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GOVT POSTPONES \$10 BILLION BOND ISSUE UNTIL 2017

DUBAI: Kuwait has delayed a sovereign bond issue of up to \$10 billion until next year after deciding it is in no rush to raise funds overseas, bankers familiar with Kuwaiti debt policy said. Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh said in July the government planned to sell as much as \$10 billion of US dollar-denominated conventional and Islamic bonds in international markets to help plug its budget deficit for the current fiscal year, which will end on March 31.

Officials subsequently said they were looking at a window of September or possibly October for the issue. But the government has still not sent banks a request for proposals to arrange the issue, while the sale still needs official approval by the Ministry of Finance, said one of the bankers. This means the deal will definitely take place in 2017, he added.

"The government has not mandated banks on the bond, which would suggest that they were targeting a later release post-the Saudi Arabia one," said Dima Jardaneh, head of regional economic research at Standard Chartered.

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BANGKOK: HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is welcomed by a senior advisor at Thailand's Royal Court at Bangkok International Airport yesterday. Sheikh Sabah will head Kuwait's delegation at the second Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) summit in the Thai capital. — KUNA

KUWAIT: A collision between a truck driven by an Egyptian and a vehicle carrying three US soldiers in Kuwait was a "terrorist attack", not an accident as first thought, the embassy confirmed yesterday. "US Embassy in Kuwait confirms that what at first appeared to be a routine traffic accident involving three deployed US military personnel... was in fact an attempted terrorist attack," the mission said in a statement posted on its website. The statement said the attack took place on Thursday and that the US soldiers escaped unhurt.

The soldiers also rescued the Egyptian driver when his truck caught fire, it said. The Kuwaiti interior ministry said on Saturday that authorities arrested the Egyptian driver and found with him a handwritten note in which he had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group. It also said that the driver, identified as Ibrahim Suleiman, 28, also carried a belt and material suspected of being explosives. The ministry said the attack was on five Americans without saying they were troops.

The US embassy said it was not aware of specific, credible threats against private US citizens in Kuwait at this time. But it warned that the attack serves as a reminder to maintain a high level of vigilance, advising US citizens to review their personal security plans and remain alert. The embassy did not say where the troops were stationed, but American forces are deployed to Kuwait's Camp Arifjan. Kuwaiti authorities announced in July they had dismantled three IS cells plotting attacks, including a suicide bombing against a Shiite mosque and against an interior ministry target. — Agencies



WASHINGTON: A woman looks at the cover of the comic book "Madaya Mom" on Oct 7, 2016. — AFP

SYRIAN MOTHER LIVING UNDER SIEGE IS MARVEL'S SUPERHERO

NEW YORK: Besieged by the Syrian government for two years, the city of Madaya has had little contact with the outside world - barely reachable by aid convoys, let alone video journalists. So ABC News and Marvel Comics, known for its muscular superheroes, teamed up to find another way to help the world see the devastating reality of life under siege. Journalists at ABC had been in contact with a woman living in Madaya - a city home to some 40,000 people near the border with Lebanon - who chronicled in a series of blog posts her fight to survive the harsh

conditions brought on by the Syria's civil war, now in its sixth year.

The two Disney-owned companies created a free, digital comic based on the anonymous dispatches by the young mother of five - a way to try and demonstrate the horrors their cameras could not access. The illustrated panels are far less bloody than they are heartbreaking. Combined with the powerful words of the mother - kept anonymous to protect her family's safety - they speak to the severe hardships trapped families are enduring.

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COURT RESTORES CITIZENSHIP OF PRO-OPPOSITION TV OWNER

MP FILES REQUEST TO GRILL JUSTICE MINISTER

By B Izzak

INDIAN TYCOON PAYS \$9M FOR DUBAI CAR PLATE

DUBAI: An Indian businessman has paid \$9 million at auction to grab a single-digit car registration plate in Dubai, feeding a passion for "unique" number plates. Balwinder Sahani, who owns a Dubai-based property management company, spent AED 33 million on the "D5" number plate, in an auction organized by the road authority, Gulf News daily reported yesterday. "I have collected 10 number plates so far and I am looking forward to having more. It's a passion. This number will go to one of my Rolls-Royces," he said.

The daily said more than 300 bidders participated Saturday in the auction which is organized every two months. Eighty special numbers were on offer. Auctions for "unique" car plates have become a fashion in the glitzy United Arab Emirates with auction organizers frequently netting millions of dollars. — AFP



Balwinder Sahani

KUWAIT: The administrative lower court yesterday ordered the government to restore the citizenship of pro-opposition Al-Youm television owner Ahmad Jabr Al-Shemmari, more than two years after it was revoked. In a landmark ruling, the court also abolished the Amiri decree that withdrew the citizenship of Shemmari and his four children, and ordered the government to return the nationality to them "immediately" without waiting for the rulings of the appeals and cassation courts.

The court also ordered the government to pay KD 5,001 in temporary compensation for Shemmari, a verdict that could open the way for him to seek much larger damages. After revoking his nationality in July 2014, the government shut down Al-Youm television and Alam Al-Youm newspaper, both owned by him, on the basis that media licenses must be in the name of Kuwaiti citizens only.

The verdict came after more than two years of a legal battle in which the lower court initially rejected Shemmari's petition on the grounds that courts cannot look into nationality cases because they



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are "sovereign" issues. This verdict was upheld by the appeals court. But the court of cassation, whose rulings are final, earlier this year ruled that courts can look into these issues and ordered the lower court to hear the case again.

The ruling will also open the way for a large number of opposition figures to resort to court, who were stripped of their citizenship amid a government crackdown on the opposition during a political crisis in the country.

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RAEL, Syria: Syrian rebel fighters get into a pickup truck flying an Islamist flag in this northern village after they captured it from the Islamic State group in the Marj Dabiq area north of the embattled city of Aleppo yesterday. — AFP

SYRIA REGIME KEEPS UP ALEPPO ASSAULT

BEIRUT: Syrian government forces yesterday kept up their blistering assault on rebel-held eastern Aleppo after a divided UN Security Council failed to agree on a truce to save the war-battered city. Regime forces and their allies were advancing street by street in the eastern sector which has been out of government hands since 2012. "Clashes on the ground as well as fierce air strikes went on all night and are continuing Sunday, especially in the Sheikh Said district" of eastern Aleppo, said Rami Abdel Rahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The monitor said regime forces took control of the Jandul crossroads in the northeast of Aleppo. The latest advances aim to clear the way for "a crucial and decisive land offensive," said Syria's Al-Watan newspaper which is close to the government. The army launched its assault on the besieged sector of Aleppo more than two weeks ago with the backing of Russian air strikes, aiming to reunite the city which was Syria's economic hub before its conflict erupted in 2011.

Air strikes and artillery fire by the regime and its Russian ally killed 290 people, mostly civilians and including 57 children, since the Sept 22 launch of operations in Aleppo, the Observatory said. The Britain-based monitor, which compiles its information from sources on the ground, said 50 civilians, including nine children, have also died in rebel bombardment of regime-controlled western districts.

Syria's official SANA news agency said yesterday that rebel shelling killed a baby and wounded two people in the Hamdaniyeh neighborhood. On Saturday at the United Nations, Russia vetoed a French-drafted resolution demanding an end to the bombing of Aleppo, but its own rival measure on a truce was rejected.

The failure of the two resolutions deepened divisions at the UN Security Council between Moscow and the Western powers backing rebel forces in Syria's five-year war which has killed more than 300,000 people. France's draft called for an end to all military flights over Aleppo and to air strikes on the rebel-held east that has 250,000 inhabitants. "What is at stake today is first and foremost the fate of Aleppo and its people," France's Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault told the council, urging it to take "immediate action in order to save" the city.

It was the fifth time that Russia used its veto to block UN action on the war in Syria. Shortly after Russia's veto, the Security Council rejected a rival draft presented by Moscow that called for a ceasefire but did not mention a halt in air strikes. Britain's ambassador to the United Nations, Matthew Rycroft, described Saturday's failure in New York as "a bad day for Russia, but an even worse day for the people of Aleppo". Following the meeting, his Russian counterpart Vitaly Churkin insisted that diplomatic efforts on Syria were not dead.

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