream industries in the future.

**Hashem Sayed Hashem**  
Chief Executive Officer

## No delay in Al-Zour Refinery project; work proceeding on schedule



KPC's and KIPIC's boards during the field visit

KIPIC has announced that work at Al-Zour Refinery, one of the world's largest refineries, is proceeding on schedule, with the achievement rate in the project reaching 45 percent.

The company staunchly denied delay in any of the five packages of the refinery project, which is slated to be

completed by the end of 2019, in line with schedule.

Prompted by the great importance of such projects, which are witnessing unprecedented acceleration of work, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC) Boards of Directors paid a field visit to inspect work and

ascertain the achievement rate at Al-Zour Refinery's five packages, as well as the LNG Import Facilities.

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**So delighted Kuwait is back in the game**

## KIPIC's staff support "The Blue" in "Gulf 23"



KIPIC's staff have voiced full support to the Kuwaiti national team competing in ongoing the 23rd Arabian Gulf Cup football tournament, hoping "The Blue" will present high performance after a period of suspension.

They indicated that "Gulf 23" offers an opportunity

for the national team to display its skills at the Gulf sports tournament, wishing all competing teams good luck.

KIPIC's staff are pleased and proud that Kuwait is hosting the tournament that embodies Gulf unity, and reiterates values of inter-Gulf cooperation.



## 1st meeting with company Union of Workers



Hashem Sayed Hashem and top management of KIPIC during the meeting with company Union of Workers

During the first meeting with the Top Management of Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company and the Board of Directors of the Union of Workers, the CEO Hashem Sayed Hashem congratulated the Board on their successful formation and stressed his

keenness on the success of the Union of Workers and their role in ensuring an ideal work environment for employees in the company. Hashem concluded the meeting by showing his support and announcing that the channels of communication will always be welcoming.

## KIPIC highers 15 new fresh oilfield operators



A part of the signing ceremony

KIPIC has signed up 15 new graduates as oilfield operators, who will be among the first batch of 60 operators already in the company.

"A plan is in place to recruit 25 others to complete the 100 required operators during the current fiscal year in cooperation with Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC)," Human Resource Development Manager Abdulrahman Al-Olayan revealed. The operators will be assigned at Mina

Abdullah Refinery initially as they will undergo training there to gain operational expertise, he added.

Al-Olayan stressed that the company relies on Kuwaiti experts for training, besides enhancing the operators' experience by contracting with specialized international companies for further qualification.

In addition, they will be required to complete overseas training programs to gain more experience, he concluded.

## KIPIC: Ahmad Al-Mulaifi IT Manager



Ahmad Abdullah Al-Mulaifi

KIPIC has announced appointing Ahmad Abdullah Al-Mulaifi as Information Technology (IT) Manager, responsible to the DCEO for Financial and Administrative Affairs.

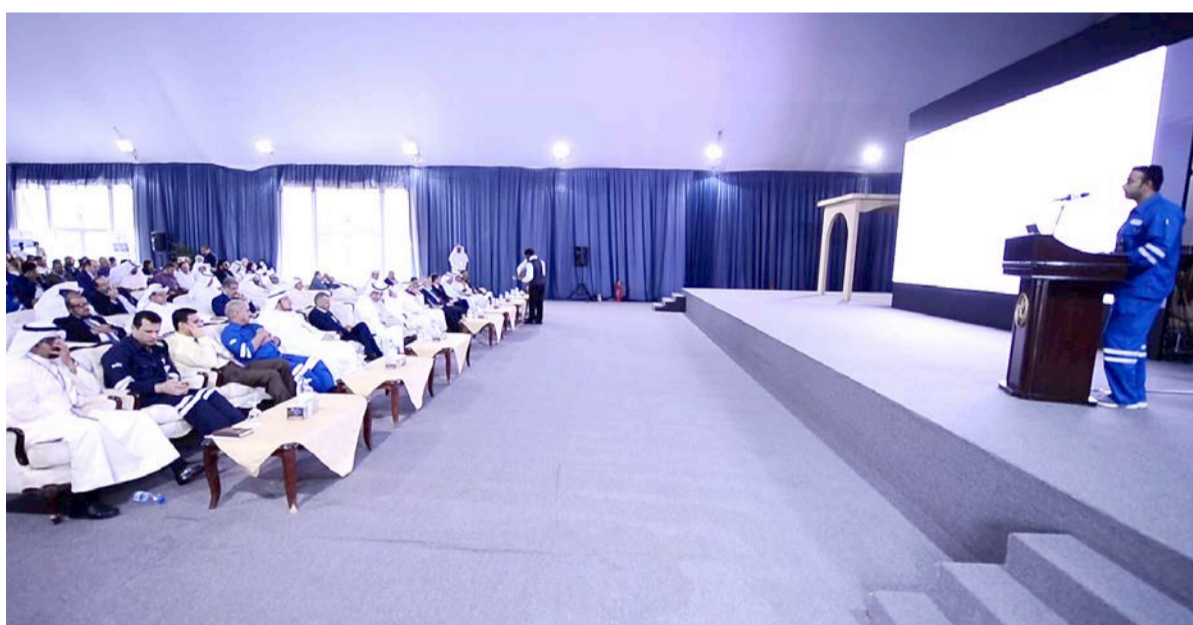
This is part of KIPIC's plan which started on April 3, 2017, as well as of its role for achieving integration in managing Al-Azour Refinery and the LNG Import Facilities.

Eid Al-Azmi and Heba Assad presented two papers

# Maintenance Group participates in KOC's Process Safety Management (PSM) Community launch



A part of the attendees



Eid Al-Azmi addressing the coordination meeting



**Mohammad Al-Ajmi:**  
Such events boost partnership

### Eid Al-Azmi: PSM, platform for exchanging information among oil sector staff

Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC) has participated in the Process Safety Management Community of Expertise launch organized by Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) in its tent in Al-Ahmadi. Representatives of the entire Kuwaiti oil sector were among the attendees in the event, during which KIPIC presented two papers – one by Senior Mechanical Maintenance Engineer at Al-Zour Refinery Eid Al-Azmi and the other by Senior Engineer at the Health, Safety and Environment Department in KIPIC Heba Assad. KIPIC's Health, Safety, Environment and Security Group Manager Abdullah Al-Awadhi affirmed that PSM is essential in the oil and gas industry, indicating it is not "only confined to setting systems for the safety of facilities, but guaranteeing that of the staff as well."

"In KIPIC, we will develop the best systems and policies that provide protection for both the facilities and employees," he stressed.

The two representations of the company delved into mechanical maintenance and process safety, Al-Awadhi revealed.

Maintenance Group Manager at Al-Zour Refinery Mohammad Mansour Al-Ajmi pointed out such events and activities enhance partnership and exchange of expertise among oil companies.

He added that attendance rate at the PSM Community launch was beyond expectation; while the presentations by young engineers – males and females – were impressive and had an immediate effect.

He went on to say the participants discussed key safety and security methods in the industry.

KIPIC's presentations also highlighted security measures which must be taken to reduce risks and accidents.

Senior Mechanical Maintenance Engineer at Al-Zour Refinery Eid Al-Azmi disclosed that the PSM gathering served as a platform for exchanging information between

staff in the oil sector in a bid to improve the work mechanism.

"In my presentation at the event, I explained KIPIC's measures in the field of PSM as a start-up company. I focused on mechanical maintenance of equipment and the company's measures to develop it. These precautionary measures will guarantee the safety of equipment, facilities, staff and the surrounding environment," he stressed.

KIPIC's second paper was on the health, safety and environment system it has adopted. Senior Engineer Health, Safety and Environment at KIPIC Heba Assad submitted and presented the paper.

This system consists of 18 items which are all in line with those authorized by Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), she affirmed.

She also talked about the company's future plan to implement the system, including the formation of relevant committees and endorsement of necessary procedures.



**Abdullah Al-Awadhi:**  
Process Safety is indispensable

### Heba Assad: KIPIC's health, safety and environment system – authorized by KPC



Listening to the explanation



A group of senior officials

To inspect work and check achievement rate KPC and KIPIC boards on a field visit to Al-Zour Complex projects

# No delay in Al-Zour Refinery project; Work proceeding by leaps and bounds



KPC's and KIPIC's boards during the field visit

KIPIC has announced that work at Al-Zour Refinery, one of the world's largest, is proceeding by leaps and bounds, saying that achievement rate in the project has hit 45 percent.

The company staunchly denied delay in any of the Five Packages of the Refinery project, which is slated to be completed by the end of 2019, in line with schedule.

Prompted by the great importance of such projects, which are witnessing unprecedented acceleration of work, the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and the Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC) Boards of Directors have paid a field visit to inspect work and check the achievement rate at Al-Zour Refinery's Five Packages, as well as the LNG Import Facilities.

KPC's CEO Nizar Al-Adsani hoped that the initial units of the Refinery would start operations, as planned, in May 2019.

KIPIC's CEO Hashem Sayed Hashem said that the rate of achievement at Al-Zour Refinery has hit 45 percent, and 21 percent at the LNG Import Facilities.

This is not the first visit by the KPC's board to follow up progress and the advanced phases of work at KIPIC's projects, Al-Adsani said.

He voiced hope that the initial units at Al-Zour Refinery would be operated in May 2019.

"These projects are part of KPC's 2030 Strategy to enhance growth in the refining and manufacturing sectors."

Al-Zour Refinery is one of KPC's largest projects at present, and together with the Petrochemicals Complex (PRIZe), will lead to a quantum shift in transformative Industries to diversify sources of income.

KIPIC is the first company in Kuwait to achieve refining-petrochemical integration, the KPC's CEO noted, hoping more companies would follow suit.

Al-Adsani said that such field visits offer KPC's board the opportunity to be up to date with progress of work, and to follow up readiness to operate the Refinery in 2019.

KIPIC's Chairman Hamza Bakhsh said that it was the third visit for the company's Board of Directors to the projects.

This is time it was a joint one with the KPC board, which gave us further support. In fact, success of such a tremendous sophisticated project is impossible without KPC backing," he stressed.

KIPIC's CEO Hashem Sayed Hashem said that the visit to Al-Zour Complex included Al-Zour Refinery and the LNG import Facilities.

"We have toured the five packages of the Refinery," he added, pointing out that despite challenges, "work is proceeding in line with schedule. It is one of the largest projects in the region and the world."

"We inspected work closely and saw progress on the ground. Hopefully, the achievement rate will continue so that the project can be completed on time," Hashem Hashem said.

According to KIPIC's CEO, the achievement rate in Al-Zour Refinery has hit nearly 45 percent, and 21 percent at the LNG Import Facilities.

Hashem Sayed Hashem praised KPC's close follow-up of KIPIC's projects, which "gives incentive to officials in charge."

Member of KPC's Board of Directors Sami Fahad Al-Rushaid said it was his first field visit to KIPIC's project "I had a full idea on the projects, but when you see it in reality, one realizes their huge size and sophistication. They are mega projects, and Kuwait will reap their fruits," Al-Rushaid added.

He stressed KPC's regular follow-up of reports on progress of work in terms of schedule, and aspired efficiency, and pointed out that prime attention is paid to the safety of workers and contractors.

KPC's Board Member Khalid Saleh Bu-Hamra said that he was amazed how work proceeded in the projects. "I visited the site a year ago, and it was then just desert. Now, mega projects are being carried out," he added.

No doubt such projects will add to Kuwait and the pleasure of the Kuwaiti people, he said. "KPC follows up the projects to check how they will achieve the targeted economic return, and the opportunity they could offer for the training and qualifying Kuwaiti youth," Bu-Hamra noted.

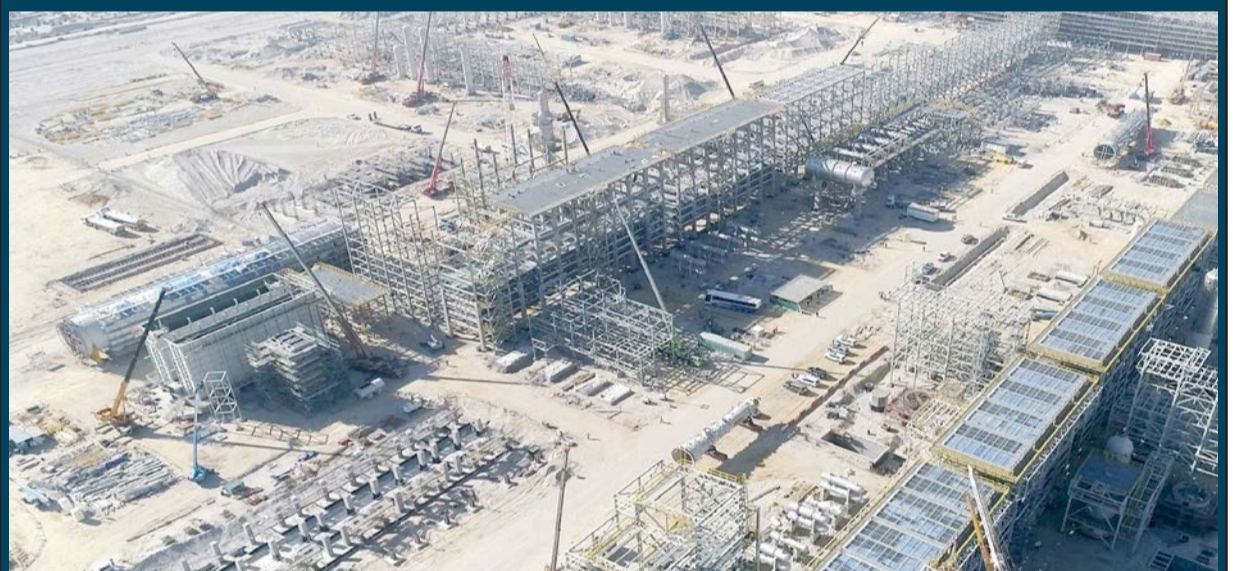
"These are enormous projects that require support by all officials," KPC's Board Member Abdulmalek Al-Gharaballi said.

He voiced pleasure that some of the Kuwaiti "elite" are in charge of the implementation of the projects.

The achievement rate varies from one package to another, yet generally it is in line with the set timeframe, he added.

"The projects are expected to achieve great economic benefits, for the good of Kuwait," he stated.

## Latest views of work at Al-Zour Refinery and the LNG Import Facilities



Nizar Al-Adsani



Hashem Sayed Hashem



Hamza Bakhsh



Abdulmalek Al-Gharaballi



Khalid Saleh Bu-Hamra



Samie Fahad Al-Rasheed



Members of the KPC's and KIPIC's Boards

Al-Houti affirms belief in Kuwaitis' ability to handle legal affairs

# Refining-petrochemical integration, valuable contribution of KIPIC

General Counsel and Manager of Legal Affairs Group at KIPIC Tareq Al-Houti said the refining-petrochemical integration is KIPIC’s valuable contribution to the oil industry in the country.

He disclosed that the main concern of KIPIC’s officials in the transfer of employees from fellow companies to KIPIC was "to protect their rights."

He also affirmed his strong belief in Kuwaitis’ ability to handle legal affairs.

For Al-Houti, challenges never end. After overcoming several difficulties and challenges, the implementation of mega projects follows, he added.

He revealed the concurrent transfer of contracts, staff and budgets was an enormous challenge, but everything was completed simultaneously.Following is the full transcript of the interview:



## Protecting the rights of employees transferred to KIPIC, a main concern

### What were the major challenges you faced in the past period?

We have been facing challenges since the preparations for establishing KIPIC. Major challenges included setting up the company’s internal system and obtaining official approvals from the Supreme Petroleum Council, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Kuwait Municipality and other relevant bodies. Obtaining licenses for establishing the company and its location was not considered less important.

We thought it was easy to obtain official approvals, but unluckily, there were a host of difficulties but we triumphed over them; thanks to the support of KIPIC’s CEO Hashim Sayed

Hashim. The company then took off with a logo and a strong identity.

The transfer of projects to KIPIC was not less challenging. Thankfully, the mission was completed due to the efforts of specialized teams that worked on the contracts around the clock.

### What obstacles did you face?

The concurrent transfer of contracts, staff and budgets was a colossal challenge, but everything was accomplished simultaneously.

In fact, it could be considered a positive challenge, as we all worked hard for the future of KIPIC.

### What was your main concern during

## Overcoming difficulties in obtaining official approvals to establish KIPIC

### the transfer of staff from fellow companies to KIPIC?

The main concern of KIPIC's officials at that time was protecting the employees’ rights, along with offering privileges which should not be less than other employees in the oil sector.

### Have the challenges ended?

Challenges never end. After overcoming several difficulties and challenges comes the implementation of mega projects that will greatly contribute to national economy.

### What will KIPIC contribute on domestic and foreign levels?

I think KIPIC’s main contribution will be the refining-petrochemical integration -- a distinctive feature of the company.

The company will also forge special international relations, especially in petrochemicals.

I would like to thank the officials of the oil sector for taking the decision to establish KIPIC; which will prove to be a significant move for further successes and a landmark in the oil industry not just in Kuwait, but the entire Gulf region as well.

I strongly believe in the ability of Kuwaitis to work in the legal field and several nationals have shown their high level of efficiency.

## Challenges never end; difficult times have gone by and implementation of mega projects follows

## Concurrent transfer of contracts, staff and budgets was a massive challenge; but everything was completed simultaneously

# KIPIC officials inspect workers’ dormitory



Making sure all means of safety are provided



Hashem sitting between A-Jeemaz and Hartill; Al-Osaimi and Al-Awadhi also seen

The officials of KIPIC conducted an inspection visit to the workers’ dormitory to ensure that all their needs are provided and to guarantee their comfort, to help them perform their duties well.

Health, Safety, Environment and Security Group Manager Abdullah Al-Awadhi revealed the workers’ accommodation is in a vast area which is part of Al-Zour project.

“The workers are near the worksite and this enables them to perform their tasks smoothly and efficiently,” he said.

He disclosed the area also consists of the contractors’ accommodations – each one has his own living quarters, adding that restaurants offer various types of food taking into consideration the preference of each group.

“The company is keen on ensuring the workers’ comfort in a bid to streamline the work,” Al-Awadhi explained.

He went on say, the contractors have some recreation areas and playgrounds, besides a clinic and a fire station.

“During the visit, we noticed something remarkable as the contractors are providing buses for the workers to go to the markets on weekends,” he narrated.

He noted as well that the visit generated new ideas, such as contacting the Ministry of Health to check food quality and safety, and Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) to inspect the security and safety systems.

“It was a fruitful visit. We witnessed the contractors’ dedication in ensuring that the workers are comfortable and safe,” he added.



Inspecting the labor dormitory

Abdullah Al-Awadhi: KIPIC ensures comfort of workers, streamlining of work

# KIPIC signs 4th contract to supply technology for Petrochemicals Complex (PRIZe)

**Hashem Sayed Hashem: Key contract, outcome of excellent work**

**Ahmad Al-Jeemaz: Contract for 33 weeks, work to kick off next week**



Hashem sitting between A-Jeemaz and Hartill; Al-Osaimi and Al-Awadhi also seen

KIPIC has signed the fourth and last contract to supply technology for the company's Petrochemicals Complex (PRIZe).

CEO Hashem Sayed Hashem said that the contract, signed with the American Grace Company, is vital for KIPIC.

"The contract would not have been finalized if not for the excellent work and efforts exerted by the project, commercial and legal teams; as well as the cooperation of Grace," Hashem disclosed during the signing ceremony.

He added that he is looking forward to building a long-term relationship with the American partner through this agreement.

Hashim went on to say he is sure that KIPIC and Grace will be able to "build a good and strong team to develop the petrochemical industry and technology in Kuwait."

He confirmed the two partners will work together in developing the skills of Kuwaiti engineers in the field.

Meanwhile, Deputy CEO of Petrochemicals & LNGI Ahmed Al-Jeemaz pointed out that the US company has a long history in manufacturing polypropylene.

He said the contract includes training and qualifying KIPIC's staff, referring to a plan to send a host of the company's engineers to the US and France to help localize technology in KIPIC's projects later.

"We selected the best technology after long and thorough scrutiny to achieve the highest added-value for the Petrochemicals Complex (PRIZe)," he explained.

Al-Jeemaz thanked all those who contributed to this achievement,

led by CEO Hashem Sayed Hashem.

On the other hand, Grace's Vice President for EMEA, David Hartill, affirmed that the signing of the contract is the outcome of a lot of hard work.

"It (the contract) represents a significant step in the realization of the petrochemicals project in Kuwait," he added.

Hartill stressed that "selection of technology is critical" for such a project.

He also expressed appreciation to KIPIC for its confidence in Grace.

"It is now our job to ensure to you that your confidence is not misplaced. And I am sure, like all our partners, you will not be disappointed," he said.



Al-Jeemaz honors Hartill



Hashim shakes hands with Hartill

# KIPIC launch its oil bulletin, via Telegram



The latest oil news

KIPIC has launched a daily oil bulletin via the social media app Telegram. This new move reiterates the company's eagerness to keep pace with the growing use of technology and the

breath-taking of social media.

Telegram is known of its high safety level, especially encryption; it is easy to use and substantially preserves the purity of pictures and



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The daily bulletin that is being issued at 12 am local time (GMT 0900) comprises all oil news published by local newspapers, as well

as regional and international media. It offers an account of the oil-related news and issues on the social media, in addition to a pdf version of the Kuwaiti newspapers front pages.

First of its kind and size in Kuwait, consisting of: Al-Zour Refinery,

Launch of largest integrated oil

*Jaber Al-Mubarak: the government is studying and implementing strategic development projects in the oil and non-oil sectors*



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His Highness the Premier confirmed that the government is studying and implementing strategic development projects in the oil and non-oil sectors for the good of Kuwaitis and the foundations that care for their interests and needs.

Present at the ceremony were First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Al-Saleh, a host of Sheikhs, senior State officials and His Highness the Premier's Diwan officials.

Numerous chief executive officers and senior officials of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's (KPC) subsidiaries and diplomats also attended the event.

The ceremony featured a documentary film on Al-Zour Complex -- one of the largest and strategic projects being carried out by the oil sector. It will cover the

local needs for energy in a bid to achieve self-sufficiency and to supply high quality products for export.

Al-Zour Oil Complex is the first of its kind and size in the State of Kuwait, Former Minister of Oil Essam Al-Marzouq told all those present at the ceremony. Al-Marzouq, who also served as Minister of Electricity and Water, disclosed that Al-Zour Oil Complex includes three mega projects: Al-Zour Refinery, Petrochemicals Complex (PRIZe) and LNG Import Facilities.

The former minister spotlighted the importance of the huge oil complex, as well as the vital role played by Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and its subsidiaries in supporting the national economy. He affirmed that KPC is keen on accomplishing its main task -- to supply fuel; in addition to bearing its environmental responsibility in reducing harmful emissions.

Al-Marzouq added that Al-Zour Refinery aims to be the main supplier of low sulphur fuel oil (LSFO) for power plants.

In addition, the strategic importance of the refinery lies in the fact that it is the only one in the country designed to refine Kuwaiti heavy crude oil, he explained.

On the LNG Import Facilities, Al-Marzouq disclosed this project aims to

"consolidate KPC's strategic role and support its commitment to cover the country's energy needs in both the present and future with optimal fuel which is economically and environmentally viable, as well as to achieve the highest added-value."

"Thus, KIPIC will provide the optimal mix of natural and LSFO to meet the needs of local power plants. Crude and diesel surplus will also be available for export to world markets, making utmost use and maximizing economic returns of our oil wealth," Al-Marzouq pointed out.

"The Petrochemicals Complex (PRIZe) project at Al-Zour, designed to be world-class, will be integrated with the refinery to offer high-quality products like p-Xylene (para-xylene), polypropylene and gasoline, besides motor fuel to meet the growing demand of the local market, and also for export to global markets."

"We anticipate the pioneering role of the great oil complex in pushing forward the wheel of national economy, generating new opportunities for further downstream industries (petrochemical) and support services, along with offering new jobs for our sons and daughters, as well as providing all means to



HH the Premier (C) with Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah (L) and Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah (R)



HH the Prime Minister talking with Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah



Honoring HH the Prime Minister



Essam Al-Marzouq



Hashem Sayed Hashem

*Essam Al-Marzouq: Al-Zour Refinery will supply low sulphur fuel oil (LSFO) to power plants*

# LNG Import Facilities and Petrochemicals Complex (PRIZe) complex, with three mega projects

*Hashem: KIPIC's vision is to be distinguished and a leader in integrated refining, petrochemical operations and LNG supply*



develop their skills and improve their performance for the good of our beloved nation," he stated.

"Today, we mark KIPIC's first anniversary and the launching of its mega projects, realizing that the journey is long and extensive and there will be plenty of challenges along the way. However, we hope the concerted efforts of the company's officials and strength of team spirit will persist," Al-Marzouq noted.

"We also look forward to the unwavering support of KPC and its subsidiaries to overcome future challenges and to guarantee the success of these national projects to serve the interests of the State of Kuwait."

"On behalf of the entire oil sector, I express deep thanks and gratitude to His Highness the Premier Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah for his enormous support for the sector and keenness to follow up its development projects that contribute to the comprehensive renaissance of our beloved Kuwait," Al-Marzouq said.

"I would also like to reiterate my thanks and appreciation for my colleagues in the oil sector, particularly at KIPIC, wishing them more success to achieve further glory and pride for the State of Kuwait," the minister concluded.

KIPIC's CEO Hashem Sayed Hashem revealed the launching of Al-Zour Oil Refinery Complex coincided with the company's first anniversary.

"KIPIC was established in October 2016 as the first Kuwaiti integrated company in downstream industries in charge of managing and operating the entire Al-Zour Oil Complex -- one of the country's strategic and development projects," Hashim said at the launching ceremony.

He noted that Al-Zour Complex and its three projects are located in one site. "This is beneficial as it will help realize maximum integration and harmony in terms of sharing infrastructure and using joint utilities and units, as well as exchanging major and minor products," Hashem clarified.

"KIPIC's vision is to be distinguished and a leader in integrated refining, petrochemicals operations and LNG supply."

"This integration, which the company is aiming for, will be an added-value to the State of Kuwait. It will also achieve operational distinction by paying great attention to it and unleashing the potentials of our staff," he asserted.

"Since the human element is a pillar of success for companies and foundations, KIPIC has been keen on attracting the best Kuwaiti youth capacities in all

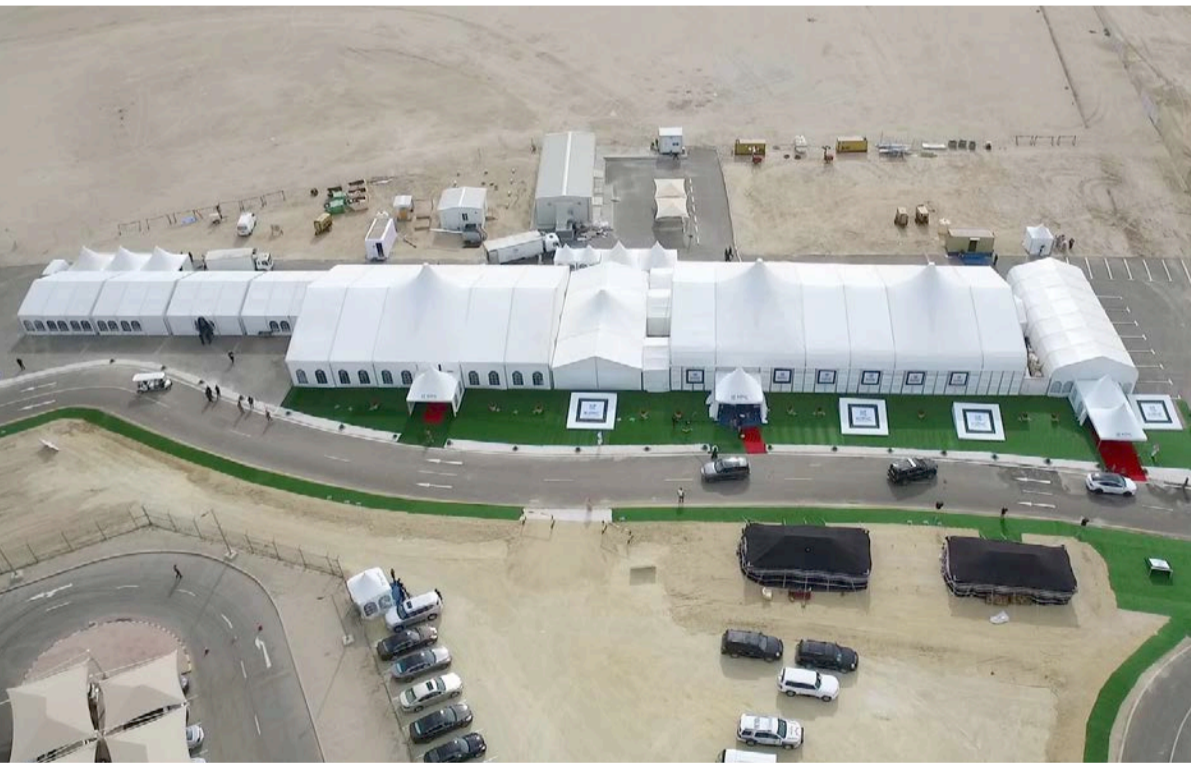
specializations -- both technical and administrative -- among the oil sector staff and the new graduates," he disclosed.

"We expect further growth and maximization of the State's added-value in line with the 2040 strategic vision of KPC. The corporation has been working hard to increase the refining capacity of the State of Kuwait and to achieve the highest level of operational efficiency, making the best of all available opportunities."

"With the launching of the three vital projects, we laid down a solid foundation for constructing the second largest oil area after Al-Ahmadi; turning Al-Zour into a crucial hub for integrated industries," Hashim enthused.

Concluding his statement at the ceremony, Hashim voiced deep gratitude and appreciation to His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, who is also Chairperson of the Supreme Petroleum Council, for his great support for the sector.

He also thanked Minister of Oil, Electricity and Water Essam Al-Marzouq, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and its subsidiaries, notably Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) and Kuwait Oil Company (KOC).



Ceremony venue form the air



Audience closely watching documentary on KIPIC's mega projects



Nizar Al-Adassani speaking at the event



Hashem (C) with a host of KIPIC's staff

**Mohammad Mansour Al-Ajmi: Kuwait's oil industry has long history**

## KIPIC group visits Ahmad Al-Jaber Oil and Gas Exhibition



Getting to learn about Kuwait's oil history



Explanation of the exhibition items



The Exhibition comprises items of early discoveries of oil in Kuwait



A host of KIPIC's engineers

### *Eid Al-Azmi: Visits aim to improve communication between group members*

Fifty-six engineers from the Maintenance Group at KIPIC have visited Ahmad Al-Jaber Oil and Gas Exhibition at Kuwait Oil Company (KOC).

According to Maintenance Group Manager at Al-Zour Refinery Mohammad Mansour Al-Ajmi, the objective of the visit to the magnificent edifice was to learn about Kuwait's oil history – starting from the early days of explorations, followed by production and exports.

Meanwhile, acting leader of Workshops and Public Works Group Eid Al-Azmi said such visits seek to enhance the spirit of communication among members of the group, as well as enriching the oil culture of Al-Zour Refinery staff.

He thanked the Public Relations Department at KOC for arranging the visit.

The models and designs showcased at the exhibition depicted the early days of oil discovery in Kuwait, including some techniques used for producing oil and natural gas at the time.

The exhibition reopened in 2014 after completion of the expansion and renovation works. It consists of nine galleries and an auditorium.

Ahmad Al-Jaber Oil and Gas Exhibition was named after the country's 10th ruler who served as Amir from 1921 to 1950.

Visitors at the exhibition are given a detailed account on the history of KOC and oil production.



Explanation of the importance of the Exhibition and its contents



Delegation of Al-Zour Refinery Maintenance Group