

In Brief

KUWAIT-EGYPT RELATIONS

**CAIRO:** Kuwait Ambassador in Cairo Mohammad Al-Thuwaikh Sunday termed as strategic relations between Kuwait and Egypt, and that the two countries shared positions over vital issues of interest to Arab and Islamic worlds. Thuwaikh said relations between the two countries were witnessing further growth. Al-Thuwaikh said there were thousands of Kuwaitis studying in Egyptian colleges and universities, while over a 1,000 Kuwaiti companies working in Egypt. Kuwait, he added, was also hosting hundreds of thousands of Egyptians working in the country. —KUNA



ANTI-TERROR COOPERATION

**CAIRO:** Officials from the Arab ministries of interior, and justice discussed means to boost Arab and international cooperation for combating terrorism, and incriminating paying ransom to terrorists. The joint meeting, held at the Arab League in Cairo on Sunday, came upon an invitation from the League's Secretariat. The meeting discussed a proposal to incriminate the act of paying ransom to terrorists, in a bid to support the Arab vision on the issue seeking to block financing to such groups. —KUNA



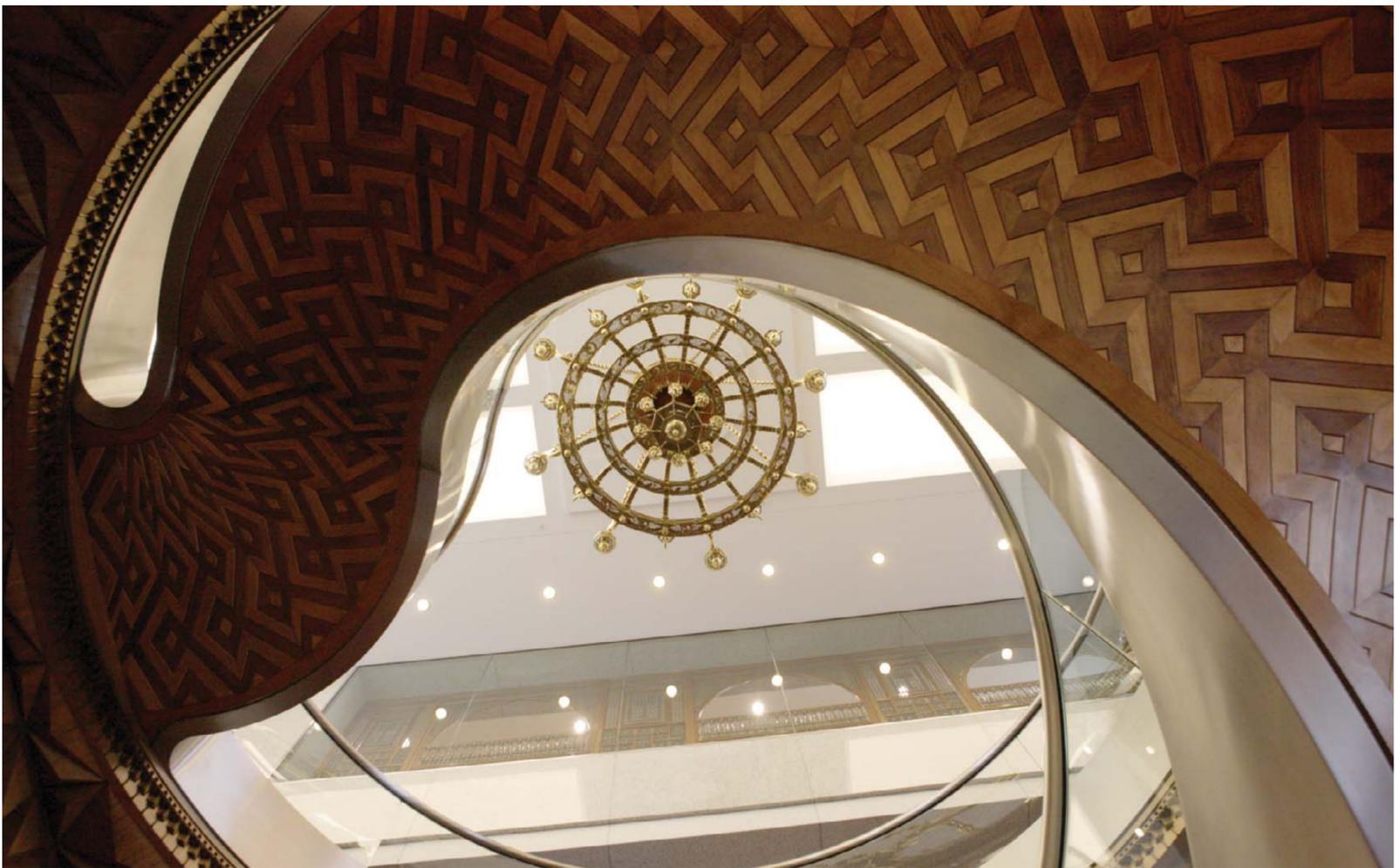
ARAB MEDIA CONFERENCE

**KUWAIT:** Secretary General of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA) Dr Farid Ayar has underlined that the current federation's conference has a key role in promoting media cooperation amongst Arab news agencies on one hand and supporting Arab media generally on the other hand. Ayar made the statement yesterday after arriving in Kuwait to take part in the 44th General Assembly of FANA on October 17-19. "We are trying to address several pending issues like increasing sharing news amongst Arab news agencies," he said. —KUNA



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KUWAIT: A picture taken from inside the Arab Towns Organization's building in Kuwait City. —Photo by Joseph Shagra



KUWAIT: AUB executive management are pictured with LoYAC representatives.

AHLI UNITED BANK SPONSORS 'SERVICE IS MY JOY' IN COLLABORATION WITH LOYAC

**KUWAIT:** Ahli United Bank (AUB) announced the sponsorship of 'Service Is My Joy' Program within the framework of its strategic partnership with LOYAC Kuwait. The Bank's latest alliance reflects its effort to reinforce its extensive range of community activities and underlying support for the Kuwaiti society.

'Service Is My Joy' initiative aims at helping supporting various social segments. The initiative involves participants aged 16 and above taking part in volunteering committees and collaborating with a number of volunteering centers such as KAACH, Paradise Institute and Abeer 2. Throughout the program, activities range between learning how to perform first aid at the Kuwait Red Crescent Society as well as providing support services to the elderly.

On this occasion, Moataz Al-Rafi, AUB's Senior Deputy CEO, Banking Group, said, "We are delighted with the new partnership agreement between the Bank and LoYAC. This new tie up will result in a wide range of diversified activities in the near future, to further help in achieving our objectives in supporting Kuwaiti society through mean-

ingful partnerships between financial institutions and a promising younger generation."

Al Rafi confirmed that AUB has spared no effort to intensify its participation in the various initiatives that are in the interest of society. He promised more activities and initiatives that reflect the Bank's strategic plan for social responsibility as a financial institution.

Moreover, Fetouh Al-Dalali, LoYAC Kuwait board member said, "We are proud of our new partnership with Ahli United Bank, and excited about the team's overall positive spirit. The Bank is keen to support the youth and drive positive change, with an objective to spread positive values through a wide range of programs that enable the younger generation capable to achieve development."

LoYAC is a nonprofit organization and was established in 2002 as a positive initiative. The founding members of LoYAC recognized that youth can be led towards peace by providing them with opportunities for personal growth; experience the joy of service and developing their professional skills to qualify and enable them to join the workforce.

KUWAITI FEMALE EXPLORER TO PARTICIPATE IN NORTH, SOUTH POLES EXPEDITIONS

**KUWAIT:** Kuwaiti explorer Lamees Najim was chosen to take part in expeditions to explore the North and South Poles alongside fellow British explorer Felicity Aston. The trip, set for next April, will include 12 female explorers from different countries, aiming to share their experi-

ences and cultures, Najim said yesterday. The expedition will showcase the strong will of Kuwaiti and Arab women to face challenges and survive in extreme conditions, she noted. She said that Aston has over 20 years of experience in leading expedition in the poles, adding that

the trip participants will undergo a training course in Iceland on skating, facing extreme low temperatures and other natural threats. The trip will also include explorers from the UK, Slovenia, Sweden, Germany, France, Cyprus, Jordan, Oman, Saudi, Qatar, and the UAE. — KUNA



Kuwaiti explorer Lamees Najim

