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Int'l Day for Elimination of Violence against Women

Kuwait commits to implementing international treaties

KUWAIT: Marking International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Kuwait commits to implementing international treaties and agreements on the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against women. Kuwait has thus enacted a law banning domestic violence just as part of its endeavors to protect Kuwaiti families and reduce violence against women in particular.

Under Amiri Decree 24/1994, Kuwait joined the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which is an international legal instrument that requires countries to eliminate discrimination against women and girls in all areas and promotes women's and girls' equal rights. The convention does not run counter to the Kuwaiti constitution, which ensures women's rights and incriminates domestic violence.

The United Nations (UN) set November 25 as a day for marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, urging governments, international organizations as well as NGOs to join together and organize activities designed to raise public awareness of the issue every year on that date. Chairwoman of the Union of Kuwaiti Women's Associations Sheikh Fadya

Saad Al-Sabah slammed violence against women as being one of the most common human rights violations across the world.

Speaking to KUNA, Sheikh Fadya boasted that the Kuwaiti constitution and law safeguard women's dignity and protect them against psychological and physical violations. In this context, she spoke highly of the great efforts exerted by the State of Kuwait to protect women's human rights, citing the 2005 legislation that grants Kuwaiti women election rights involving voting and contesting.

Nevertheless, Sheikh Fadya, also speaking to KUNA, underlined that further preventive programs need to be put in place in order to respond to breaches of women's human rights, and even to promote their rights in general. She lamented that violence against women is still a stumbling block to efforts and endeavors to ensure gender equity, development and peace worldwide, stressing that sustainable development goals could not be attained unless violence against women and girls was wiped out.

For her part, Vice-President of the National Diwan of Human Rights Dr Siham Al-Furaih said

violence against women takes place everywhere across the world mainly due to drug addiction. As part of its efforts to mitigate the ramifications of this serious phenomenon on the family, specifically women and children, the State of Kuwait has adopted necessary pieces of legislation, she said, citing Law 16/2020.

However, Al-Furaih boasted that Kuwaiti women are held in high esteem in the Kuwaiti society and have a remarkably effective role to play. Dr Siham Al-Qabandi, a professor of social planning at Kuwait University, regretted that violence against women still hinders and blocks gender equality, justice and development so the only way out of this is to capitalize on the entire human capital in achieving sustainable development.

The elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and endorsement of all relevant conventions would unquestionably contribute to attaining social justice and peace in societies, she emphasized in remarks to KUNA. Building a future free of violence against women is not impossible, but basic services involving education, justice, health and social services should be revamped first and foremost, Al-Qabandi concluded. —KUNA

News in brief

OPEC basket price down

VIENNA: The price of OPEC basket of crudes went down \$1.1 cents to \$85.19 per barrel (pb) on Wednesday, from \$86.20 pb Tuesday, the OPEC Secretariat said on Thursday. The organization's bulletin added that the overall annual average of the cartel was \$69.89 pb. The OPEC+ coalition decided on October 5 to decrease the rates of oil production by two million barrels on a daily basis, starting this November. The coalition's oil ministers said the decision was due to uncertainty over the global economic outlook and the oil market. In its recent periodic report, OPEC expected an increase in global demand for oil by 2.7 million barrels per day (bpd) to 103 million bpd next year, compared to 100.3 million bpd this year.

Sports day for disabled

KUWAIT: The Public Authority of the Disabled (PADA), in partnership with Integrated Care Association for Special Needs and Down Syndrome Mothers' Association, inaugurated on Thursday the sports day event for the mentally disabled entitled, "You are in our hearts," under the patronage of Minister of Social Affairs and Community Development and State Minister for Women and Childhood Affairs May Al-Baghy, head of the supreme council for disability affairs. Deputy Director General of the Medical, Psychological and Social Services Sector at PADA Amer Al-Anzi confirmed to KUNA on the sidelines of the event that the authority is striving to support and encourage all kinds of disabilities in various fields, especially with regard to sports due to the physical and health benefits it has. PADA is keen to cooperate and participate with organizations and relevant authorities concerned with the service, care and rehabilitation of disabled people, he clarified.

Dollar stabilizes at KD 0.307

KUWAIT: The US dollar stabilized on Thursday trading at KD 0.307 and the euro rose by 0.96 percent to settle at KD 0.320, compared with Wednesday's prices, the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) said in its daily bulletin. The sterling pound climbed by 1.58 percent to KD 0.371, the Swiss franc moved up by 1.08 percent to reach KD 0.326, but the Japanese yen firmed, trading at KD 0.002. The CBK publishes daily average exchange rates that do not necessarily reflect actual prices of the currencies' trade for the day. —From KUNA



KUWAIT: Officials pose for a group photo during the signing ceremony. —KUNA

DGCA signs SLA deal with Kuwait Airways and NAS

KUWAIT: Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Thursday inked a service

level agreement (SLA) with Kuwait Airways and National Aviation Services (NAS) to develop services provided to passengers at Kuwait International Airport. Acting Director-General of DGCA Saleh Al-Fadaghi expressed to KUNA keenness to ensure that Kuwait Airport's services and operations meet international standards.

Al-Fadaghi added that the SLA agreement

guarantees DGCA to maintain service level and achieve maximum safety and security, noting that the agreement allows punishing or rewarding the service provider. He also explained that ground service provider's companies offer services at the baggage weighing areas, gate entry, baggage claim, flight passenger's welcoming, bags transportation, aircraft cleaning and fueling as well as other services. —KUNA



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Ambassador Tariq Al-Bannai

Kuwait committed to dialogue, coexistence

FEZ: Kuwait is keen to uphold dialogue and coexistence that achieve development for the good and well-being of people, Kuwait's permanent representative to the United Nations said on Wednesday. Kuwait's attendance of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) Global

Forum "comes from the belief in the importance of coexistence and openness to the other, and from the standpoint of its responsibility is to the United Nations as well," Ambassador Tariq Al-Bannai told KUNA.

This, along with international law and the rule of law, remain the best way to build societies, achieve peace, security, stability and sustainable development, he added, mentioning that this is an integral part of the UN's principles, values and goals. Ambassador Al-Bannai headed Kuwait's delegation at the talks, which also saw the attendance of several countries, alongside UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. —KUNA

PAAET launches job opportunity exhibition

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training will hold the 5th annual career opportunity exhibition on 28th-30th November at their headquarters. "The Authority ensures that every year, this event is organized to create more communication opportunities," General organizer, Fatima Al-Sayegh said. The event will

include the participation of a number of government, private and educational institutions in Kuwait and international institutions as well. "The working team assigned to organize the event is working hard to achieve the goals of the exhibition, which is considered one of the biggest of its kind in Kuwait," she added, expressing her appreciation to those supporting and organizing the event.



Fatima Al-Sayegh