

# AMIR MEETS OFFICIALS, SUDANESE DELEGATION

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday received the National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem and Speaker of the Sudanese National Congress Ibrahim Omer and his accompanying delegation at Bayan Palace. The meeting was attended by Amiri Diwan Adviser Mohammad Dhaifallah Sharar and head of the honorary delegation MP Shuaib Al-Mowaziri. —KUNA



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The Kuwait News Agency's Deputy Director General of the editorial department and Editor-in-chief Saad Al-Ali holds talks with the Jordanian military officials. —KUNA photos



## JORDANIAN ARMY OFFICIAL APPLAUDS METICULOUSNESS OF KUWAITI MEDIA

**KUWAIT:** A Jordanian military official said yesterday that Kuwait's state-run news agency KUNA is a highly adept and reputable media outlet. Speaking to KUNA as he met with the news agency's deputy director general of the

editorial department and Editor-in-chief Saad Al-Ali, director of the Jordanian army's moral guidance department Awda Al-Shadayfat said ties between the military and the media are pivotal. Meanwhile, Al-Shadayfat's counterpart

in the Kuwaiti army lieutenant colonel Abdulaziz Al-Refai said that the Kuwaiti army makes it a point to interact with the media, given the growing significance of that sector. He added that KUNA's services are very

informative and comprehensive, saying that the meeting tackled strategies for a closer rapport between KUNA and the army's moral guidance department. KUNA's Chief Editor Al-Ali spoke of how instrumental the media is in educating the

masses and KUNA's solid ties with the Ministry of Defense. He pointed out that the rise of social media represented a challenge for media institutions, as the information shared on these websites is usually fallible. —KUNA

### News

in brief



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#### KRCS aid reaches most impoverished families

**KUWAIT:** The Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) yesterday distributed coupons to limited income families in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh district to enable them buy Eid clothes, gifts and food. Hayat Al-Marzouq, an official at KRCS local aid department said that toys that were given to children of these families were donated by the National Bank of Kuwait and milk from the KDD dairy company. The society staff, in coordination with volunteers, will visit more houses of such families in the coming days to deliver these aid coupons. Volunteer Amina Al-Sherif, a citizen who has lived abroad and volunteered two weeks ago, revealed in remarks to KUNA that some of the families in Kuwait live under poverty line. Abu Mohammad, father of one of these impoverished families, said, "We live in dwelling where we suffer from recurring power outages thus making us suffer in such extreme heat." The paralyzed man, who has called for help so that he can buy a wheelchair, lives with his seven-member family in a small ramshackled house of one bedroom, single toilet with old and damaged plumbing. The miserable family hardly makes ends meet with donations. —KUNA

#### China official's visit

**KUWAIT:** Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China Zhang Gaoli is scheduled to arrive in Kuwait on Monday, August 21, said a Kuwaiti diplomat yesterday. Kuwaiti Ambassador to China Dr Sameh Hayat affirmed the importance of the visit, noting that the top Chinese official is due to sign number of agreements during the three-day visit. Zhang Gaoli will meet His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. He will meet also with top officials and President of the Kuwaiti-Chinese Society Fuad Al-Ganim.

#### Mina Abdullah fire

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday sent cables to a number of State officials, thanking them for overseeing efforts to put out a fire that gutted a warehouse in Mina Abdullah port. In cables addressed to Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah and Minister of Health Dr Jamal Al-Harbi. His Highness the Amir heaped praise on firefighters for valiantly dousing the blaze, proving their commitment to the nation's welfare. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah also sent similar cables. A fire erupted at a warehouse in Kuwait's port of Mina Abdullah in the wee hours of yesterday, only to be fully suppressed a short while later by a team of firefighters. Seven fire centers battled the blaze.

### WORLD CLASS ONCOLOGY LABORATORY

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Health has opened the Yacoub Behbehani Laboratory, a world-class oncology laboratory and the first of its kind the Middle East, in Al-Sabah Medical zone in Kuwait City. The sophisticated oncogene laboratory, which is part of the ambitious Yacoub Behbehani Laboratory Building and Bone Marrow Transplantation Center, is expected to make a great difference in discovering and treating advanced and complicated types of cancer, ministry spokesman Dr Ahmad Al-Shatti said.

Some cancer patients do not improve after receiving chemotherapy, radiotherapy, or immunotherapy, and the



Dr Ahmad Al-Shatti

new laboratory would help discovery if they have any genetic mutation, thus allow their doctors to identify the most suitable treatment, he said. He added that these tests could also help doctors know the genetic mutations of other diseases such as children epilepsy, hearing loss, etc.

He pointed out that oncogene laboratory is equipped with the state-of-the-art equipment and devices. Previously, the ministry used to send samples for such tests to laboratories abroad and wait between 14-30 days to receive results, but now the new laboratory would provide it with results in less than one week. This will save much time and cost, he said. —KUNA

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