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KRCS celebrates Int'l Widows' Day

KUWAIT: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) celebrated on Wednesday the International Widow's Day, which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2010. Upon the occasion, the KRCS distributed humanitarian aid to more than 200 widows from needy families — including electrical appliances, household utensils and foodstuffs. Director of KRCS's Media and Public Relations Khaled Al-Zaid stressed in a statement the importance of bringing feelings of joy and happiness to the heart of widowed women in such humanitarian initiatives. The KRCS salutes the International Widows' Day as a reflection of Kuwait's interest in the family, and in recognition of the important role played by civil society institutions in strengthening the family structure, he added. This celebration comes in appreciation for the widowed woman to alleviate her suffering, providing aid to her to face difficulties, and to help her enjoy basic social rights, Zaid noted. Zaid said that the KRCS sponsors segments of widows, orphans and needy families, and works to connect the people of society by communicating with them on all occasions. He indicated that the association is working to intensify its efforts to support needy families inside Kuwait on many occasions, including religious and national holidays, the holy month of Ramadan, as well as winter season, education and health projects. —KUNA



KUWAIT: KRCS workers distribute aid to widows. —KUNA

News in brief

Speaker to attend NAM meeting

KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem left to Azerbaijan on Wednesday to take part in the Parliamentary Network of Non-Aligned Movement Conference. Ghanem is set to address a speech on behalf of the Kuwaiti delegation during the conference, due in the capital Baku, under the patronage of Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev. The conference's theme is "Enhancing the Roles of National Parliaments in Promoting Peace and Sustainable Development Worldwide."

No lockdown in August, September

KUWAIT: Kuwait has no plans to impose lockdowns or any other restrictions in August and September as rumored, health ministry sources told Kuwait Times. Despite an increase in COVID-19 cases in Kuwait, the situation in hospitals remains under control, said the sources who advised the public to avoid crowds, wear facemasks and take the booster dose of the coronavirus vaccine.

Kuwait crude oil at \$117.46 pb

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti crude oil price rose by \$2.98 during Tuesday's trading session to hit \$117.46 per barrel (pb), compared with \$114.48 pb a day earlier, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) said Wednesday. Benchmark Brent futures went up by \$2.89 to \$117.58 pb and West Texas Intermediate rose \$2.19 to \$111.76 pb.

GCC agree on e-media cooperation

RIYADH: Officials of the electronic media in the GCC states have approved a five-year plan for cooperation in the realm of electronic information. The GCC Secretariat General said in a statement, released on Wednesday, that the blueprint was agreed upon at the seventh meeting of these officials, virtually held on Tuesday. The conferees had also examined implementation of previously issued recommendations and ideas for bolstering cooperation at the electronic media level.

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: A view of the sunset from a desert area in Kuwait. —Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh

Zain main sponsor of Eco Business Conference

Company took part in panel discussion on private sector's role in green economy

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, announced its main sponsorship of Eco Business Conference, during which the all-new ECO sustainability business incubator was launched. The event came under the patronage and attendance of Chairman and Director of the Environment Public Authority Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.

The conference was attended by Zain Kuwait CEO Eaman Al-Roudhan, Secretary-General of the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development Dr Khalid Mahdi, General Manager of the Public Authority for Industry Abdulkarim Taqi, General Manager of the Youth Public Authority Dr Meshal Al-Rubaiya, General Manager of the National Fund for Small and Medium Enterprises Development Adel Al-Hasawi, Eco Sustainability Incubator Chairman Jasem Al-Abou, as well as many executives and officials from both the private and public sectors.

ECO is the first sustainability business incubator and accelerator in Kuwait that offers early-stage startups and entities with the support, expertise, and networks to launch resilient businesses. ECO also offers green working spaces, recycling programs, renewable energy and consultancy services, and more.

During the panel discussion titled "private sector's role in sustainable development and transforming into a green economy", Zain Kuwait's Chief Corporate Communications and Relations



Robust transformation to mitigate risks

Officer Waleed Al-Khashti said: "through our corporate sustainability and social responsibility strategy, Zain is committed to building climate change scenarios that are aligned with the Paris Agreement (2015) to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate physical and environmental risks. We are well aware of the urgent need to tackle the climate crisis the world is facing today".

Khashti continued: "Currently, Zain scores A- through its participation in the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), a reflection of our success in meeting the standards and requirements of the project. Zain is also one of the few companies in the region's markets to have a membership in the CDP".

Khashti noted: "we established an array of initiatives across Zain's operating companies, includ-



KUWAIT: Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Humoud Al-Sabah and Jasem Al-Abou recognize Waleed Al-Khashti for Zain's support.



Waleed Al-Khashti during the panel discussion.



Waleed Al-Khashti with the conference's guests.

ing the distribution of reusable bags to all employees, and installing water coolers to reduce the use of plastic bottles".

Khashti added: "This year, Zain developed its first comprehensive Scope 3 inventory process aligned with the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol guidelines for a more accurate and transparent evaluation of its value chain emissions. This allows us to not only disclose and report in a more concise manner but be able to identify areas in which we can reduce our GHG emissions".

Khashti explained that Zain continues to address its strategic approach to addressing climate change under its 2020-2025 sustainability strategy. Climate change is a pillar on which the organization has set three focus areas where Zain can address its negative impacts on the environment and create positive ones: Network and Energy Consumption, Strategy and Communication, and Waste Management and the

Circular Economy.

Zain is keen on supporting any efforts that serve sustainability and environmental goals, as it believes this is a crucial topic that affects everyone. The company's social message seeks to tackle the most important issues and reinforce the role of individual efforts like preserving natural resources, decreasing consumption, recycling, and other concepts that will contribute to reducing the impacts of climate change.

Zain's part does not stop at raising awareness and supporting environmental programs, but also extends to reducing its own footprint. The company continues to exert more efforts into reducing the environmental footprint of its operations, including preserving natural resources, reducing energy consumption, recycling waste, implementing green solutions for water and electricity management, monitoring the company's overall effects on climate change, and more.

Kuwaiti caricaturists partake in Jordan expo



AMMAN: Caricaturists Mona Al-Tamimi and Mohammad Al-Qahtani in front of the Kuwaiti pavilion at the caricature exhibition. —KUNA photos



Kuwaiti caricaturist Mohammad Al-Qahtani draws a caricature for a visitor.



Some displayed works.

AMMAN: The Kuwaiti caricature has occupied a noticeable space in the currently held Amman's first caricature exhibition. The Kuwaiti Caricature Society is represented at the event by the carica-

turists Mona Al-Tamimi and Mohammad Al-Qahtani, displaying a collection of pieces; fruit of efforts by 13 artists, members of the Kuwaiti association. In remarks to the press, they both affirmed

substantial impact of the "digital revolution" on the art that has also improved works' quality. Caricaturists from 12 Arab countries are participating in the event. —KUNA