

CROWN PRINCE RETURNS HOME

KUWAIT: Representative of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah returned home Thursday after partaking in the 2017 King Abdulaziz camel festival. His Highness was received at Kuwait International Airport by Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanem, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Advisor at the Crown Prince Diwan Nasser Al-Roudhan, and Saudi Ambassador to the State of Kuwait Dr Abdulaziz Al-Fayez. His Highness the Crown Prince was accompanied by Sheikh Faisal Al-Saud Al-Sabah, Sheikh Jaber Duaij Al-Ibrahim Al-Sabah, Sheikh Ali Nasser Al-Ali-Sabah, Sheikh Dr Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Governor of Ahmadi area Sheikh Fawaz Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, as well as Advisors at the Crown Prince Diwan Dr Humoud Mohammad Al-Otaibi and Sheikh Mubarak Al-Faisal Al-Saud Al-Sabah. —KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah returns home Thursday evening. —KUNA

IRAQ GRATEFUL FOR KUWAITI-FUNDED SCHOOL IN IRBIL

IRBIL: Iraq is grateful for the opening of a new school in Irbil as part of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society's (KRCS) "Kuwait is by your side" campaign, Iraqi Minister of Education Dr Muhammad Iqbal Al-Saidali said yesterday. The minister lauded KRCS for its ongoing efforts to aid Iraqis on all possible levels, saying that this was reflective of Kuwait's generous gestures towards the people of Irbil.

Meanwhile, Governor of Irbil Nawzad Hadi also took the chance to thank Kuwait for funding the construction of the school for the displaced, saying that the school, given the name Kathma, will stand as a structure displaying Kuwaitis' sincere wishes for the development of Iraq within the educational domain. Meanwhile, Kuwait General Console in Irbil, Dr Omar Al-Kanderi said that the Kathma School was the third institute funded by the KRCS. More of facilities of such kind will be opened soon, said the



IRBIL: Students celebrate during the opening ceremony of a Kuwaiti-funded school in Irbil, Iraq. —KUNA

diplomat, affirming that the society's efforts was in line with the Kuwaiti leadership and people's efforts to ease the pain of Iraqi displaced. —KUNA

IRAQI MARKET PROVIDES INCENTIVES TO KUWAITI INVESTORS: MINISTER

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti investors are welcomed to seek business within Iraq and they will have a slight advantage over other business personnel, an Iraqi official said yesterday. Kuwaiti companies and corporations have a strong presence in the regional and international markets, said Iraqi Minister of Planning and Commerce Suleiman Al-Jumaili. Iraq is interested in boosting economic and commercial ties with Kuwait, said the Iraqi official who affirmed that such cooperation would benefit both fellow Arab countries.



Iraqi Minister of Planning and Commerce Suleiman Al-Jumaili

He commended his meetings with Kuwaiti top officials, saying that the gatherings reflected the strong ties linking the two countries. Speaking on the situation in Iraq, the minister said that the greatest challenge facing development in Iraq was the security threat posed by the so-called Islamic State (IS) and other terror groups. Once the Iraqi government and allies successfully cleanse Iraq from terror groups, the national market will focus on building and reinforcing Iraq's economy. —KUNA

KRCS, IRC SIGN AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE WOUNDED SYRIANS

BEIRUT: A new agreement, worth \$188,000, was signed between Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) and the International Red Cross (IRC) to rehabilitate Syrian refugees in Lebanon who were wounded during the conflict in their country, a Kuwaiti official said yesterday.

KRCS representative in Lebanon Musa'ad Al-Enizi said that the agreement was part of the society's continuous efforts to help Syrian refugees in Lebanon. The agreement will also include other nationalities, said the Kuwaiti official who stressed that Syrian refugees will have the priority in receiving rehabilitation treatments.

Meanwhile, Head of the IRC delegation in Lebanon Fabrizio Carboni said that his organization was keen on bolstering efforts with KRCS to help all those who are in need including Syrian refugees in the country. The mission for the Syrian refugees will continue with other international partners to ease the pain of those who are suffering, said Carboni.

In other news, Al-Sayer Group's CEO Hamed Al-

Sayer said that Kuwait is always keen to provide a helping hand to people who are in need of aid worldwide. Speaking during a visit to Al-Rihaniyeh Syrian refugee camp in Akkar, the Kuwaiti official said that the visit, by officials from Al-Sayer group and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), was to assess efforts to provide electricity and warm water using portable and stationary solar panels. Sayer group's involvement is in line with the Kuwaiti leadership's policies to provide refugees, especially Syrians, with every bit of assistance that they need to overcome a bit of their suffering.

Sayer and UNEP Regional Director Iyad Abumoghli carried out the visit to Al-Rihaniyeh camp, which includes around 1,000 people who are living in 400 tents, mostly accommodating children, women, and the elderly.

Meanwhile, Abumoghli said that cooperation between Kuwait and UNEP was not new, affirming that both sides had worked previously on several programs in the region. The "annual and generous"

support and funding by Kuwait to UNEP ventures will always be appreciated by the international organization, said the official who hoped that both sides would be able to work together in the near future. A number of refugees at the camp said that were grateful for the assistance provided by the Kuwaiti group, saying that from darkness, the camp was transform into a place where light illuminated their paths and dwellings. The assistance also provided warm water that helped to bring a smile to the people who suffered from the lack basic human needs.

A statement by UNEP indicated that after suffering from long injustice and cold weather, the program - through the generous financial support of its main partner Kuwaiti Al-Sayer Group - has contributed to efforts to lighting up tents and walkways in the camp in addition to providing solar-powered water heaters. This initiative is the first of its kind in terms of using clean energy to cater to the basic needs of refugees in one of the largest camps in Akkar. —KUNA