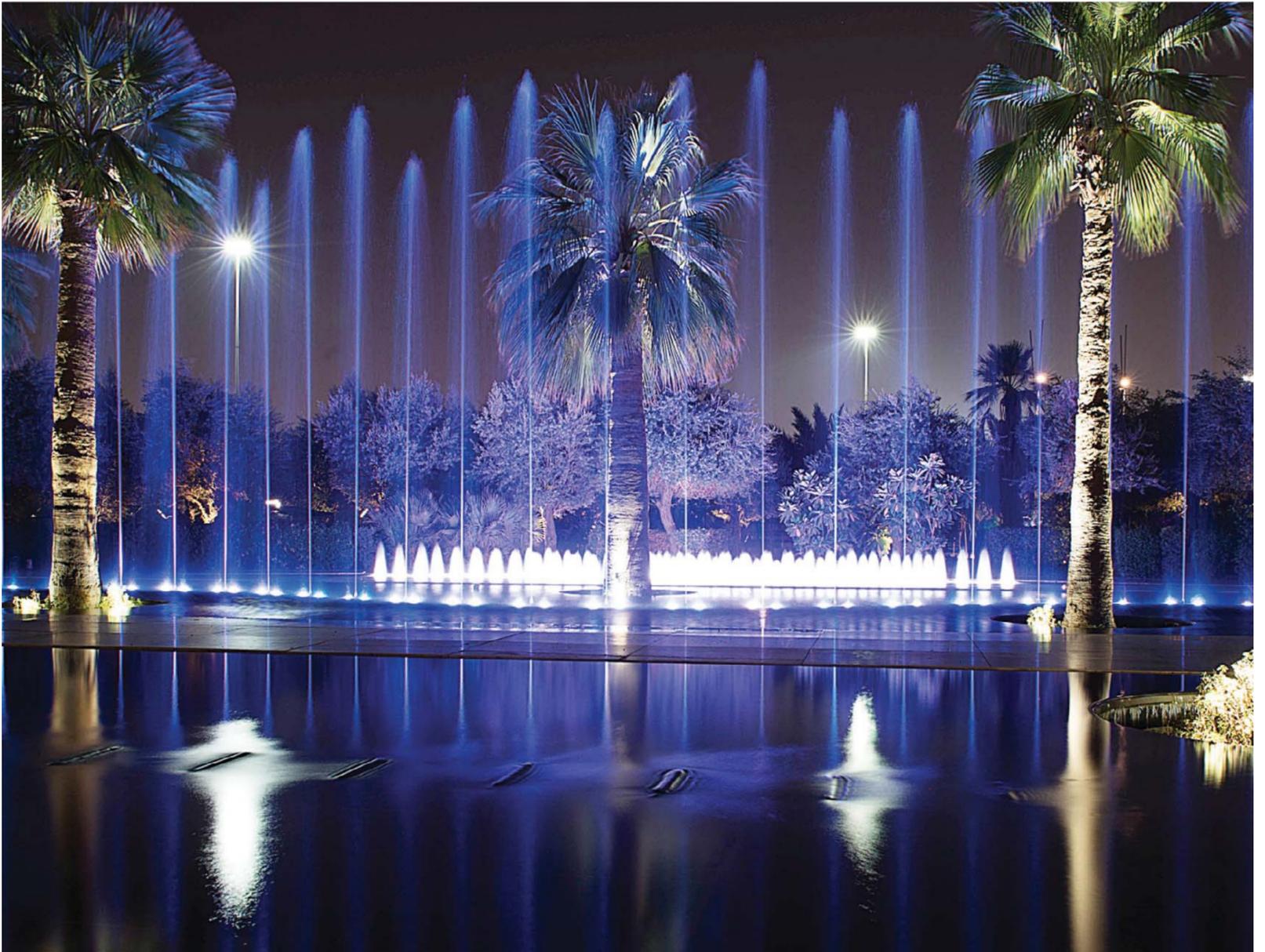


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KUWAIT: A dazzling view of the Al-Shaheen Park at night with its illuminated fountains spraying blue-colored water into the air. —KUNA

PAAET SEEKS TO EMPOWER WOMEN TO FACE CHALLENGES

**KUWAIT:** The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) is hard at work to empower women in the Gulf to face contemporary challenges, PAAET Director General Dr Ahmad Saleh Al-Athari said. Al-Athari made the statement at a meeting yesterday for the higher committee of the second scientific and cultural forum of students of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) university and educational institutions.

The meeting focused on setting the axes and the goals of the forum slated for March 19-23, 2017. The PAAET is making hard efforts to prepare for the forum, to enhance bases of fair competition and scientific integrity in addition to highlighting creativity and skills of the GCC women in scientific, economic and social scenes, he said.

Also, the authority seeks more cooperation accords with Kuwait's Public Authority for Youth (PAY), which is a strategic partner in supporting young people, Al-Athari noted. It also aspires for concluding further agreements with external authorities and seeks to shed light during the forum on the achievements of the Gulf women, as well as the challenges and obstacles they are facing.

For his part, PAY Director General Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi said that they would offer support to youth through experts and specialists, to assess their behavior and define their needs during panel discussions, and will also listen to their views, Al-Mutairi said. He stressed the fact that PAY is working in line with directives of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to support youth. —KUNA

GLOBAL SILENCE OVER ALEPPO CARNAGE DISGRACEFUL: KUWAIT

OIC CALLS FOR EMERGENCY SESSION ON SYRIA SITUATION

**JEDDAH:** An extraordinary session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) at the delegates' level yielded calls yesterday for an urgent meeting to discuss worsening conditions in Syria. The session, which was chaired by Kuwait's Consul General and permanent delegate to the OIC Wael Al-Enezi, aimed to ensure that Islamic nations would act in concert over efforts to end the war in Syria and other conflicts plaguing the Arab world, a statement issued following the conclusion of the meeting noted. Moreover, the statement decried "the brutal forms of warfare" taking place in Syria, adding that the onus is on the Syrian government and its allies who should be held accountable for these aggressions. The statement also noted that it is incumbent upon the United Nations (UN) to ensure that peace and security is restored in Syria, as it highlighted the need for a sustainable solution to the conflict.

The international community's silence over atrocities committed in the Syrian city of Aleppo is a sign of failure, Al-Enezi said yesterday, adding that global reaction to the bloodshed is a "disgrace." Al-Enezi made the remarks in a speech during an extraordinary OIC meeting at the delegates' level, called to discuss deteriorating humanitarian conditions in Aleppo.

"What is happening in Syria is not only a grave crime but a flagrant infraction of international laws and conventions," the Kuwaiti diplomat said. Moreover, he noted that the most abominable methods of warfare are being practiced in Aleppo, "as all forms of life have fallen victim to these attacks."

He also said that the meeting was called due to the international community's failure to put an end to the violence. Speaking on Kuwait's contributions to mitigate the misery of the Syrian people, Al-Enezi said that the country has

been steadfast in its support of Syria, as he underscored numerous pledges Kuwait has made to help the war-torn nation.

"We face a mounting obligation to cease the humanitarian suffering in Syria through the dire need to enforce a stringent ceasefire and to deliver much needed relief aid to the country," he added. He also asserted that the meeting will persist and that the situation in Syria will be closely monitored.

Meanwhile, the OIC's Secretary General Iyad Madani said that the international community is obligated to fulfill its responsibilities to address the deteriorating conditions in the war-torn city of Aleppo. He also called for an urgent ceasefire that would facilitate the flow of relief aid into the country, pressing the international community to pile pressure on the Syrian government to accept a political solution to the conflict. — KUNA



ABK ROLLS OUT A SERIES OF INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT OF CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**KUWAIT:** Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently announced its support of cancer awareness month, whereby the Bank is rolling out a series of initiatives that aim to raise awareness and understanding of the various cancer related diseases and raise funds for research into its diagnosis, prevention and treatment.

ABK started the month by presenting staff members with an informative brochure and a ribbon

to wear for the month while also offering staff and customers discounts on cancer screening tests at Royal Hayat Hospital, which will be valid until December 2016. The Bank will also raise awareness of the disease by sending out weekly cancer awareness messages through its social media channels.

In parallel, ABK will be sponsoring an open day for cancer patients in collaboration with the Cancer Control Center, which will be held

on 13 October, 2016 at the Sheikh Badriya Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Center for Oncology and Stem Cell Transfusion. The Bank will conclude initiatives for this month with the sponsorship of the 'Fight Like A Girl' breast cancer awareness event, an annual initiative held by The American Women's League Kuwait (AWL). The event is scheduled to take place on 22 October, 2016 at the Jumeirah Hotel Ballroom.

