

Fire at Kuwait's Mina Al-Ahmadi refinery put out: KNPC

LONDON: Firefighters managed to put out a fire in one of the bitumen production unit's lines at Kuwait's Mina Al-Ahmadi oil refinery, Kuwait National Petroleum Company said in a statement on Friday.

"The company's crews were able to successfully extinguish the fire that broke out in one of the lines of the bitumen production unit at the company's Mina Al-Ahmadi refinery," said KNPC spokesman Ghanim Al-Otaibi in the statement posted on X.

Egypt urges renewal of Black Sea grain export deal

MOSCOW: Egypt's president on Friday called on Russia and Ukraine to find "urgent solutions" to allow the resumption of Ukraine grain exports to Africa, after Moscow's withdrawal led to the collapse of a Black Sea pact. The Ukraine grain deal was agreed last year and allowed around 33 million tons of grain to leave Ukrainian ports, helping to stabilize global food prices and avert shortages.

Kuwait submits memo to International Court of Justice on Israeli occupation of Palestine

KUWAIT: Kuwait has submitted a written memo requesting the International Court of Justice to adopt an opinion on the consequences of continued Israeli occupation violations of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

Kuwait's memo noted that the Israeli occupation of the territories undermined efforts to establish an independent Palestinian state, and affected all aspects of life for the Palestinian people.

Jordan's King Abdullah meets UK's foreign secretary

AMMAN: Jordan's King Abdullah II on Thursday received the UK's Foreign Secretary James Cleverly, the Jordan News Agency reported.

Crown Prince Hussein bin Abdullah, Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi, Director of the Office of His Majesty Jafar Hassan, and British Ambassador to Jordan Bridget Brind also attended the meeting.

King Abdullah stressed his country's deep-rooted ties with the UK, expressing a desire to expand cooperation across several sectors and maintain coordination in the service of common interests.

Almost 800 migrants drowned off Tunisia in six months: National Guard

TUNIS: Almost 800 irregular migrants drowned off Tunisia in the first half of this year as they tried to reach Europe by boat, a National Guard spokesman said on Thursday.

"789 bodies of migrants were recovered from the sea, including 102 Tunisians, the others foreigners and unidentified people," said Houcem Eddine Jebabli, adding that more than 34,000 were rescued.

The North African country has become a major gateway for irregular migrants and asylum-seekers attempting the perilous sea voyage in often rickety boats in the hope of a better life in Europe.