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Amir calls for national unity and vigilance amid tensions

Media urged to play conscious and responsible role



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday underlined that the delicate situation in the region requires cautiousness and social unity to retain the state's security and people's safety.

The bitter reality of the region, its dangerous dimensions and consequences, and the developments taking place in the region calls upon us to realize the current situations and circumstances. We should be cautious and ready to confront them in order to protect the safety and security of our dear country," His Highness the Amir said in a speech on the occasion of the last ten days of the holy month of Ramadan.

His Highness the Amir emphasized the importance of national unity in protecting the country in this turbulent time. "This will not be achieved but through cohesion and adherence to our national unity. We will never allow prejudice. National unity is the protective wall after God for the homeland, that protects us from the woes that plague other countries," he stated.

His Highness the Amir stressed the need to strengthen the internal front and stand up against anyone who tries to stir up strife, or tamper social coherence. He pointed to the pivotal role of the GCC in countering dangers and overcoming regional challenges. "We assure that sticking to our Gulf community and keeping the privileges we have achieved within the frame of the

GCC is the security that enable us to face such dangers and challenges."

His Highness the Amir reminded all Kuwaitis that "Our homeland is entrusted to us all, and this requires everyone to be faithful and loyal, and to work diligently, earnestly and sincerely to advance it and push its development process towards its desired goals". He stated that every Kuwaiti has to be proud of Kuwait's internationally-appreciated stances and efforts to enhance international peace and security."

You should be proud, brothers and sons, with the elite position of Kuwait - thank God - in the International Community, with its achievements in humanitarian, relief and community work and its active participation in the efforts aimed at keeping international peace and security, and spreading the culture of tolerance and peace. These achievements were, and still are, subject of praise and well-acceptance, and even honor, which I consider as an honor to the entire people of Kuwait," he said.

His Highness the Amir affirmed the need to abide by the democratic approach to guarantee the state stability and security. "We have to adhere to our national achievements, our firm democratic approach, which we have chosen and which is inherited by the people of Kuwait, and to our comprehensive and complementary

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Ramadan develops love

By Dr Teresa Leshar

Ramadan is a month of intensified charity, community relations, forgiveness and compassion. The Quran encourages the reader to spend in charity, saying, "You will never attain virtue until you spend something of what you love..." (3:92) This means that you should give to others what you love for yourself, and in Ramadan we realize how much all people love and need food and water.

By experiencing hunger and thirst, the faster is reminded of the importance of providing for the poor's basic needs. The Quran never explicitly commands us to "Love one another," but it does have many commands to behave as though we love one another, regardless of our feelings.

"Say kind words to people..." (2:83) "Pardon and overlook their misdeeds" (5:13) "Do not spy on one another, nor let any of you backbite others..." (49:12) and to "...judge with justice..." (5:42). It says that "A good deed and an evil deed are not alike; repay [evil] with something that is finer, and see how someone who is separated from you by enmity will become a bosom friend." (41:33)

Other verses are even more specific in telling us in specific detail how to treat others: "Your Lord has decreed that you should worship nothing except Him and show kindness to your parents; whether either or both of them attain old age, never say to them "Uf!" nor scold either of them. Speak to them in a generous fashion. Serve them with tenderness and humility..." (17:23).

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MPs threaten more grillings

By B Izzak

KUWAIT: Two lawmakers said yesterday they will file to grill Interior and Health ministers if they did not take necessary actions over suspicion of corruption in their ministries. MP Riyadh Al-Adasani said yesterday he has informed Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah that a businessman has left the country and returned illegally because he has a travel ban against his name.

The lawmaker said that the action is an indication of negligence at border points especially in Salmi where some people

banned from travel were allowed to leave. Adasani called on the minister to launch an investigation to identify those who smuggle people with travel ban out of the country, adding that if the minister does not take the necessary actions, he will file to grill him.

MP Omar Al-Tabtabai also warned that he will file to grill Health Minister Sheikh Basel Al-Sabah over reports of corruption at the new Sabah hospital mega project. He said that he was informed by authorities which supervise projects that a contractor at the project, costing over KD 190 million, has demanded strange changes to the contract that would save him millions of dinars.

Tabtabai said that based on the information, the contractor demanded that medical equipment worth some KD 7 mil-

lion be changed with bathrooms - costing much less. He said that the contractor's request was approved by officials at the Health Ministry within just five days, which raises questions of corruption in the vital project. The lawmaker said he will first send questions to the Health Minister to enquire about the information he has and then if the minister does not take the necessary measures, he will file to grill him.

In the meantime, MP Mohammad Al-Hadiya yesterday criticized a decision by the Civil Service Commission banning Kuwaiti employees who resign or are dismissed from work to apply for employment before the lapse of one year. The lawmaker described the decision as oppressive and against the basic rights of Kuwaitis, and demanded that the Commission scrap the decision.



MP Omar Al-Tabtabai

US not targeting regime change in Iran, Trump says

TOKYO: The United States does not seek "regime change" in longtime foe Iran, President Donald Trump said yesterday, also praising North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un in comments made during a historic visit to meet Japan's new emperor. Speaking at a joint press conference in Tokyo with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Trump seemed at pains to dial down tensions in the world's two most pressing flash-points as the US faces off against Tehran and Pyongyang.

Iran "has a chance to be a great country, with the same leadership. We're not looking for regime change, I want to make that clear. We're looking for no nuclear weapons," said the president, who became the first foreign leader invited to meet freshly crowned Emperor Naruhito, with a state visit and banquet. "I really believe that Iran would like to make a deal. I think that's very smart of them and I think there's a possibility for that to happen also."

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Qatar invited to emergency Arab summits

CAIRO: Qatar has been invited by Saudi Arabia to attend two emergency Arab summits being convened in the Saudi city of Makkah on May 30. Qatar's foreign ministry said, after previously saying it had not been. Last week Qatar said it had not been invited to the two summits Saudi is planning in Islam's holiest site to discuss the implications of drone strikes on oil installations in the kingdom and attacks on four vessels, including two Saudi oil tankers, off the UAE coast earlier this month.

Saudi, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt have imposed an economic and diplomatic boycott on Qatar since June 2017 over allegations that Doha supports terrorism and is cosying up to regional foe Iran. Qatar denies the charges. Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani received an invitation from

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Dubai Sikh temple offers iftar meals

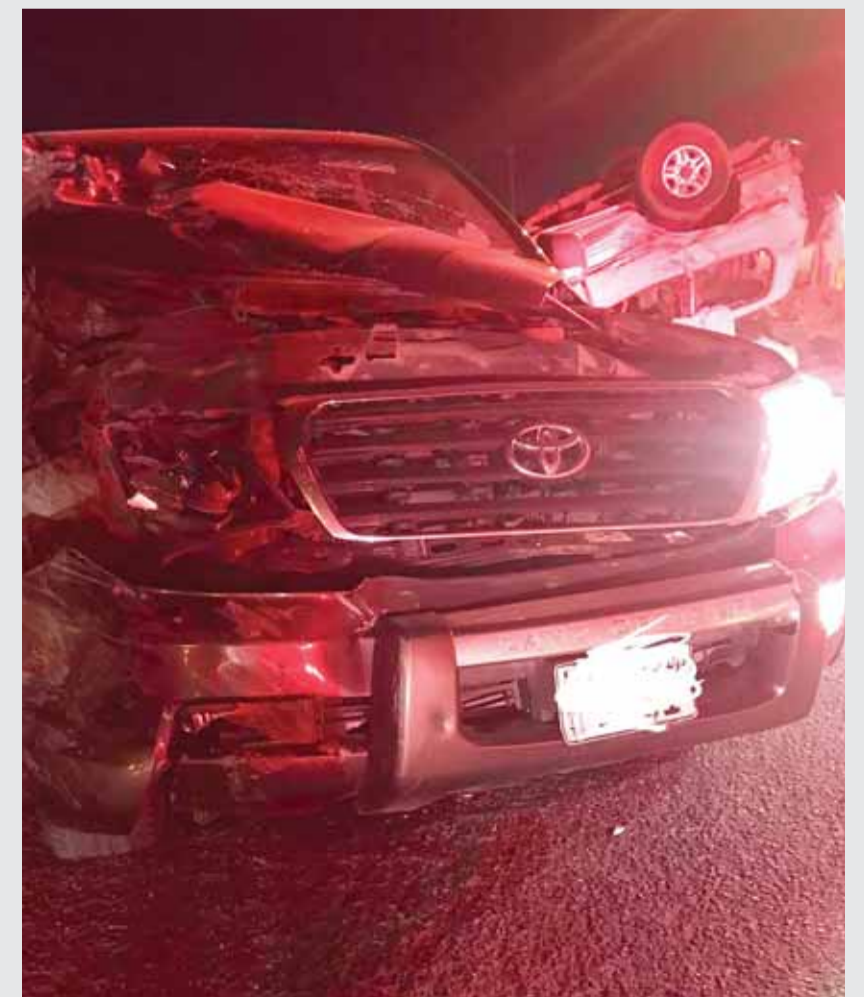
DUBAI: A Sikh temple in Dubai has opened its doors to Muslims during Islam's fasting month of Ramadan, offering them room to pray and a free meal to break their daily fast. The Guru Nanak Darbar gurdwara - a place of worship in the Sikh religion - is building on Sikhism's core principles of giving and eating together, which sees temples all over the world cook free meals, known as langar, for whoever wants them every day of the year.

"This is the best way to show to the world that we are all one. Whether you are Hindu, Muslim or Christian it doesn't matter, you are first a human being," said

Bubbles Kandhari, vice chairperson of the gurdwara. In previous years the gurdwara had offered the Muslim iftar meal on just one day during Ramadan, but as 2019 has been designated the Year of Tolerance by the United Arab Emirates government, the temple is offering the meal for Muslims breaking their fast every evening.

Muslim cousins Shuaib and Akil, both Indian nationals living in the UAE, brought their families to the gurdwara for iftar after seeing a video on social media. "Normally we go to our mosque every day, but it is only for our community," said Akil. "I was very interested to see where all the people come together and to show my kids." While Sikhs and other attendees ate their langar meals on the floor on one side of the room after a worship session, Muslims broke their fast at tables on the other side after their own prayer session inside the temple. — Reuters

Horrific accident kills 8



KUWAIT: Eight people were killed and one injured in an unfortunate accident in Kabd area, Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) said in a statement late Sunday. The accident occurred when a speeding car plowed into people who gathered around another minor accident that took place a short while before. — KUNA