

In Brief

UN ENVOY MEETS YEMENI DELEGATION

KUWAIT: The UN Special Envoy for Yemen Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmad on Saturday held talks with the delegation of the Yemeni government taking part in the Kuwait consultations, that has been in progress since April 21. The session discussed practical ideas and proposals on the major issues of the coming period and the mechanisms necessary to bridge differences over the political, humanitarian, and economic aspects of the period. —KUNA



NEWS BULLETIN IN NEW LOOK

KUWAIT: The news of the Kuwait TV witnessed an overall revamp in terms of content and form as of yesterday, said a senior official at Ministry of Information Saturday. This revamp is in line with the studio (160) which has been recently provided with the state-of-art equipment, Mohammad bin Naji, assistant undersecretary of the news sector and political programs at the ministry, added in a statement. —KUNA



KSC DIVERS RETRIEVE SUNKEN BOAT

KUWAIT: A diving team from Kuwait Science Club (KSC) managed to retrieve a 22-foot long boat that capsized near the fishermen's Diwaniya at Al-Kut marina on Saturday. Soon after being notified of the accident, the divers rushed to the scene and managed to bring back the boat, said Mohammad Al-Rashed, director of the KSC marine ecology department and head of the team, noting that the team was able to control a petrol leak from the boat. —KUNA



Photo

of the day



KUWAIT: Kuwaiti parliament speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem takes a selfie with fans ahead of the start of a friendly indoors football match in Kuwait City on June 18, 2016. A friendly football match between two teams comprising of members of Kuwait's Cabinet and Parliament takes place every year in Kuwait during Ramadan as a way to melt the ice between the two authorities. Practicing sports, including football has become an increasingly popular leisure time activity during Ramadan in Kuwait. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

ZAIN SHARES JOYS OF GIRGEAAN WITH CARE CENTERS



KUWAIT: Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, shared the joys of the blessings of the holy month and the tradition of Girgeaan with orphans, the elderly, and people with special needs, by visiting the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor's Care Centers. The initiative came under the company's extensive CSSR campaign during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Every Ramadan, Zain is keen to reach out to the many segments of the community, including orphaned children, the elderly, and people with special needs to share the joyful blessings of the Holy Month with them. Zain believes in the importance of embracing the beautiful values of the Islamic religion as well as the noble traditions of the

Kuwaiti heritage, all year round and especially in the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Zain's team, consisting of staff and volunteers, participated in distributing gifts and Girgeaan candy to care centers in an atmosphere filled with joy and happiness. The company believes the Holy Month of Ramadan is a special time of the year, and it is always keen on sharing the blessings of this time with those who are less fortunate in the community. Zain's continuous participation with different segments of society is a testament to the company's belief that improving the lives of communities in which it operates is central to its overall activities.

Ramadan presents a special occasion for Zain to com-



municate and interact with the Kuwaiti community through its extensive CSSR campaign. Zain's Ramadan contributions included the distribution of essential food supplies (Machla boxes) to multiple charitable organizations based in Kuwait, the Iftar Halls initiative which provides daily Iftar meals through two main halls, visiting children in hospitals, as well as organizing a special event for Al Amal children with cancer.

Zain's social and CSSR campaign during the Holy Month of Ramadan includes an extensive array of initiatives and programs that will focus on helping less fortunate people to enjoy Ramadan happily, as well as celebrating the true spirit of the Holy month brings.

AHLI UNITED BANK LAUNCHES CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN COLLABORATION WITH LOYAC

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank (AUB) announced the launch of a number of social engagement activities that are set to take place throughout the Holy Month of Ramadan, in partnership with LoYAC Kuwait. The Bank's latest initiative aims at strengthening the bonds and compassion among society and spreading joy during the Holy Month.

As part of its social program in Ramadan with LoYAC, the Bank has conducted visits to the elderly in care centers across Kuwait with an objective of connecting with the elderly citizens, accommodating their needs and sharing joyful moments. Other activities included AUB's contribution to providing clothes and food for 10 needy families at this time.

AUB is to reinforce its social engagement activities throughout the Holy Month of Ramadan by visiting the members of the Down Syndrome Society and distributing gifts as well as Girgeaan packs to around 80 children. The Bank will also visit the Al-Kharafi Special Needs Center where gifts and Girgeaan packs will also be given to around 50 special needs children.

AUB announced in a press release: "the Bank continues to increase its social contri-

butions on a continuous basis throughout the year, especially throughout Ramadan, in an effort to reflect upon the Holy Month's values of mercy and spirituality."

"AUB continues to move towards imple-

menting its social responsibility approach by direct participation and interaction, including the help of volunteer work of employees, and not just with financial support across a number of social initiatives." The

Bank's approach mirrors its commitment towards the local Kuwaiti society, stressing that the Bank will spare no effort to strengthen their participation in the various initiatives that are in the interest of society.

Moreover, AUB said "We are proud with the collaboration between AUB and LoYAC. These activities are only the initial results of this fruitful collaboration. We plan to increase and diversify our activities in the near future and are hopeful that this new tie up will extend to achieving its long term objectives, of supporting the local Kuwaiti society through partnership and cooperation between financial institutions and the youth community who can provide meaningful initiatives."

LoYAC is a nonprofit organization and was established in 2002 as a positive initiative that aims at encouraging positive change amongst the youth as a proactive response to violence around the world. The founding members of LoYAC recognized that youth can be led towards peace by providing them with opportunities for personal growth; experience the joy of service and developing their professional skills to qualify and enable them to join the workforce.



Young Voices

'KUWAIT IS AN AMAZING PLACE'

By Athoob Al-Shuaibi

Nearly a quarter of Kuwait's entire population is under the age of 14 and yet with the exception of school assemblies, we never hear their voices. During Ramadan, Kuwait Times likes to publish a special series that engages with its readership in a more direct, personal way to learn their concerns, issues and viewpoints.

This Ramadan, we will chat with some of our youngest readers about their lives in Kuwait, in an attempt to see the world through their eyes. What do they see for the future of our beautiful country? What would they improve and how would they change it? By listening to their future plans, stories, and experience in Ramadan, we can remind ourselves and hopefully our readers of the ties that bind us all together as a species. These are the voice of Kuwait's future and we invite them to share their thoughts with us here.

Alifa Iqbal is a 10-year-old girl who is passionate about baking. She is creative in art and craft and likes bicycling. "I am very friendly - I like making new friends; I enjoy playing with babies; I love shopping and travelling and exploring new places around the world. My dream is to go on a world tour," she stated.

Alifa is planning to spend Ramadan and Eid in Kuwait, then she might travel. In August, she has a family wedding to attend. "I like Kuwait because I have my family here and I like going to the variety of restaurants in Kuwait. I have a lot of Kuwaiti friends - they are really kind to me. Kuwait is an amazing place - may Allah bless it more," she said.

Alifa likes to go to Kidzania, Aqua Park, Magic Planet and Cartoon Network World for fun. However, she believes that Kuwait could be a more beautiful and better place if we plant more trees to make the country look greener and fresher. Fasting during Ramadan is something she began doing when she was younger. Her favorite thing about Ramadan is spending more time with her family, playing and fasting together. She also prefers to eat shrimps, Chinese food and fruit salads.

In the holy month, she recalls the most recent funny incident that happened on the first day of Ramadan. "My youngest brother was eating an ice cream and I had a craving as well, so I rushed to the freezer and took one out and had a bite or two. Then I realized I was fasting and I ran to the sink to rinse my mouth," she said.

If you would like your child to be interviewed for this special series, please email us at local@kuwaittimes.net

