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Email: info@kuwaittimes.com
Website: www.kuwaittimes.comKuwaiti official
hails US decision
on copyrights

KUWAIT: The acting director general of Kuwait National Library, Sheikha Rasha Al-Jaber Al-Sabah hailed a decision by a US copyright authority to remove Kuwait from the list of nations where intellectual rights' supervision is warranted. Sheikh Rasha said in a statement that the recent decision by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to remove Kuwait from the 'Watch List' for supervising protection of intellectual rights and its non-inclusion in the 301 report for 2022 constituted "a substantial harvest for the joint efforts by the Kuwaiti State ministries concerned with the file of the intellectual rights."

She expressed gratitude to personnel at the Kuwaiti Copyright Office for exerting noticeable efforts since establishing the division in 2001. The acting director general of the national library also thanked other state departments that contributed to making the positive record for Kuwait at the property rights' level, extending her thanks also to "our partners at the American Embassy," who had closely followed up on this file to pave the way of delisting Kuwait.

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) recently released its 2022 Special 301 Report on the adequacy and effectiveness of US trading partners' protection and enforcement of intellectual property (IP) rights. The 2022 Special 301 Report noted that the State of Kuwait has been removed from the Watch List this year for making continued and significant progress on concerns that stakeholders identified with IP enforcement and transparency.

For example, the report of the US agency noted, that the Kuwaiti Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Copyright Office each created online portals for streamlining the submission of trademark and copyright violation reports, respectively. Kuwait also increased engagement and transparency through meetings of the United States-Kuwait Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Intellectual Property Working Group. —KUNA

Sheikha Rasha
Al-Jaber Al-SabahKuwait Times Ramadan Quiz
winners receive their prizes

KUWAIT: Aisha Shoaib's father receives the award from Kuwait Times Advertising Manager Taleb Kanjo.



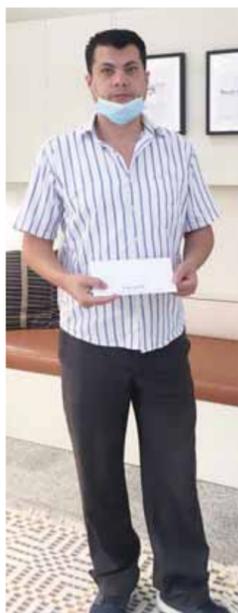
Hanifa Nishat poses with the award.



Hosam Hassan poses with the award.



Maria Mustali receives the award from Kuwait Times Deputy Managing Editor Islam Al-Sharaa.



Muhammad Safwan poses with the award.



Munira Shabbir receives the award from Kuwait Times Advertising Manager Taleb Kanjo.



Pranav Ashok receives the award from Kuwait Times Advertising Manager Taleb Kanjo.



Rijas Abdullah poses with the award.

KUWAIT: Aisha Shoaib, Hanifa Nishat, Hosam Hassan, Maria Mustali, Muhammad Safwan, Munira Shabbir, Pranav Ashok, and Rijas Abdullah received their 'Kuwait Times Ramadan Quiz' awards at Kuwait Times head office. The winners received KD 50 in cash each and a one-

year newspaper subscription. Participation in the Kuwait Times Ramadan Quiz is open for everyone living in Kuwait until the end of the holy month. To participate, follow Kuwait Times on Instagram (@kuwaittimes), answer the daily question posted on the account and mention

three people. The winner is announced the following day in the stories on Kuwait Times' Instagram account, with the winner's name tagged. The winner will be contacted via direct message and can collect the prize at Kuwait Times head office.

Two hurt
in Maqwa'a
road crash

KUWAIT: Two people were critically wounded in an accident reported on Al-Maqwa'a road on Friday. Firemen headed to the scene in response to an emergency call reporting an accident involving a pickup truck that crashed into a light post. The victims were evacuated from the vehicle and rushed to hospital in critical condition, Kuwait Fire Force said in a statement. An investigation was opened into the accident.

NBK concludes its
annual Ramadan
social program

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait concluded its Ramadan program "Do Good Deeds in Ramadan", carried out for over 30 consecutive years. The program included the distribution of Iftar meals, visiting various institutions and in addition to participating in numerous charitable and social events.

NBK Public Relations Assistant General Manager, Manal Al-Mattar, said that NBK is proud to be a leading pioneer in social development through its CSR programs. "This program aims to maintain deeper relationships with the communities we operate in, through the introduction of dozens of initiatives and projects that aim to nurture individuals and families and provide the necessary support to their goals of decent living," she added.

For almost three decades, the Ramadan program comprised a series of activities and initiatives aimed at encouraging community engagement and solidarity in Kuwait. "NBK targets a greater sense of responsibility during the holy month", Mattar noted.

Ramadan tours

Celebrating the return to normal life after the pandemic, NBK distributed thousands of iftar meals via special convoys that toured around different areas in the country including Sharq, Mubarkiya, Naif Palace, Kuwait Airport and Al Sabah Medical District during Ramadan.

Volunteers

As they do every year, NBK employees participated in "Do good Deeds in Ramadan" program by conducting visits to various areas, institutions, public facilities and hospitals to do good deeds. This comes in light of NBK's keenness to promote volunteerism among its employees by reinforcing participation in various humanitarian and social activities organized by the bank.

Traffic Awareness Campaign

NBK distributed fast breaking meals to drivers at traffic lights in strategic locations. This initiative is aimed at reducing traffic accidents during the holy month of Ramadan, especially around iftar time as drivers attempt to reach their destinations



before iftar time, resulting in speeding and traffic violations.

Iftar cannon program and Naif Palace

For the fourth consecutive year, NBK participated in providing Iftar meals to fasting people at Naif Palace, where it distributed meals to fasting guests attending that ancient heritage moment of firing the Iftar cannon. Also NBK participated in the "Iftar Cannon" program aired on Kuwait TV and celebrated Girgian with the children at the palace.

Fun activities and Girgian

NBK launched a group of fun activities every weekend throughout the holy month in cooperation with well-known chefs in Kuwait in addition to organizing Girgian events for children at Wahran Park in Al-Shamiya.

Promoting health and wellbeing

NBK Ramadan Social Program included daily awareness videos and health tips through the official social media channels of NBK in collaboration with the dietitian Luwla Al-Armali.