



Minister Ali Al-Omair

MINISTER PROMISES TO SOLVE FARWANIYA PROBLEMS

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KUWAIT: Minister of Public Works Ali Al-Omair promised residents in Farwaniya Governorate's areas to work on solving problems and removing obstacles they are facing. The minister made his remarks to reporters during a tour he carried out with MP Saad Al-Khanfour Al-Rasheedi around the governorate Thursday night.

The minister further indicated that a

committee that was formed to investigate the 'flying pebbles' problem has submitted its final report. "A neutral investigation was carried out, and those responsible are being held accountable," he said without elaborating further. The problem emerged early this year when heavy rain damaged streets around the country, causing gravels to break-apart and damage vehicles when they are sent flying after making contact by the tires of other passing vehicles.

Responding to questions about the new airport terminal's building, Omair said that a letter was sent to the State Audit Bureau, requesting that they speed up the process of investigating the tender and making their recommendations; which is a necessary step before the project can be sent to the cabinet. Omair thanked MP Rasheedi for the conducting the tour. "We know that some areas need maintenance, and they will be dealt with accordingly," he said.



MP Saad Al-Khanfour



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UN ENVOY TO YEMEN COMMENDS KUWAIT'S HUMANITARIAN AID

KUWAIT: United Nations Special Envoy to Yemen Ismail Ould Cheikh said Kuwait had a pioneering role in the provision of humanitarian and relief aid to the Yemen people since the outbreak of their country's crisis.

Kuwait has provided \$100 million in humanitarian aid to Yemen with the goal of easing out the sufferings and woes of Yemeni people, Cheikh was quoted as saying in a press statement released by the Kuwait Relief Society.

The State of Kuwait is well-known for its pioneering humanitarian and charitable role in supporting Arab issues, especially in times of crises and disasters, he said during his visit to the society. "Since the outbreak of the Yemeni crisis, we have been impressed by Kuwaiti support that has contributed to the provision of necessary services to refugees, homeless people, the needy and orphans," he added.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Relief Society Chairman Tareq Al-Isa said Kuwait's nonstop humanitarian and relief aid to Yemen is part of fraternal and religious initiatives. Kuwait has dispatched 10 convoys involving relief aid to different affected areas in Yemen, he pointed out.

Intercultural dialogue

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Permanent Delegate UNESCO Dr Meshaal Hayat stressed the importance of adopting principles of peaceful living and intercultural dialogue in

bringing people of world closer together and preventing humanitarian crises. Hayat made his remarks Thursday while addressing the "culture of respect: freedom of expression and religious symbols" symposium, which kicked off at the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization headquarters in the French capital.

"Peaceful living, respect of religions and religious symbols, and intercultural dialogue pave way for convergence among people," the Kuwaiti envoy said in his opening speech, adding that preserving the freedom of expression and creativity is one of the main principles of human rights.

He also stressed the importance of supporting the foundations of human, cultural, and civil communication in order to prevent crises and disasters from taking place in the world, denying any relevance of racial and religious abuse of individuals to the freedom of expression. Hayat also pointed out the role and quality of education and media in consolidating human rights and freedom of expression, noting that "Arabia Plan" aims at reinforcing UNESCO's efforts to bolster the culture of respect, tolerance, anti-hatred, and anti-violence.

The two-day symposium aims at boosting culture of respect and anti-hatred with participation of a number of researchers and academic professors from Arab and non-Arab countries, in addition to representatives of human rights organizations. —KUNA

KUWAIT KEEN ON SUPPORTING LOCAL PRODUCTS: OFFICIAL

CAIRO: Kuwait is keen on supporting local products and introduce them to new markets abroad, a ministry official said yesterday. Taking part in world events, especially the Cairo International Fair, is a 'great opportunity' to showcase Kuwaiti products, said Mohammad Al-Khaldi, representative of the Kuwaiti ministry of commerce and industry. His remarks came on the occasion of Kuwait taking part in the Cairo Fair.

This participation, according to Khaldi, is also a chance for Kuwaiti business people to meet their world peers, exchange expertise and view investment opportunities in a bid to beef up trade volume. Kuwaiti products are 'very popular' due to their high quality and competitive prices, he noted.

The Kuwaiti pavilion in the Fair hosts 10 companies specialized in food manufacturing, therapeutic mattresses, cooling industry and chemicals among others. The 49th edition of the fair sees the participation of 300 international companies from 12 countries, with India being the guest of honor this year. —KUNA