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Amir expresses condolences over Tanzanian ferry victims



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HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives Al-Habib Al-Sayid, the special envoy of Tunisian President Beji Caïd Essebsi, the latter's political advisor (with ministerial degree) and an ex-premier.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Khaled Al-Saleh.



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KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable yesterday to Tanzanian President John Magufuli, expressing his sorrow over the victims of the sunken ferry in Victoria Lake. HH the Amir expressed deep sorrow over those who perished in the accident and wished swift recovery for the injured. 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 sent similar cables to President Magufuli.

In related news, HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday received at Seif Palace His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. HH the Amir also received the National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem and HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

The Prime Minister had asked HH the Amir's permission to attend the 73rd session of the United

Nations General Assembly in New York City on his behalf. HH the Amir also received the special envoy of President of the Republic of Tunisia Beji Caïd Essebsi, Former Prime Minister and the Minister of Political Advisor Al-Habib Al-Sayid. The meeting was attended by Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah.

HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday at Seif Palace the Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem. He also received HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and hosted Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Khaled Al-Saleh. Elsewhere, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem yesterday received the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Authority Abdulrahman Al-Nemsh who presented the speaker with the bi-annual report about the authority tasks in 2017. — KUNA



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Kuwaiti hospital launches smartphone app for antibiotic treatment

KUWAIT: Apple and Android users can now access an electronic guidebook for the most optimal use of modern antibiotics, Kuwait's Infectious Diseases Hospital said on Saturday. The manual has been assembled by a group of infectious disease specialists, the hospital's medical director Dr Jamal Al-Duaji told KUNA on the sidelines of an international conference over contagious diseases in Kuwait.

He said that the medical facility is in

the process of introducing vaccinations against Shingles, a disease triggered by a dormant chickenpox virus. On other health statistics in Kuwait, the physician revealed that around 400 people have been infected with HIV in the country, a figure that pales in comparison with other nations bearing the brunt of a global AIDS epidemic. Meanwhile, digestive disorders and respiratory ailments have also been on the rise in Kuwait, he pointed out. — KUNA



Kuwait central bank looks to regulate e-payment system

KUWAIT: The Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) has issued instructions for all service providers, including companies and institutions, to register in its electronic payment system. All service providers are required to regulate their e-payment transactions in line with established regulations, CBK said in a statement posted on its official website.

All e-payment methods are subject to the scrutiny of CBK, the statement added, citing the bank's governor Dr Mohammad Al-Hashel as saying that the new instructions are part of plans to propel the local banking sector. On these plans for growth, Al-Hashel said that a team of experts and specialists has been assembled to look into the most cutting-edge financial services and products. He highlighted the widespread use of e-payment methods in Kuwait, assuring clients of foolproof security despite the alarming rise in global banking fraud. Further details are available on CBK's official website, www.cbk.gov.kw, he said.

New regulations on private nurseries

KUWAIT: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Economic Affairs, Hind Al-Sabeeh recently endorsed a decision on regulating private nurseries. This is to prevent owners from utilizing the nursery quarters or a part of it for activities other than those specified in the license during or outside official working hours.

The decision also authorized MSAL's women and children department to receive license applications and the undersecretary to issue them within a maximum period of 60 days as well as renew existing ones within 30 days. This decision banned anyone from residing in a nursery or hiring men, except as security guards and officers. It also mandates nurseries to organize sports, cultural and recreational activities for the kids during the summer vacation and banned all operations in afternoon periods. Moreover, the decision urged licensees to apply for renewal three months before their licenses expire. — Al-Anbaa

Art build bridges among Arabs: Kuwaiti artist

TUNIS: Plastic arts are an essential area of human culture as it builds bridges of communication among Arab countries, Kuwaiti artist Adel Khalaf said yesterday. This came while speaking to KUNA on sidelines of his participation with artists from Iraq and Lebanon in the first Carthage days of contemporary arts, concluded today at Culture City in Tunis.

This exhibition, which is organized by Kuwait's Boushahri Gallery, provides an opportunity for different audiences to discover the arts and leading Arab artists, as it presents the effects of community life on the artist's work and the challenges of conflict in the Arab world, Khalaf said. The exhibition includes paintings by artists from Kuwait and some Arab countries, where his participation is a result of prior cooperation with their Tunisian counterparts.

Boushahri Gallery had also issued a special book on the paintings, which makes this exhibition so special. The Tunisian Ministry of Culture opened on Wednesday and is the first session of the Carthage days of contemporary art with the participation of wings and galleries from Kuwait, Tunisia, Turkey, Libya, France and others. — KUNA



Kuwaiti artist Adel Khalaf



Kuwait's Boushahri gallery