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News in brief

Third GCC Games opens May 22

KUWAIT: Chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahad Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah announced that the third Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Games would be hosted by Kuwait with the participation of all GCC countries, with May 22 as the date for the opening ceremony while the official closing will be on May 31. Sheikh Fahad Nasser, who is the deputy head of the organizing committee, said in a press statement Sunday that the tournament will include the establishment of 16 different sports, which are handball, volleyball, basketball, futsal, swimming, athletics, karate, judo, fencing, archery, tennis, bicycling, ice hockey, table tennis, padel and e-sports. The tournament competitions will start from next May 13 with group games matches as it takes more time to set up than individual games, he stated, considering that this is an opportunity to highlight Gulf talents in these games. The tournament will witness for the first time the participation of the females in games of futsal, bicycling, athletics, table tennis, basketball and electronic games, he added. He expressed happiness for the establishment of this tournament gathering on the soil of Kuwait. —KUNA

Kuwait host Arab scouting event

KUWAIT: Kuwait will host the broadest Arab scouting event themed "youth empowerment" during May 7-12, said the Arab Scout Parliamentary Union on Saturday. The union secretary general, Faisal Al-Enezi, said in a statement that the major gathering would be held in coordination with the Arab Planning Institute, the Arab Scout Organization and the Kuwaiti Scout Association. National Assembly Speaker and the union honorary chairman, Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem, will sponsor the scouting event. Arab states will be represented at the event by 170 officials and figures.

Arab journalists condemn attack

CAIRO: The Federation of Arab Journalists on Saturday denounced the Zionist forces' attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque, wounding and arresting scores of Palestinians who were performing the dawn prayers. The federation said in a statement the Zionist forces, in the attack that happened around 48 hours ago, injured 200 Palestinian and detained 450 others. The Zionist troops attacked the worshippers inside the mosque for six hours, hurling at the devotees concussion bombs, assaulting them with clubs and spraying them with volleys of rubber-coated bullets. It urged international, human organizations and media associations to decry this "barbaric" offensive on the Palestinians who were at prayers at the mosque. Zionist forces have stepped up attacks on the Palestinians in the occupied territories since days ago, drawing denunciations from various quarters across the globe.

'Stop violations against Palestinian prisoners'

CAIRO: Arab Parliament affirmed on Sunday the necessity of immediate and urgent intervention to stop Zionist occupation violations against Palestinian prisoners. On the occasion of Palestinian prisoner day, the parliament called on the international community, and regional and international humanitarian organizations in a statement, to hold an international conference for Palestinian prisoners. It stressed that occupation forces should be held responsible for the lives of the prisoners, as they should respect and adhere to international laws and provide ample protection for the prisoners as stipulated in Geneva's fourth agreement. This year's Palestinian prisoner's day coincides with the dangerous escalation practiced by occupation forces, irrespective of international agreements and laws, amidst silence of the international community that should be standing in the face of such violent acts, the statement indicated. The Arab parliament renewed call to the United Nations to form a truth-seeking committee and investigate the Zionist entity's prisons and the violations committed against Palestinian prisoners. Furthermore, it called international humanitarian organizations to pressurize the Zionist entity into releasing the innocent prisoners, and expressed appreciation for all their sacrifices and heroic resilience.

Kuwait Heritage



KUWAIT: A scene from an old market full of activity. (Source: Photo album of the KOC in 1970s. Prepared by Mahmoud Zakaria Abu Alella, heritage researcher at the Ministry of Information)

Gulf Bank takes part in KRCS humanitarian campaign

KUWAIT: As part of its commitment towards social sustainability and in order to support the efforts of local civil society organizations, Gulf Bank announced its participation in the humanitarian campaign led by the Kuwait Red Crescent Society to distribute electrical appliances to local families in need.

"Gulf Bank is proud to participate in the generous initiatives led by the Kuwait Red Crescent Society; the initiatives aim to help local families in need, and bring joy to families during the month of Ramadan - especially now that summer is upon us," said Lujain Al-Qenaei, the manager of Corporate Communications at Gulf Bank.

Qenaei added that this initiative comes as part of a larger set of social sustainability programs that Gulf Bank regularly organizes and participates in, especially during the holy month of Ramadan, noting that a number of Bank employees volunteered to support the Red Crescent's latest effort to distribute electrical appliances.

"For more than 60 years, Gulf Bank has been an integral part of Kuwait's economic and social history. Gulf Bank has always been keen to participate in community events, seizing every opportunity to support disadvantaged groups in society," she added.

Qenaei affirmed Gulf Bank's keenness to promote and implement various sustainability initiatives at the environmental, societal and economic levels, in keeping with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the national development plan (Kuwait Vision 2035), and Gulf Bank's 2025 Strategy.

"As a financial institution, Gulf Bank is committed to supporting active civil society institutions, particularly the Kuwait Red Crescent



Society, because of its exceptional social and humanitarian role. We believe that the private sector has an important role in raising awareness about these major causes, and we look forward to continuing to support the KRCS in future projects," concluded Qenaei.

Gulf Bank's vision is to be the leading Kuwaiti Bank of the Future. The Bank is constantly engaging and empowering its employees as part of an inclusive and diversified workplace in recognition of every employee's role in delivering customer excellence and serving the community at large. With its extensive network of

branches and innovative digital services, Gulf Bank is able to give its customers the choice of how and where to conduct their banking transactions, all while ensuring a simple and seamless banking experience.

Gulf Bank is committed to maintaining a robust sustainability program at the community, economic, and environmental levels through sustainability initiatives that are strategically selected to benefit both the country and the Bank. Gulf Bank supports Kuwait Vision 2035 "New Kuwait" and works with various parties to achieve it.

KRCS aids Yemenis



KUWAIT: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) has distributed food to relocated Yemenis in provinces of Maarib, Aden, Abyan and Lahj during the current fasting month of Ramadan.

KRCS Director General Abdulrahman Al-Aoun said Sunday that the society distributed 7,500 cartons packed with dates to the Yemenis in these regions.



The society has been providing various forms of assistance for the Yemenis to help them cope with the difficult conditions in their country. —KUNA