



## AMIR, CROWN PRINCE RECEIVE FAMILIES OF MARTYRS

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday received the families of martyrs; Grand Mosque Imam Sheikh Waleed Al-Ali and Sheikh Fahad Al-Husseini at Sief Palace. Both fathers extended their deepest thanks to His Highness the Amir for the compassion-

ate consolation and support offered to their families over their loss. The deceased were martyred in Ouagadougou capital of Burkina Faso, as they were on a charity mission. His Highness the Amir expressed pride over the distinguished contributions of Kuwaitis in various domains to best serve their beloved country, setting an example to upcoming generations. His Highness

also prayed to Allah Almighty that souls of the martyrs rest in peace, and to inspire their families patience and solace. On his part, His Highness the Crown Prince stressed that Kuwait is one family for better or worse, praying to Allah Almighty to protect our country and its people, and to bestow the deceased with his mercy. — KUNA



## INTERIOR MINISTER HOLDS TALKS WITH BRAZIL ENVOY

**KUWAIT:** Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah met with Brazilian Ambassador to Kuwait Norton Rapesta on bilateral cooperation. During the meeting, Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah stressed the strong relation between both countries. The two top officials discussed mutual

issues, mainly security. On his part, the Brazilian Ambassador said they talked about ways to enhance the existing relation between both nations. Rapesta said Kuwait and Brazil share the same views on several matters, which leads to more cooperation and coordination in the future. — KUNA



## CONSORTIUM WINS KABD SOLID WASTE PROJECT

**KUWAIT:** A consortium led by French Constructions Industrielles de La Mediterranee (CNIM) has been chosen to execute Kabd Municipal Solid Waste Project, Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects (KAPP) said yesterday. The investment period is 25 years, in addition to 44 months for designing and construction, KAPP said in a statement to KUNA. Led by CNIM, Gulf Investment Corporation (GIC) and Al-Mulla Group, the consortium has been selected for the project according to financial and technical assessment results, it added. As a routine procedure, the relevant

documents were sent to the State Audit Bureau (SAB) for approval, the KAPP added. The project aims at the construction of a solid waste treatment plant with a capacity of 3,275 tons per day located in the south of the ground broadcasting station in the Kabd area, 35 kilometers away from Kuwait City. The project covers a total area of 500,000 square meters. The site will provide a number of services including treatment using incinerators for generating electricity, and landfilling the ash from the remains of the incineration. — KUNA

## AWARENESS FOR PILGRIMS

By Meshal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** The Health Ministry set up a booth at Kuwait International Airport to spread awareness among pilgrims. Head of the information office at MoH Dr Ghalla Al-Mutairi said the goal behind the campaign, under the slogan "towards a safe pilgrimage", is to commit pilgrims to follow health instructions to guarantee a hajj without illnesses, and the program will continue for 10 days. She said the booth will be open round the clock.

### Eid on Sept 1

The astronomy department at the Science Club said the first day of Zul Hija for 1438 will be Wednesday, Aug 30. Arafat Day will be on Thursday, Aug 31, and Eid Al-Adha will be on Friday, Sept 1.

### Tax income expected

Finance Ministry Undersecretary

Khaleefa Hamada said the amount of tax income expected from imposing value added tax and selective tax is nearly KD 600 million, adding that the amount will not end the budget deficit, but it will boost non-oil revenue. As for postponing the VAT and selective taxes, he said these will be imposed as soon as they are approved by the National Assembly, adding that these taxes are simple and easy to implement.

### Automated procedures

The Commerce and Industry Ministry will start trials to automate procedures before the end of this year, and will seek to start official operation of the new systems by the start of the next year. The ministry seeks to automate all company procedures, aiming to start a new era of procedures and government transactions away from the current long documentary cycle.

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