

In Brief

ARMY CHIEF VISIT LAUDED

KHARTOUM: Kuwait Ambassador to Sudan Bassam Al-Qabandi commended the outcome of Kuwait's Army Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Al-Khodher's visit and talks in Sudan. The visit was successful and greatly welcomed by President Omar Al-Bashir who decorated Khodher with the prestigious Order of Two Niles, he said. Khodher has attended the graduation of 46 Kuwaiti students from Sudan's Military College where other 138 nationals are still studying. — KUNA



LIVE AMMUNITION DRILL

KUWAIT: The Interior Ministry said yesterday that the Coast Guard will conduct a shooting drill using live ammunition in the country's territorial waters during February 19-21. The exercise will be carried out from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm near the Islands of Qaru and Umm Al-Maradem, it said in a press release. The Interior Ministry advised seagoers to refrain from approaching the identified locations during the drill. — KUNA



KUWAITIS IN CALIFORNIA WARNED

WASHINGTON: Kuwait's General Consulate in Los Angeles advised Kuwaitis in California to follow local instructions issued to avoid the dangers of the possible collapse of Oroville Dam, north of the state. In a statement released late Monday, the consulate said it had contacted the California authorities over the safety of Kuwaiti students, after the evacuation of about 18,800 people in the dam's surrounding areas. — KUNA



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KUWAIT: Birds share their meal of the day. — KUNA photo

KFH PARTNER OF KUWAIT PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION AWARENESS CONFERENCE



KUWAIT: Yousef Al-Ruwaieh speaks during the conference.



KUWAIT: Executive Manager Group Public Relations and Media at Kuwait Finance House (KFH), Yousef Abdullah Al-Ruwaieh affirmed the bank's commitment towards optimally shouldering the social responsibility and contributing in raising the awareness in the society, indicating KFH motivates the youth to believe in their capabilities toward development.

Speaking at Kuwait Pharmaceutical Association Awareness Conference that was attended by representatives of public and private sectors, Ruwaieh stressed the importance of supporting the youth and instilling confidence in them; thereby, cre-

ating a generation that is innovative and knowing its abilities to take right decisions. He added that KFH is keen on participating in such conferences and initiatives that emanates from its ongoing commitment towards assuming the social responsibility.

Meanwhile, Chairman of Kuwait Pharmaceutical Association Dr Hani Zakaria hailed KFH's participation in the conference as a social partner. It is worth noting that the awareness conference aims at increasing the awareness of the youth on the dangers of drugs and guide them on how to avoid drugs. Also, it raises the importance of fighting violence in general.

KIB VISITS AMERICAN CREATIVITY ACADEMY



KUWAIT: In a continuation of the Bank's program of student-focused social responsibility initiatives, a team from the Corporate Communications Unit at Kuwait International Bank (KIB) recently organized a visit to the American Creativity Academy in celebration of back to school season.

On this occasion, Fahad Al-Sarhan, Team Leader of Corporate Communications at KIB, said: "This visit was a great opportunity for us to congratulate students on the beginning of a

new academic semester. It also gave us the chance to engage directly with students, encouraging them to focus on their studies and their pursuit of knowledge, as education is undoubtedly the foundation on which we can build this country's future."

Sarhan said that during the visit, students were given an introductory presentation on the basics of banking and the fundamentals of savings. Additionally, at the end of the visit, the Bank's employees presented the students with a

variety of gifts and mementos, wishing them a fruitful academic year and a bright future full of success.

KIB has always been dedicated to supporting students, as it considers them to be one of the main pillars of society and the key to the country's future development. Through its leading social responsibility program, the Bank adopts and sponsors various cultural activities and educational initiatives that aim to nurture youth and further their knowledge and education.

KUWAIT WORKS ON INCREASING EMERGENCY AMBULANCES: MINISTER

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Health is keen on increasing the number of ambulances in the forthcoming period, said Minister Dr Jamal Al-Harbi on Monday. In a statement to reporters on the sidelines of the inauguration of Adan hospital's ambulance center today, Dr Harbi added that air ambulance in Ahmadi district dealt with 600 cases last year.

He noted that regular ambulances dealt with 22,000 cases in the same period, indicating that the new center has 17 modern ambulances and two helicopters equipped with crews of professional paramedics and technical staff to offer

urgent services to the wounded. The center serves several areas such as Mubarak Al-Kabeer, Fintas, Fahad Al-Ahmad, Eqaila, Mahboula and Jaber Al-Ali, he pointed out.

He stressed that the ministry has been evolving emergency departments at hospitals to provide developed services for patients and enhance potentials of workers periodically. The center has a department for training emergency staff on how to save lives of patients in record time in accordance with recommendations by World Health Organizations (WHO), the minister made clear. — KUNA



Health Minister Dr Jamal Al-Harbi