

KUWAIT FOOD BANK, KASCO JOIN HANDS TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES

By Faten Omar

KUWAIT: Under the patronage of Kuwaiti businessman Bader Al-Kharafi, Kuwait Food Bank signed a joint cooperation agreement with Kuwait Aviation Services Company (KASCO) yesterday at the food bank's headquarters in Kuwait City to provide meals and fresh food items to needy families. During the press conference, Meshal Al-Ansari, Deputy Chairman of Kuwait Food Bank, said the agreement is based on the directives of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to continue charity and humanitarian work in Kuwait.

He added that the bank aims to be one of the first to serve the needy internationally, regionally and globally by providing food and basic needs to beneficiaries through a structured system. It also aims to increase awareness in the community over reducing wastage of food and provide assistance to less fortunate families.

KASCO is one of the leading providers of food services in the private sector. He pointed out that the food bank will deliver fresh KASCO meals to needy families on a daily or weekly basis in order to cover all areas in Kuwait.

"KASCO's products are considered to be of the best and highest quality in the region, and very nutritious too," Ansari said. He stressed that this joint agreement will strengthen the bank's contributions to the food sector through the provision and distribution of best food products to needy families.

Ansari told Kuwait Times that needy families can apply through the food bank's website, where their cases will be studied to provide the right program for them. "Kuwait Food Bank will not only support families with food supplies, but will also have several programs to create new jobs for the community and motivate all seg-

ments of society to volunteer. The food bank will try to treat the problem of thirst and hunger and contribute to relief campaigns for famines, wars and disasters around the world," he said. Ansari revealed that Kuwait Food Bank will expand in other Gulf countries through partnership with food banks there.

Kuwait Food Bank has signed a number of agreements with major food companies in Kuwait, including the distribution of coupons for basic foodstuff for 5,700 needy families. It also signed a contract with Quaker, a multinational international company that specializes in food products. It also provides for clothing and blankets to the needy in winter.

KASCO Chairman Ahmed Nasser Al-Bannai said this agreement is in compliance with the values of Islam, and follows the call by His Highness the Amir in support of charity work. "We hope that our company to be at the forefront of charitable activities," he said. Bannai expressed satisfaction that the deal will benefit the labor sector in Kuwait, especially low-income households. "The partnership reflects our commitment to good work, especially among the less-fortunate families in Kuwait."

Bannai said KASCO is one of the leading food companies specialized in the preparation and delivery of meals and buffets. The company produces more than 40,000 meals for more than 81 carriers in all levels required.

Notably, Kharafi established Kuwait Food Bank in 2016 in order to reduce food waste and help families in need by providing them with basic foodstuff and other items. Kuwait Food Bank accepts donations by sending an SMS with the amount of money you are donating (KD 1, KD 5 or KD 10) to the following numbers (Viva at 50487 and Zain at 94122) or through the website www.kuwaitfoodbank.org.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem and members of his accompanied delegation to the emergency meeting of Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union.

AMIR COMMENDS NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY STRATEGY



Chairman of the Central Agency for Information Technology Salem Al-Uthaina presents Kuwait's 2017-2020 national cyber security strategy to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Technology Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah and Chairman of the Central Agency for Information Technology (CAIT) Salem Al-Uthaina. During the reception, they gave an explanation about Kuwait's 2017-2020 national cyber security strategy aiming at setting out a roadmap for promoting information security and taking all relevant necessary

measures. His Highness the Amir hailed those who are in charge of the strategy which is considered a pioneering step in the cyber security field, wishing them more progress and success.

Earlier yesterday, His Highness the Amir received National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem, who was accompanied by the parliamentary delegation that took part in the emergency meeting of Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU) on Al-Aqsa Mosque, which concluded recently in Rabat, Morocco. — KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah (center) meets with Cabinet Affairs Minister and Acting Information Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah (right) and Chairman of the Central Agency for Information Technology Salem Al-Uthaina. — Amiri Diwan photos



KUWAIT: Meshal Al-Ansari, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Kuwait Food Bank (left), and Ahmed Al-Bannai, KASCO's Chairman of the Board attend the press conference. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

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FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS WITH OMANI COUNTERPART

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received yesterday, in presence of Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Technology Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, the visiting Omani Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yousef Bin Alawi, at Kuwait International Airport.

The reception was attended by Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Khaled Suleiman Al-Jarallah, Assistant Foreign Minister for the First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister's Office Affairs Ambassador, Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocols Ambassador Dhari Al-Ajran, and several other senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah welcomes the Omani Minister of Foreign Affairs Yousef Bin Alawi. — KUNA

KUWAIT CONTINUES MEDIATION EFFORTS TO RESOLVE GULF CRISIS: DEPUTY FM

KUWAIT: The State of Kuwait has been continuing its mediation efforts aiming to contain the Gulf crisis "amongst brothers," Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah stressed on Sunday. "We are pinning big hopes on efforts by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in this matter," he said in a remark to reporters.

Jarallah, on the sidelines of Moroccan Embassy's celebration on the Throne Day, said Morocco's Foreign Minister visited Kuwait last June to express his country's support for efforts by the State of Kuwait and His Highness the Amir. Kuwait's strategic relationship between the GCC member states and Morocco requires such move, he said. He expressed his gratitude to brothers in Morocco for their initiatives and visit to the region facing such differences.

Jarallah affirmed the distinguished relations between Morocco and GCC states, referring to honorable stances by Morocco supporting the Gulf. Such stances embody the strategic partnership with Morocco, he said. There is continued cooperation with Morocco on all levels, he said, referring to common coordination and understanding between the two countries. The two sides have common stances regarding regional and international issues, he stated.

The State of Kuwait and His Highness

the Amir have been making strenuous efforts for two months to make closer views between Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt on one

hand, and Qatar on the other hand. His Highness the Amir's mediation received overwhelming support from the Arab and Western countries. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Ministers Khaled Al-Jarallah (right) and the Moroccan Ambassador to Kuwait Jaafar Hakeem cut the cake during a ceremony to celebrate Morocco's national day on Monday. — Photos by Fouad Al-Shaikh