

KUWAIT BATTLING TERRORISM AND EXTREMISM

WASHINGTON: The UN Envoy for Humanitarian Affairs and Amiri Diwan Advisor of Kuwait Dr Abdullah Al-Maatouq has re-affirmed that Kuwait is proceeding with actions aimed at confronting intellectual extremism and renouncing terrorism. Dr Al-Maatouq made the remarks after meeting officials of the US State Department and the US-based international relief organization, USAID, discussing bilateral relations and cooperation in various fields, namely humanitarian activities and combating terrorism.

He told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that his talks with the US officials dealt with plans to hold the fourth international donors' confer-

ence for Syria, tentatively due in Britain soon, and means of drumming up support for the forecast humanitarian event. He also affirmed the US officials' desire to ensure success of the expected convention, noting success of the three previous conferences that had been held for this purpose since break-out of the Syrian crisis in 2011.

The internationally renowned Kuwaiti official added in the remarks to KUNA that the American officials expressed gratitude to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for his patronization of the three conventions, affirming that His Highness earned the UN title, the "Humanitarian Leader"—along with the

State of Kuwait, which was designated as the "Humanitarian Center."

Dr Al-Maatouq also said he deliberated with the Americans means of backing relief agencies in Kuwait and the US, in addition to confronting terrorism and radical thoughts. The Amiri Diwan Advisor said he notified the American side that the State of Kuwait is continuing the war on terrorism, through support of governments of various states, noting formation of the Supreme Committee for Promoting Moderation, aimed at publicizing moderate religious rhetoric.

Al-Maatouq, also the Chairman of the Kuwait-based International Islamic Charitable Organization, added that he invited the American

officials to take part in a conference, to be organized by the association in late November. The convention, due to group all humanitarian NGOs in Kuwait, will be patronized by the First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. Kuwait, which has been granting aid to people in need around the world for years, has succeeded in pledging up to \$1.3 billion in aid for the Syrians as a result of the three previous conferences for the troubled nation.

Regional challenges

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Ambassador to Bahrain Sheikh Azzam Mubarak Al-Sabah said yesterday that bolstering

democratic path and strengthening national unity are considered one of the main protective fences against regional challenges. In a statement marking the second session of the Bahraini Parliament and Shura Council's fourth legislative term, scheduled to kick off today, Sheikh Azzam said the democratic reforms initiated by the Bahraini King are a protective fence against regional challenges in all areas. Sheikh Azzam added that Kuwaiti and Bahraini leading democratic experience has led to various developments and achievements, noting that Kuwait has presented a unique form of dynamic democracy which allows it to continue and flourish. —Agencies



The UN Envoy for Humanitarian Affairs and Amiri Diwan Advisor of the State of Kuwait Dr Abdullah Al-Maatouq.

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In brief

Anti-corruption authority charges Kuwait officials

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Combating Corruption (PACC) has referred a number of officials, involved in agricultural contracts, on charges of falsification and public funds' misappropriation to the Public Prosecution. The PAAC in the suit accuses a number of officials, involved in the case of an agricultural plot for an authority working in agricultural contracts, under umbrella of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries, of counterfeiting, public funds' misappropriation and power misuse, according to relevant laws and regulations. The authority indicated that it opted to resort to legal action after initial investigations revealed that the officials were suspected of involvement in these illegal acts, indicating that the case was submitted to the prosecution on October 8th.

Ministry of Commerce responds to violations

KUWAIT: Minister of Commerce and Industry Dr Yousef Al-Ali said yesterday that his ministry has continued to respond to violations issued by government monitoring entities in the past years, particularly those related to the undersecretary's technical office work and its organizational structure. In a statement, Al-Ali said they're responding to such violations for the purpose of improving work environment in the ministry and utilizing available human energy, including employing the technical office's workers in various administrations vacancies at the ministry. Al-Ali noted that such measures of employing are also based on their field and in implementation of the Civil Service Commission's recommendations and State Audit Bureau's report of 2013-14. The minister added that the ministry's response is also part of the government and parliament cooperation in responding to all remarks provided in these reports. Al-Ali said the ministry's upcoming work plan will be based on two factors, development and productivity with the focus on caring for the human element, namely the national one.

Last phase of applying IBAN system finalized

KUWAIT: Central Bank of Kuwait Governor Mohammad Al-Hashel announced that the CBK has finalized last phase of applying the IBAN (the International Bank Account Number), for unifying banking systems globally. The CBK Governor affirmed in a statement the necessity of implementing the electronic system for it secures rapid transfers, without any time consuming faults. First phase of implementing the IBAN was launched on January 1st, 2011, the second phase resulted in full preparedness by the banks in Kuwait to apply the IBAN, effective April 2013 and the third stage would end with full readiness of all government departments for its installment—which has become compulsory for all financial transfers, as of November 1st, 2015. Governor Al-Hashel emphasized keenness of staying abreast of latest innovations in the sector globally.



Central Bank of Kuwait Governor Mohammad Al-Hashel

Kuwait takes part in ICEEE meetings in US

KUWAIT: Undersecretary of the Ministry of State for National Assembly Affairs Engineer Ahmad Al-Marshad took part in the meetings of the International Conference of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (ICEEE) in the United States representing Kuwait. Al-Marshad told KUNA by phone that this meeting comes within the framework of activities of the ICEEE which is a professional non-profit organization based in the United States and has branches in all countries of the world, pointing out that the ICEEE seeks to raise the technical and vocational level of its members. He added that Kuwait's branch, headed by Abdul Rahman Al-Ghoneim, has already proposed the establishment of the Gulf branch, which consists of all branches of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), recalling the annual conference of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in the GCC.

Princess Basma lauds Jordanian-Kuwaiti ties

AMMAN: Princess Basma bint Talal said yesterday that the bilateral relations between Jordan and Kuwait are "distinctive and historic" on all levels. Princess Basma, who heads Um Al Hussein orphanage charity stressed, in a statement to Kuwait News Agency on the sidelines of the opening of a diplomatic charitable bazaar in the Jordanian capital, keenness of the leaderships of both countries to develop relations and strengthen them constantly, pointing out that the Kuwaitis are like family and friends for all Jordanians. She praised the continued participation of Kuwait represented by its embassy to Jordan in the annual bazaar which is dedicated to orphans and charitable work overseen by Um Al Hussein orphanage charity. For his part, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Jordan Dr Hamad Al-Duajj asserted to KUNA keenness of the Kuwaiti diplomatic mission to participate in the Bazaar which comes within the framework of humanitarian action. He added that this humanitarian activity, which is renewed annually, embodies the highest sense of partnership, solidarity and humanitarian work with the diplomatic corps operating in Jordan, stressing the importance of strengthening the humanitarian and charity work and actively participate in any activity aimed at helping the needy.



Former Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati seen with Kuwait Embassy's Representative to Lebanon Mohammed Al-Khaldi during the inauguration ceremony. — KUNA



KUWAIT-FUNDED ORPHANAGE OPENS IN LEBANON'S TRIPOLI

TRIPOLI: Lebanon's former Prime Minister Najib Mikati inaugurated yesterday a Kuwaiti-funded orphanage for handicapped children in Tripoli city, north of Lebanon, in presence of Kuwait Embassy's Representative to Lebanon Mohammed Al-Khaldi. The inauguration ceremony was held on the sidelines of the 6th International Scientific Conference, entitled "Technology and Rehabilitation In Serving Children's Mental and Physical Health" organized by Al-Rahma Medical Complex.

Mikati, in a statement to KUNA, praised Kuwait's proactive role and

efforts in the philanthropic and humanitarian field, as well as its permanent support of humanitarian issues, affirming his country's appreciation to Kuwait and its people. He also thanked organizers and financiers of the new orphanage, stressing the importance of constructing such centers and projects that contribute to the fortification of communities and improving their living and health conditions.

Tripoli's Grand Mufti Malek Al-Shaar expressed his most gratitude to His Highness the Amir, government, and people of Kuwait for providing constant

aid and support to Lebanon, indicating that Kuwait has left a significant mark on every philanthropic, humanitarian, and Islamic project in his country and the world. Meanwhile, Walid Al-Ammar, Director of the External Relations Department in Kuwaiti Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry, told KUNA that the ministry has contributed \$300,000 for the new orphanage building project as part of its support of humanitarian cases.

The ministry also contributed to projects that serve Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan, Al-Ammar said,

noting that the ministry also provides aid and support, in cooperation with Kuwaiti Zakat House, to projects and activities that alleviate the displacement burdens for Syrians. For his part, Kuwaiti Embassy's Representative Al-Khaldi affirmed Kuwait's humanitarian role in providing various potentials and opportunities to support humanity and help it in times of difficulty. He also confirmed that Kuwaiti philanthropists never hesitated in providing all forms of help and contribution for whatever serves humanity and improves health services in communities around the world. — KUNA

PLAN TO BUILD FIRST LOCAL PLASTIC RECYCLING PLANT

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: The Kuwait Society for Environmental Protection plans to build the first plastic recycling plant in Kuwait. The society's Secretary General Abdul Ameer Al-Jazzaf said that the society was open to all suggestions and national voluntary projects designed to protect the environment. "The Omneya project is mainly concerned with collecting used plastic water bottles," he explained, adding that the project was part of the 'Green Schools' program organized by the society this year. Sana Al-Ghemlas, who launched the Omneya project, said that the project started with an initiative by Farah Shaaban, Saud Al-Fauzan and herself with the aim of recycling all used plastic water bottles and all types of recyclable plastics.

Moon close to planets

Manager of the space and astronomy

department at the Scientific Club Bader Al-Omaira said that the moon would be seen close to Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn starting from Oct 8 for four subsequent days.

Branch request

Kuwait Credit Bank has urged the Municipality to allocate a temporary mobile location for it in Sabah Al-Ahmad City in order to help facilitate transactions for engineers working there on construction, expansion and repair sites. The bank also requested that the branch be located close to the transmission tower because all its transactions mainly depended on the Internet.

New wedding hall

The Municipality has agreed to allocate a new location to build a 1,500-sq-m wedding hall in Qairawan with a 2,400-sq-m parking area around it.

ITPGRFA ELECTS KUWAIT TO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ROME: Members of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) elected Kuwait yesterday to be a member of its consultative technical committee for sustained usage for genetic plant and agriculture resources. The announcement was made at the conclusion of the 6th session of the Governing Body of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) 136-member nation plant treaty, held in Rome.

Kuwait's Representative to the ITPGRFA Dr Fadhilah Al-Salamin expressed, in a statement to KUNA, her appreciation for the election, which would surely boost Kuwait's role with regard to international treaties, namely the 2003 treaty, which was signed by 40 other nations, including Kuwait, in 2004. Salamin stressed the importance of the ITPGRFA as a binding legal treaty that includes all genetic

resources related to food and agriculture, and aims at protecting genetic plants, food and agriculture.

Kuwait, through the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), seeks to introduce new types of improved crops in line with the treaty through the exchange of genetic plants, with the goal to improve Kuwait's non-commercial agricultural sector and genetic plant development research, Al-Salamin added.

The Kuwaiti representative stressed Kuwait's keenness to make better use of the treaty through training courses and scientific and practical workshops for Kuwaiti personnel and specialists. Earlier, the FAO session tackled ways on how to enhance the current multi-lateral system through the creation of one Global Information System on Plant Genetic Resources. — KUNA

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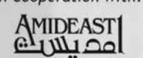
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