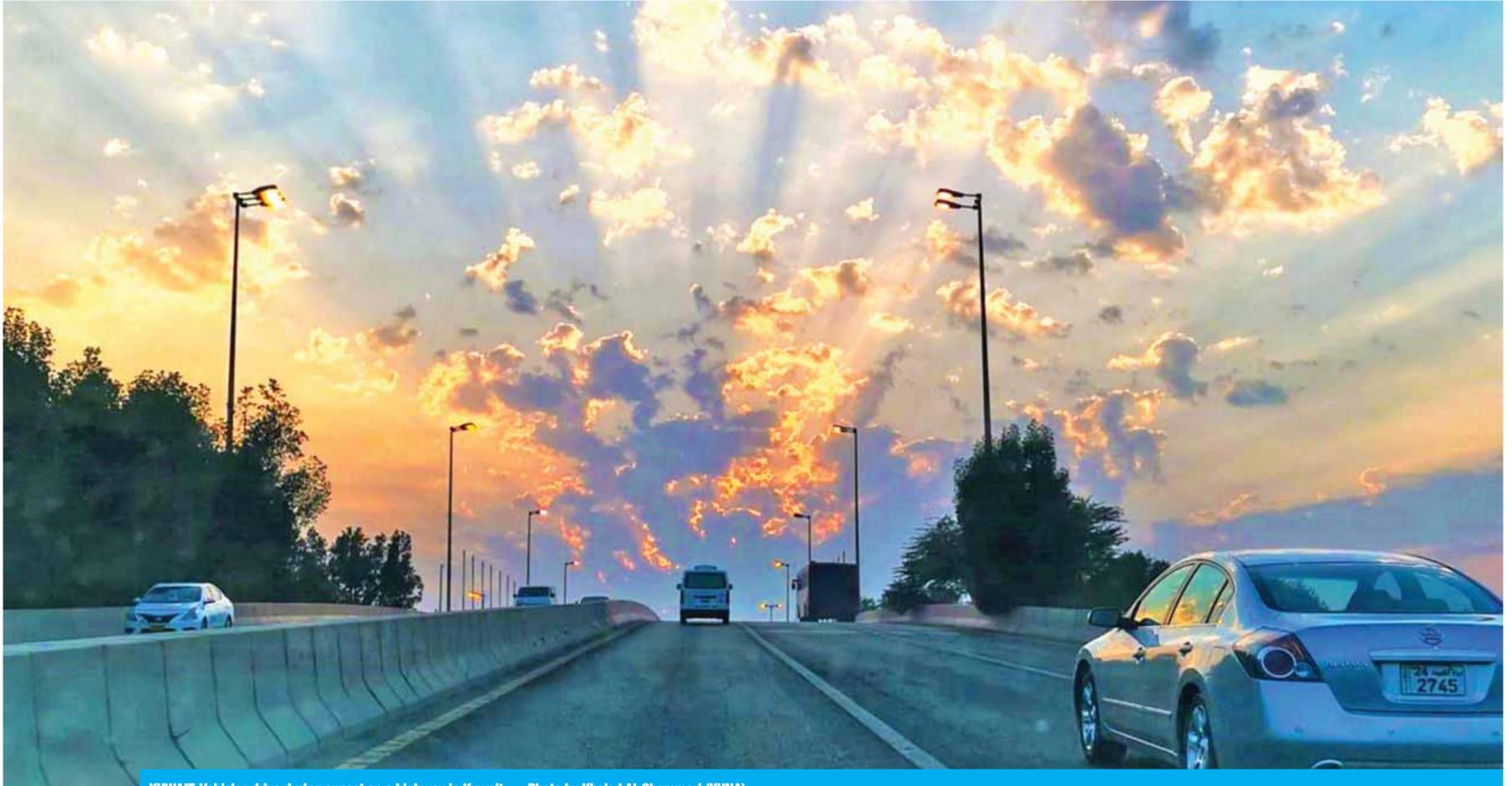


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## Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: Vehicles drive during sunset on a highway in Kuwait. — Photo by Khaled Al-Shammari (KUNA)

## Kuwait continued philanthropic action throughout 2019

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**KUWAIT:** The State of Kuwait, which the UN termed as a 'Humanitarian Center,' kept extending a helping hand for people in need in many parts of the globe. The following are major philanthropic contributions by the Gulf state throughout 2019.

**January 16:** His Highness the Amir directed dispatch of \$1.5 million in emergency relief aid to Syrian refugees in Rukban camp in Lebanon, through the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society.

**January 17:** Kuwait donated \$5 million for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to cover UNHCR's program for Syrian refugees in neighboring countries.

**January 18:** Kuwait contributed \$9.1 million to a number of UN agencies to support the humanitarian situation in Syria.

**January 20:** Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) launched a donation campaign at the Avenues Mall for the relief of the Yemeni people.

**January 31:** KRCS launched an emergency convoy to aid displaced people from the Yemeni governorates, including five trucks carrying 100 tons of humanitarian aid.

**February 3:** Kuwait offered a financial support of one million Euros to re-activate a hospital in the Italian city of Norcia after a devastating earthquake.

**February 7:** KRCS distributed 100 tons of humanitarian aid to 41,000 people across Yemen.

**February 26:** Kuwait donated \$250 million to the Humanitarian Response Plan Conference in Yemen launched by the UN in Geneva.

**March 14:** Kuwait announces \$300 million support to the Syrian refugees during the third Brussels conference on supporting the future of Syria and the region.

**April 5:** KRCS sent the first plane to Iran to help the flood victims upon the directives of His Highness the Amir.

**April 6:** KRCS offered humanitarian aid to Yemeni people in Socotra Island.

**April 24:** KRCS donated three medical clinics to Iraq displaced people as part of the 'Kuwait by your Side' campaign.

**May 13:** KRCS handed out food aid for 15 different countries to help more than 100,000 people during the holy month of Ramadan.

**May 25:** KRCS delivered 155 tons in medical aid for Yemeni people. July 8: Kuwait donated \$350,000 to build an educational center and a mosque in Montenegro.

**July 24:** KRCS President Dr Hilal Al-Sayer opened Sabah Al-Ahmad rehabilitation center in Sri Lanka. July 26: Kuwait donated \$5 million to UNRWA.

**August 3:** KRCS distributed 5,000 food baskets for refugees in Bosnia-Herzegovina.



A truck carrying humanitarian aid KRCS distributed to refugees.

**August 8:** Kuwait offered \$3 million to UN's FAO to boost food security in Syria.

**August 30:** KRCS sent the first airplane to Sudan with 40 tons of food and relief supplies to help the Sudanese people.

**September 12:** KRCS opened a water facility in Kenya. **September 28:** Kuwait donated \$11 million to support ICRC's operations in Yemen.

**October 20:** KRCS opened the fifth stage of a clinic for treatment of Syrian refugees in Amman, Jordan, bringing total aid to \$1 million in three years.

**November 4:** KRCS launched women designing and tailing project in order to improve families' income.

**November 4:** Kuwait has announced \$6.4 million voluntary contributions to a number of UN agencies, programs and funds to support UN humanitarian and developments activities.

**November 15:** KRCS launched an air corridor to Sudan, carrying 10 tons of food and humanitarian aid.

**December 16:** Kuwait pledges \$1 million grant to UN's emergency fund for 2020. — KUNA



KRCS volunteers attend a ceremony held for the opening of a Kuwait-funded water facility in Kenya.