

Kuwait Naval Force and Kuwait Ministry of Defence to host Middle East navies & coast guards this October

The 6th Annual OPV Middle East conference will take place in Kuwait with the official support of the Kuwait Naval Force & the Kuwait Ministry of Defence.

KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT, July 27, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Maritime leaders from across the Middle East and beyond will gather at the Offshore Patrol Vessels Middle East conference from 9-11 October in Kuwait to discuss the future of maritime security in the region.



The situation unfolding within the GCC highlights the significance of regional cooperation and its influence on maritime rule and security. The first NATO centre in the region was opened in Kuwait earlier this year to help foster that cooperation and OPV Middle East conference aims to help with its mission.

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With the support of the Kuwait Naval Force and the Kuwait Ministry of Defence, this event will provide a forum for regional navies to deliberate the emerging trends within the region’s maritime security, discuss the key advancements within the OPV market, as well as share upcoming requirements to advance their maritime capabilities.

The first conference day on 9 October will see an opening keynote speech from Major General Khaled A. Abdullah,

Commander and Chief, Kuwait Naval Force.

The 3-day event will also feature a dinner and a post-conference focus day on International Law of the Sea and Coastal and Maritime Surveillance, to help maritime authorities with a better understanding of the rules of engagement in a maritime context and the keys to enhance effective coastal and maritime surveillance capabilities.

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Conference Director, Khalila Baldwin from IQPC Middle East, said, “I am pleased to have the support of the Kuwait Ministry of Defence and the Kuwait Naval Force. The OPV Middle East series continues to grow upon past successes across the region and it is our intention for this to be the best edition yet. Kuwait has established itself as the heart of regional cooperation in the GCC, and with the recent

opening of NATO's first regional centre in the country, there couldn't be a more fitting time to host the conference in Kuwait."

Speakers confirmed to take part in the event include:

- Major General Khaled A. Abdullah, Commander and Chief, Kuwait Naval Force
- Vice Admiral (R) Ahmad Yusuf Al Mulla, Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister, Kuwait Ministry of Defence
- Commander Mubarak Ali AlSabah, Flotilla Commander, Kuwait Coast Guard
- Commodore Stephen Dainton, UK Maritime Component Commander, Deputy Commander, Combined Maritime Forces
- Dario Leccese, Captain, Italian Navy
- Captain Mustafa Kanafani, Former Arab League Representative, International Maritime Organization
- Rear Admiral (R) Dr. Ali Alshuaibi, Saudi Arabia Coast Guard
- Rear Admiral (UH) Abderraouf Atallah, Chief of Staff, Tunisian Navy
- Vice Admiral Ahmed Khaled Hassan Saeed, Commander in Chief, Egyptian Navy
- Majdi Ahmad Al-Dafiri, Ambassador, Embassy of Kuwait, Tehran, Iran

Alongside the main conference, there will be an exhibition of leading companies in the maritime security fields including Raytheon Company, Abu Dhabi Shipbuilding, Fincantieri, Navantia, RAMSYS gmbh, Babcock, Cochin Shipyard, Alsalam, MTG Marinetechnik GmbH, DNV GL, Saab Middle East, L3 Technologies, Lurssen, Kership and AR Albisher & Z Alkazemi Company.

OPV Middle East will be held from 9-11 October at the Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa, Kuwait City, Kuwait. For more information, please visit the event website at: <http://bit.ly/2h2kARY>

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