

## SHEIKH MOHAMMAD LEAVES TO REPRESENT AMIR AT OIC SUMMIT

**KUWAIT:** Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah left yesterday to Indonesia to represent His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in the extraordinary round of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) summit on Palestine and Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque. — KUNA



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# JORDANIAN KING AFFIRMS COORDINATION WITH GCC

**AMMAN:** King Abdullah II of Jordan has asserted the continuous coordination and consultation with GCC leaders on how to best serve their joint interests. The King also underscored the strong ties binding the two sides. The King's remarks came in a meeting with a number of Jordanian newspaper Editor-in-Chiefs Thursday night.

King Abdullah II added that the priority of Jordan is maintaining security, adding that Jordanian Armed Forces are facing challenges on a daily basis, saying that such challenges are being dealt with efficiently, affirming his robust trust in the Jordanian army. The Jordanian leader said such challenges mirror what's taking place in the region, including the ongoing crises in the region. King Abdullah added that confronting radicalism is considered one of the top national issues that must be dealt with, particularly in raising awareness on how to protect the nation through the Jordanian media. — KUNA



King Abdullah II



## SCOUTING CONFERENCE EXTOLS KUWAITI EXPERIENCE IN HUMANITARIAN WORK

**KUWAIT:** Attendees of the eighth conference of the Arab Association for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides said yesterday that the Association makes use of the Kuwaiti experience in humanitarian work. Moreover, they called in a final statement to the conference, hosted by Kuwait, that school curricula in the Arab world should include contents on environmental awareness.

The final statement also recommended that governments and NGOs should work in unison to enhance the individual and the society. The statement further under-

scored the need to provide an environment for civil society organizations to thrive and grow.

It moreover brought attention to the need to take up the cause of "Scouts for Al-Quds or occupied Jerusalem," saying that all scouts should know about the socio-political situation in that city. The attendees agreed that all scouting outfits in Arab countries should remain true to the scouting movement by upholding its core values that seek to improve the individual and society together. — KUNA

## ARAB GROUP URGES HELP FOR HANDICAPPED CAUGHT UP IN WAR

**GENEVA:** The Arab Group at the UN Human Rights Council seeks solutions for the plight of people with special needs caught up in the maelstrom of wars and instances of terrorism, a Group official said yesterday. Representing the Group and addressing the Council's 32nd meeting in Geneva, Kuwait's delegate to the UN in this city, Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim, said that the Arab countries were concerned about the fate facing many children, women, and the elderly in areas of armed struggle.

In these areas, often the pervasiveness of terrorism has absented any modicum of democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, he said, underlining the fact that in such areas, and due to prolonged fighting, the infrastructure has been severely compromised, affecting in the process the quality of the lives of inhabitants of these areas. In particular, aid in these areas could not be easily delivered to

such vulnerable groups as those with special needs, children, women, and the infirm, he noted in his speech.

He said the Arab Group of nations at the UN subscribed earnestly to the notion that people with special needs should be sincerely coopted and assimilated into society with the intent of treating them as equal partners to people with no handicaps. He added that people with special needs should be afforded easy access to information, transportation, communication, taking part in daily activities, and to exercising their human rights in full.

Arab countries, he said, had shown interest in issues related to people with special needs as far back as 1998 when the Arab Organization for People with Special Needs was established, noting that these countries have enlisted addressing the rights of people with special needs as a primary priority among issues for the Arab Development Plan for 2030. — KUNA



**KUWAIT:** Ambassador of Bulgaria to Kuwait Alexander Olshevski hosted a ceremony recently to celebrate his country's national day. Senior officials, diplomats and other dignitaries attended the event. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

