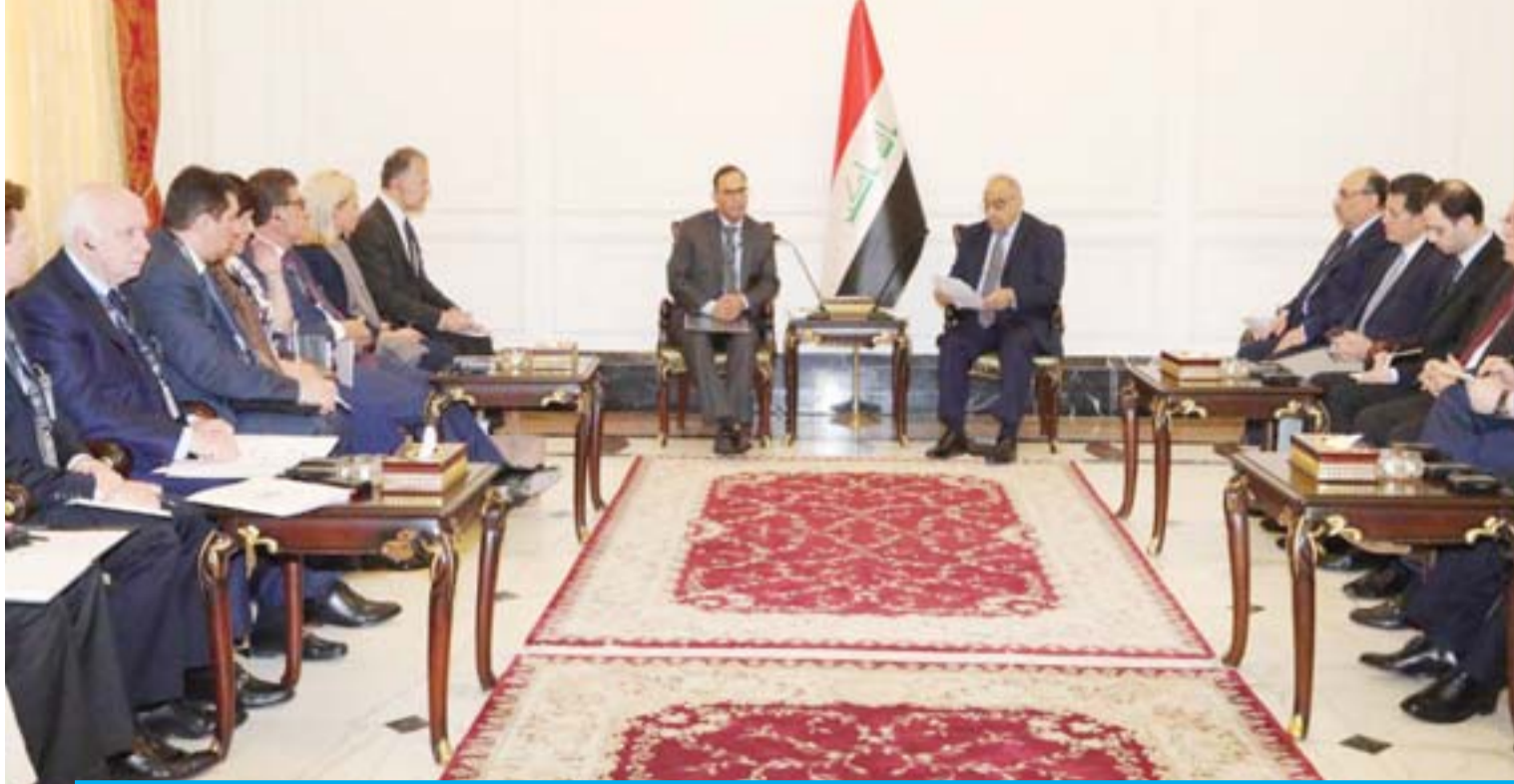


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Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi meets with the UN Security Council delegation members during their visit to Baghdad. — KUNA



GENEVA: Kuwait's permanent delegate to the UN Jamal Al-Ghunaim delivered Kuwait's donation to the International Labor Organization to support Palestinian workers. — KUNA photos

Kuwaiti aid continues to help people in hardship worldwide

Kuwait calls for action regarding 'thousands of people' missing in Syria

KUWAIT: Kuwait maintained its unwavering approach of humanitarily supporting nations on the field and politically as well. On the political level, Kuwait called on the UN Human Rights Council to take serious action over the whereabouts of thousands of people who have gone missing in Syria since the beginning of the country's civil war. The UN Human Rights Council should contact all parties concerned for information on the fate of the missing people, Kuwait's permanent delegate to the UN Jamal Al-Ghunaim said amid talks involving a UN commission investigating facts in the war-torn nation. He lamented the 'systematic and deliberate' nature of attacks on civilians in Syria, which has left the country's infrastructure heavily destroyed, said the diplomat. "Kuwait prioritizes the matter of missing people in armed conflict given the fact that we lived through that harrowing experience," he added, citing the Gulf state's Security Council-adopted draft resolution on missing persons during armed conflicts. The Kuwaiti envoy went on to describe the humanitarian situation in Syria as catastrophic, where some 11.7 million people are in dire need of urgent assistance. He reiterated Kuwait's support for a political solution as the only feasible way out of the eight-year old conflict, urging the UN Security Council to intervene and stop further bloodshed.

Meanwhile, Head of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic Paulo Pinheiro praised Kuwait's initiative to urge the United Nations Security Council to adopt resolution 2474. In his report on human rights violations in Syria,

Pinheiro expressed satisfaction over the success of the initiative, extending his thanks and gratitude to the State of Kuwait for the effort. He called on all parties involved in the Syrian crisis, especially the ruling regime, to take immediate steps to provide information about detained and missing families. He also stressed that it is unacceptable that the fate of tens of thousands of people remains unknown. The UN Security Council had adopted resolution 2474, which was submitted by Kuwait, on missing persons in armed conflicts.

Fighting disease

On another level, Kuwait showed keenness to support the objectives of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Ambassador Ghunaim delivered a statement in Geneva on the matter following his meeting with the fund's Executive Director Peter Sands at the headquarters of the Fund in Geneva. Kuwait has provided a voluntary contribution of \$500,000 to the fund in continuation of Kuwait's approach to support humanitarian action in the world, especially since a large part of the fund's work is directed towards combating these epidemics in many developing countries and Islamic countries, Ghunaim said. Kuwait was a pioneer in financing the operations of the fund immediately after its establishment with UN resolution in 2001, he added. Recent reports refers to outbreaks of tuberculosis and cholera in a number of countries such as Yemen, Somalia or Afghanistan, which requires urgent intervention to prevent their spread in the region. He also stressed need to take into

account the existence of some of these epidemics and infectious diseases in refugee camps and displaced in a number of countries in the region, which requires a rapid access to a preventive intervention to avoid its spread. He added that Kuwait will spare no effort to support the affected countries, stressing that cooperation between Kuwait and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria will continue to serve the international humanitarian agenda in the future. Ghunaim also handed over a \$500,000 donation from Kuwait to the International Labor Organization (ILO) to support Palestinian workers.

UN Security Council

Kuwait's global humanitarian efforts was also appreciated by international organizations such as

the UN Security Council. Members of the UN Security Council paid a visit to the State of Kuwait and the Republic of Iraq on June 28-29 in a mission co-led by the Kuwait and the United States, as members were grateful to the Governments of Kuwait and Iraq. The members of the Security Council noted that the visit underscored their support for Iraq's continued post-conflict recovery, stabilization, reconstruction and reconciliation efforts to meet the needs of all Iraqis, and emphasized the importance of the sovereignty, unity, territorial integrity and security of Iraq. Kuwait's Ambassador to the UN headquarters in New York Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi was head of the delegation in addition counterparts from other nations. — KUNA



Kuwait donates \$500,000 for anti-disease fund

State Audit Bureau marks 55 years of establishment

KUWAIT: The State Audit Bureau of Kuwait (SAB) marks today its 55th establishment anniversary as an entity in charge of monitoring public wealth. The bureau was founded on July 7, 1964 to be the chief audit authority to provide and propose solutions to dilemmas of financial nature for state and government bodies. According to article 151 of the Kuwaiti Constitution, the country must establish a body to monitor financial matters. The body is connected to the National Assembly and must present an annual report on the state's income, spending and management of accounts.

SAB's assistant undersecretary for financial and administrative affairs Essam Al-Mutairi noted that the bureau aims to achieve its strategic vision 2016-2020 themed 'sustainable professional excellence' to develop SAB's monitoring tasks. SAB monitors min-

istries, administrations, public authorities, municipalities, companies that the government has a percentage of no less than 50 percent in their capital and companies that use or run public properties, he said.

Meanwhile, Mutairi underlined SAB's achievements in 2018 including winning the first place in the elections for the Governing Board members of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) in Vietnam. The bureau also signed six cooperation agreements with its counterparts in Poland, South Africa, the US, the Maldives, Morocco and Turkey. Moreover, SAB organized about 12 regional and international events including seminars, training program and hosting international forums, he added. — KUNA



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Dr Adam Al-Mullah

Kuwait wins int'l environmental organization's membership

PARIS: Kuwait won a seat on the Executive Council of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), Kuwaiti Permanent Representative to UNESCO Dr Adam Al-Mullah said on Friday. In a statement to the press, Dr Mullah noted that the committee is composed of 150 member states and divided into five groups, with Kuwait participating in the fifth group with 46 countries. The executive board of the committee includes 40 seats, including nine seats

allocated to the fifth group, he said, indicating that Kuwait won one of the seats in the elections, with participation of 12 countries, he added. Kuwait joined the IOC on November 13, 1974 and was elected as a member of the Executive Council in 2017, he added. Dr Mullah pointed out that the committee established by UNESCO in 1960 had strengthened international cooperation and program coordination in marine research and ocean and coastal resource management. He expressed gratitude for the confidence of the member states in Kuwait, stressing the commitment to cooperate with all in the IOC to achieve the goals of sustainable development. — KUNA



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Public Authority for Roads & Transportation announces that as of 16 / 07 / 2019

and in accordance with the PART DECREE No. (16 / 2019) published in the official Gazette on 16 / 06 / 2019 , TOLL will be collected from the Trucks using the Main and Doha links of Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah bridge.

Accordingly, all trucks drivers who desire to use Sheikh Jaber Bridge as an alternative to the existing land road, are obliged to be directed towards the Weigh Stations that exist at the bridge entries, where TOLL will be collected using the available electronic KNET payment facility.

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