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KUWAIT: Sunset at Boulevard Park. — Photo by Nawaf Al-Hmoud (KUNA)

Kuwait's humanitarian action carries on throughout the week

'Kuwait by Your Side' campaign going on for 5th straight year



A medical camp set up in Aden, Yemen as part of the 'Kuwait by Your Side' campaign.



KUWAIT: Regional Director of WFP for East and Central Africa Erika Joergensen is seen during her meeting with Kuwait Red Crescent Society. — KUNA photos

KUWAIT: Inspired by and stemming from directives of the 'Leader of Humanitarian Action' His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the State of Kuwait continues to help those in dire need all over the world. Last week, Kuwait was described as a "historic partner" to the United Nations World Food Program (WFP). WFP Director-General for GCC office Abdulmajeed Yahya said that Kuwait had signed a \$24 million program last week to finance activities in Yemen. In 2018, Kuwait contributed \$50 million, not including Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) contributions, to WFP humanitarian action in Mozambique and Bangladesh, he added, pointing out that he had met with Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, who praised the program and its important role, especially in conflict areas.

Regional Director of WFP for East and Central Africa Erika Joergensen said that Kuwait has a big role in the region, noting that there is an agreement between Kuwait and the program to help those in need. Joergensen praised the influential role of humanitarian contributions and efforts of the KRCS worldwide, especially in Africa.

In Geneva, UNHCR Commissioner's Office Chief of Staff Salvatore Lombardo said Kuwait's "generous" \$12 million contribution would be allocated to the internally-displaced persons in Yemen. The aid will focus on providing shelter and care for Yemenis, as well as refugees pouring into it from Somalia and the Horn of Africa. Lombardo told KUNA after meeting Kuwait's permanent delegate to the UN and international organizations Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim. All the projects are in cooperation with other

UN-affiliated bodies such as UNICEF, WFP and WHO, he pointed out. Ambassador Ghunaim said that the relationship between the State of Kuwait and the UNHCR is indeed "deep-seated and historic." He said the meeting also touched upon other aspects of cooperation, mainly in Syria, Libya and aiding the Rohingya Muslim refugees in Bangladesh ahead of the anticipated visit to Kuwait by UNHCR chief Filippo Grandi early next year.

In Aden, and as part of the 'Kuwait by Your Side' campaign, Society of the Revival of Islamic Heritage inaugurated a two-week medical camp to perform some 210 minor surgeries, including tonsillectomy, circumcision, hemorrhoidectomy and hernia repair in the war-torn country. The 'Kuwait by Your Side' campaign is in its fifth consecutive year. — KUNA



UNHCR Commissioner's Office Chief of Staff Salvatore Lombardo meets with Kuwait's permanent delegate to the UN and international organizations Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim.

Kuwaiti medical team conducts surgeries on 200+ Syrian refugees

AMMAN: A Kuwaiti volunteer medical team comprising consultants in various specialties conducted surgeries on more than 200 Syrian refugees in Jordan over four days. Kuwaiti Ambassador to Jordan Aziz Al-Daihani after a meeting with the leader and members of the 'Hayat' medical team and in Amman said that Kuwait is a "forerunner" in terms of charity and relief work. Kuwaitis inspire their efforts in humanitarian work from the directives of the Leader of Humanitarian Action; His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, he added. Daihani also praised Jordan's hosting of the Kuwaiti team and the cooperation of medical centers and hospitals in the Hashemite Kingdom to ensure the success of this humanitarian mission. Meanwhile, team leader, urology and infertility consultant Dr Ahmad Al-Kanderi said that the purpose of the current mission is to conduct surgeries on Syrian refugees in the camps. He noted that the team includes 30 members ranging from consultants, doctors, nurses, technicians and



AMMAN: The Kuwaiti medical team. — KUNA photos

administrators, while the total sum of the surgeries amount to KD 200,000 (\$567,700). He pointed out that



Kuwaiti doctors perform surgery on a Syrian refugee.

team 'Hayat' had conducted about 250 operations in previous missions, stressing the importance of the role

of cumulative experience in dealing with humanitarian cases of refugees. — KUNA