

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: A colorful sunset over Kuwait. — Photo by Jaber Abdulkhaleq (KUNA)

In Loving memory of Fouad Philip Bardawil

Founder of Al-Bahar & Bardawil Specialities

Who passed away on 20th December 2018 and was laid to rest in Lebanon on 28 December 2018. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Madeleine Esber and his children Philip, Sumaya, Albert and Marwan.

A condolence reception will be held by his family members, partners, colleagues and friends on Thursday 17 January 2019 from 16:00 to 20:00 at JW Marriott Hotel, Al Thuraya Ballroom, 16th floor, Salhia, Kuwait City

Skydivers shatter record in story of hardship, triumph

KUWAIT: Through sheer will and an unflinching determination to succeed, a trio of Kuwaiti Army officers have broken a Guinness skydiving world record for leaping 13,000 feet while carrying aloft a 63-square meter Kuwaiti flag. Kuwaiti lieutenant colonels Fahad Al-Yaqoub, Salem Al-Mell and Nasser Al-Sabah have set a skydiving world record through this notable achievement, according to Guinness judges. What started as an ambitious idea morphed into a huge accomplishment, an elated Al-Mell said yesterday, saying the triumvirate were not fazed by the

hardships they encountered. The accolade, he explained, is a testament to what Kuwaiti youngsters are capable of, saying he derived a sense of gratification from seeing the Kuwaiti flag fluttering proudly in the blue sky. Echoing his compatriot's sentiments, Al-Yaqoub said breaking a Guinness world record is no easy feat, citing the adversity the officers have had to withstand in an effort to turn their dreams into reality.

"This world-class achievement would not have been remotely possible without the support of the Kuwaiti leadership and people," he emphasized. With a little time to let their accomplishment sink in, Al-Sabah revealed that the officers were inundated with congratulations messages from Kuwait's political leaders, chief among them Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Officials from across Kuwait's political spectrum were ecstatic over the "unprecedented achievement," commending the officers for making all Kuwaitis proud, he added. — KUNA



KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti Army officers hold the Kuwaiti flag during their record-breaking skydive. — KUNA photos



The Kuwaiti Army officers pose with their Guinness World Record certificate. — KUNA

Qurain Cultural Symposiums address society issues

KUWAIT: Secretary General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) Ali Al-Youha said yesterday that Al-Qurain Cultural Festival seminars tackle many social issues and enriches the cultural arena. Youha made his remarks in his speech at the opening of the main symposium accompanying the 25th Qurain Cultural Festival entitled 'New Media and Cultural Crisis.' He said that NCCAL is proud of this festival, which represents a three-week cultural event with intensive cultural program to promote creativity. He pointed out that the success of the festival comes from the booming social and political situation in Kuwait, under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, coordinator of the seminar, Professor of Political Sociology at Kuwait University Dr Mohammed



KUWAIT: Secretary General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) Ali Al-Youha speaks during the symposium. — KUNA

Al-Rumaihi said in a similar speech that the seminar focused on the rapid media development in societies and its negative and positive impacts. The 25th Al-Qurain Cultural Festival kicked off on January 8 and will proceed until 25th of the month, and includes theatrical performances, movies, concerts, plastic exhibitions and artistic workshops. — KUNA