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## Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: The long-legged buzzard (*Buteo rufinus*), spotted in Jahra Pools Nature Reserve, is a bird of prey and one of the largest species of Buteo. Its length can range from 50 to 66 cm and wingspan from 115 to 160 cm. —KUNA photo

# Early breast cancer diagnosis raises recovery chances to 80%

## CAN spreads breast cancer awareness

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KUWAIT: Deputy Chairman of the National Campaign for Fighting Cancer (CAN) Dr Khalid Al-Saleh said early diagnosis is the best way to fight breast cancer especially that discovering it in the first or second stages raises recovery chances to over 80 percent. He said the main message of CAN to women is that "you hold your fate in your hands and can rescue yourself by early diagnosis and recognizing symptoms of the disease."

Dr Saleh was speaking during a press conference held Tuesday to launch the 'You Deserve Our Care' campaign for fighting breast cancer. He hoped that the current 40 percent of early diagnosis can be increased significantly in the coming future.

The CAN campaign, which began its activities nine years ago, includes more than 12 initiatives to spread awareness of various types of cancer, Dr Saleh said. It also focuses on changing the negative social stigmas about cancer, spreading awareness about its risks and causes which include smoking and unhealthy nutrition, as well as the importance of early diagnosis. The campaign also highlights the important role each of these topics play in the success of any treatment plan.

Dr Saleh further credited the Ministry of Health for providing all necessary means to carry out early diagnosis, which are available for both citizens and expatriates. The min-



istry has designated five medical centers for this purpose.

Meanwhile, CAN Board Member Dr Hussa

Al-Shaheen said the current campaign will continue until October 27, 2017, and will be concluded with a horses parade on Arabian

Gulf Road, then a lecture will be presented to patrons of the army officers' club. Dr Shaheen urged women who are above the

age of 40 to go for early diagnosis so that she can be cured completely if she was diagnosed with cancer.



## Kuwaiti surgeons perform rare heart pump transplant

KUWAIT: A Kuwaiti surgical team, assisted by a German team, performed the first surgical operation in the Middle East to transplant an artificial heart pump with a minimal invasive technique. Head of the surgery team at Sulaiman Al-Dabous Heart Center, Dr Riad Al-Tarazi, said that with the help of a German team from Hanover University, the artificial heart pump was successfully installed for a Kuwaiti patient in his fifties who was suffering from severe failure in heart function and blood circulation.

He added that the operation was conducted in a unique minimally invasive technique, which is the first of its kind type of operations to be performed in the Middle East.

This technique helps to avoid the complications associated with the traditional surgical method and



KUWAIT: The team of Kuwaiti and German surgeons who conducted the operation. —KUNA

helps the patient recover faster, he said. He added that the patient is currently in the intensive care unit in Dabous center, pointing out that ventilators have been removed in less than 24 hours from the conclusion of the surgery. —KUNA

## KFH launches 'Make Your Life Rosy' campaign

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) launched Breast Cancer Awareness campaign themed 'Make Your Life Rosy' in collaboration with the Kuwait Cancer Control Center and Al-Salam Hospital. This comes as part of the bank's social responsibility and efforts to increase awareness about breast cancer.

The campaign that coincides with the World Breast Cancer Awareness Month included a variety of awareness events and special discussion sessions to spread awareness among



women in the society. Moreover, KFH presented a number of awareness programs in social media platforms.

It is worth noting that KFH takes part in all relevant awareness campaigns such as diabetes and heart

diseases. The bank inks agreement with respective bodies locally and globally in a bid to coordinate and bolster efforts that aim at preventing Kuwait society from the serious impact of these diseases.