

In Brief

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS IN UAE REACH KD 82 MLN

DUBAI: Kuwaiti investors had pumped more than one billion dirhams (KD 82 million) in UAE real estate market during the first half of 2016, Dubai Land Department report said yesterday. Kuwaiti investments came second with 743 deals on the Gulf level after Saudi Arabia which came first place, the report added. The report added that the total value of foreign investments from 127 different nationalities reached more than AED 28 billion during the first half of 2016, with more than 14,000 deals. — KUNA



ARAB LEAGUE COMMENDS AFESD

NOUAKCHOTT: Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) was commended Friday on its keenness to implement His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's initiative to finance Arab private sector and SMEs. This came during preparatory meeting of the Arab League's Economic and Social Council ahead of the 27th Arab Summit. A draft resolution of the meeting noted that the total sum of initiatives hit \$1.3 billion, while the accumulated loans reached \$1.1 billion in 12 Arab countries. — KUNA



ARAB FUND FOR ECONOMIC & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

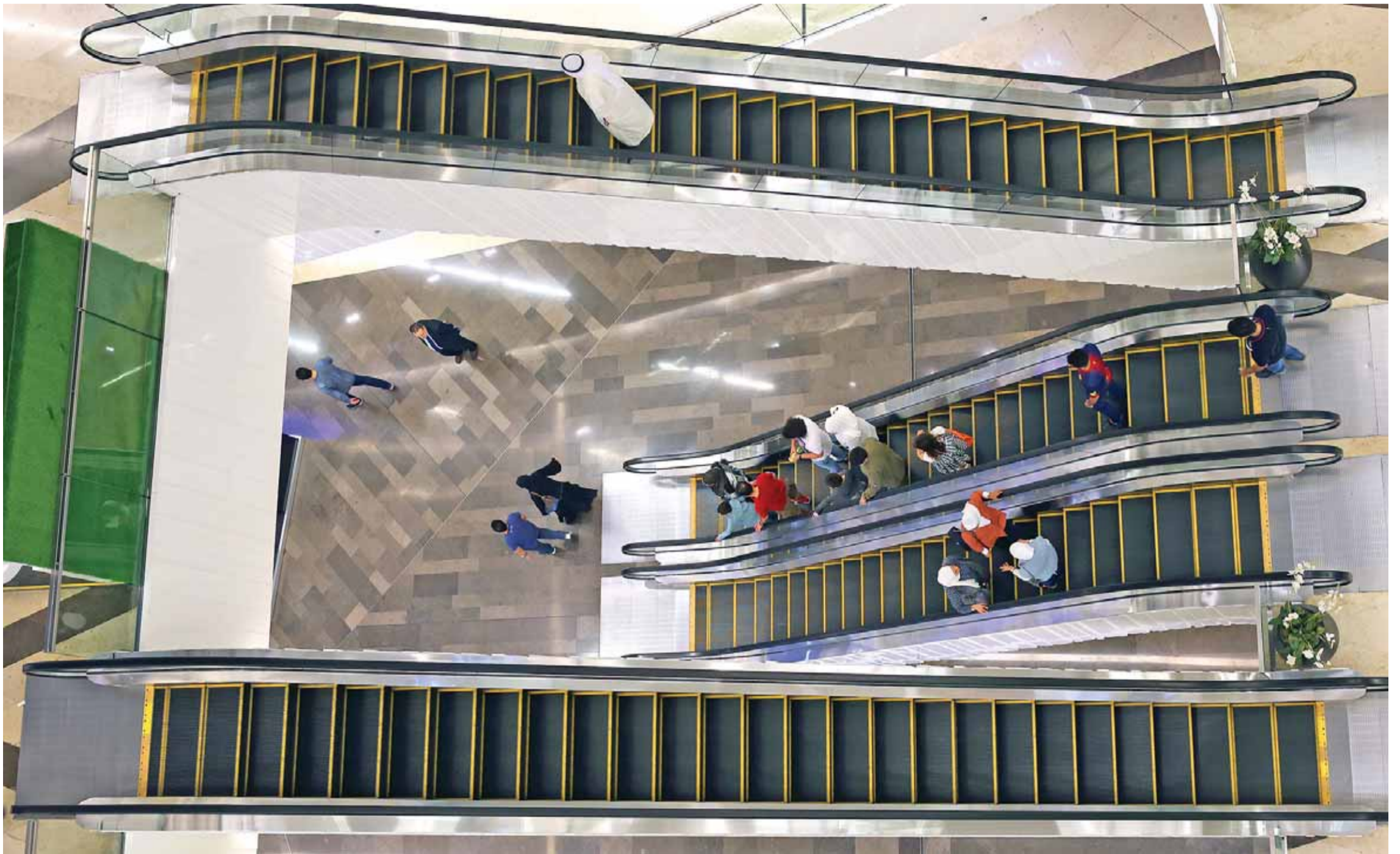
TANZANIAN MINISTER CALLS FOR COOPERATION

KUWAIT: Tanzanian Minister of Home Affairs Mwigulu Nchemba lauded cooperation with Kuwait, calling for boosting ties within the security domain, said a statement by the Embassy of Kuwait in Tanzania yesterday. According to the embassy, Minister Nchemba delivered this statement during his meeting with Ambassador Kuwait to Tanzania Jassem Al-Najem. Meanwhile, Najem lauded the level of cooperation with Tanzania, affirming that both nations were eager to pursue the development of ties within the security level. — KUNA



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KUWAIT: People use the escalators at Al-Hamra Mall in Kuwait City. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

KRCS AIDS DISPLACED PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN IRBIL MORE AID DISTRIBUTED TO SYRIANS IN LEBANON

IRBIL/BEIRUT: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) has handed out 800 food parcels to people with special needs in Irbil city, in Kurdistan region, Iraq. Charge d'Affaires of Kuwaiti consulate in Irbil Musaed Al-Kleb said yesterday that the consulate has initiated its 8th KRCS campaign under the guidance of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and in line with his humanitarian initiative in aiding Iraqi people.

Earlier last week, Kuwait handed out 5,000 food rations for the displaced Iraqis in Kurdistan, through the KRCS, where international and local organizations predict that more replacement of civilians will occur due to military actions to liberate Mosul city.

Syrians in Lebanon

Meanwhile, KRCS has continued delivering relief supplies to Syrian families in a number of Lebanese regions. Anwar Al-Ali, the KRCS field team's leader, said yesterday that the aid was given to 250 families in Al-Rafid village, in the Western Bekaa, south-east of Beirut. The supplies included food, detergents, sweets and gifts for children.

Meanwhile, Yousef Boutros, operations coordinator of the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), said the KRCS relief contributions have largely alleviated plight of hundreds of Syrian families that have set-

led up in Lebanese regions. He conveyed the refugees' gratitude to His Highness the Amir, the Kuwaiti Government and people for all what they have given. There are at least one million Syrian refugees in Lebanon, living in shanty towns in the eastern Bekaa valley and northern areas.

1,000 families

On Friday, KRCS launched a new relief campaign aimed at providing 1,000 Syrian refugee families with food and other necessities. Ali explained that the society gave supplies to 250 Syrian families in

Al-Muhammara in Akkar, northern Lebanon. The materials included detergents, gifts and sweets to children. He affirmed that the society is pursuing the operation of aiding the Syrian refugees, who have been enduring hard living conditions.

The Kuwaiti society started launching such campaign to relieve the Syrians shortly after flare-up of the Syrian crisis in 2011. Lebanon, a Mediterranean country with limited resources, hosts more one million Syrian refugees, many subsists on meager resources. — KUNA



IRBIL/BEIRUT: These handout photos released by the Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) shows KRCS workers deliver aid to displaced people with special needs in Irbil, Iraq, as well as Syrian refugees in Lebanon. — KUNA