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A butterfly and a flower.-Photo by Ahmed Sorur—KUNA

KUWAIT DISTRIBUTES FOOD AID TO LIBERATED AREAS IN MOSUL

IRBIL: The State of Kuwait yesterday delivered about 150 tons of food and relief materials to the liberated districts of the city of Mosul. Representative of the Iraqi Unified Medical Association for Relief and Development Fahad Al-Obeidi told Kuwait News Agency that food baskets were distributed to the families in Mosul. He added that some 5,000 food baskets were distributed with each weighing 30 kilograms. Al-Obeidi pointed out that other families in the province would receive other batches later.

On his part, Chairman of the Strategic

Planning Commission Council of Nineveh province Khalaf Al-Hadidi said that Kuwait was among the first countries which assisted the province, expressing thanks and appreciation to the State of Kuwait for such generous aid. Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) and other Kuwaiti charitable bodies have provided assistance in previous occasions to Iraqis escaping from Mosul, the last stronghold of the so-called Islamic State (IS). On October 16 of 2016, the Iraqi army - along with local and international allies - launched the "Battle of Mosul" operation which aims at ridding Iraq from IS.

Living in government-established camps, some 130,000 displaced Iraqis from Mosul try to survive on whatever the authorities and humanitarian organizations might offer in terms of relief aid and food. As a result of the ongoing operation to liberate Mosul from the so-called Islamic State (IS), a number of civil society volunteers began to distribute millions of loaves to help feed the displaced. Muhannad Al-Awamri, a media coordinator and a civil society volunteer, said that the bread distribution campaign had received strong support from different components of the Iraqi society.

The volunteer, who's a representative of the Nineveh Governorate network for civil society organizations, revealed that their efforts was not only supported by the Iraqi government, but also was backed up fellow Arab countries such as Kuwait and the UAE. He hoped that this effort will help ease the suffering of the displaced, affirming that the people of Iraq will stand together against the terror propagated by the IS terrorists in 2016, the Ministry of Displacement and Migration delivered thousands of food baskets and offered assistance to Iraqis escaping from Mosul.—KUNA



Families in Mosul receive Kuwait's relief materials.—KUNA Photos