

Kuwait Quran competition concludes

KUWAIT: Under the sponsorship of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the conclusion ceremony of Kuwait's Quran Memorization and Tajweed Grand Award was held on Wednesday.

His Highness the Amir deputized Head of the Crown Prince Diwan, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, to attend the ceremony. The latter was welcomed by Minister of Justice, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Minister of State for Boosting Nazaha Affairs Abdulaziz Majed Al-Majed, the Undersecretary of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Chairperson of the Award Higher Committee Farid Amadi and members of the commission.

The minister of justice addressed the ceremony, highlighting the unique spiritual benefits of memorizing and reciting the Quran and congratulated the winners, urging them to be examples to be followed in their communities. Dr. Salmen Al-Zahrani, chairperson of the jurors, also addressed the ceremony noting the nation was blessed with Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and the Quran that was revealed to the messenger.

He also expressed deep gratitude to His Highness the Amir, the Government and people of Kuwait for the efforts of holding the event. The Representative of His Highness the Amir handed over the awards to the winners. A memorial gift was presented for His Highness the Amir. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Senior officials attend the conclusion ceremony of Kuwait's Quran Memorization and Tajweed Grand Award. —Amiri Diwan photos



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KUWAIT: Speaker Ahmad Al-Saadoun receives Faisal Al-Shayea. —KUNA

Speaker receives Kuwait's Audit Bureau head

KUWAIT: Speaker of the National Assembly Ahmad Abdulaziz Al-Saadoun received on Wednesday President of Kuwait's State Audit Bureau (SAB) Faisal Al-Shayea.

Al-Shayea offered to Al-Saadoun SAB's report on examination of ministries and administrations' budgets and final accounts, as well as those of the affiliated bodies and independent departments, Al-Dustour News Network added in a statement Wednesday. He also offered a report on the most important financial indicators, and supervisory matters and developments of fiscal year 2021-2022. —KUNA

7-member team to probe price hikes of food products

By Majd Othman

KUWAIT: The Union of Cooperative Societies told Kuwait Times that a seven-member investigation committee has been formed to follow up with food supplying companies the reasons that resulted in price hikes of some food products. The committee will follow up with three official parties to discuss the reasons for the price hikes that the suppliers provided to the union earlier, according to the President of the Union of Cooperative Societies Baddah Al-Dosari.

The investigation committee will check prices with the ministry of commerce, Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources and Kuwait Flour Mills and Bakeries Company to gauge whether suppliers' claims regarding the rate of price rises is truly affecting them. Dosari said the union called on Tuesday for an urgent meeting with all cooperative societies to set and negotiate prices of eggs, pointing out that 10 cooperatives out of 69 attended the meeting. Although the meeting made several decisions, the most important was the investigative committee.

"Recently, we had a meeting with suppliers, who claimed their losses are high and they can-

not provide the needed amounts of eggs due to the rise in prices of wheat and soya globally. Also, the ministry of commerce canceled subsidies on some materials, which caused them huge losses, they said." Dosari said, adding the suppliers claimed they got rid of more than 50 percent of chickens after they were unable to keep pace with the rise in prices. "We are working on effective steps to find a solution for suppliers. Meanwhile, if we cannot reach a final solution through these bodies, we will report this issue to the Cabinet to examine all the aspects of this issue in a transparent manner," he added.

"As we clarified earlier, we promise consumers to resolve the egg price issue in a couple of days. The union is trying to balance between consumers, cooperatives and local suppliers as well, who are a part of our economy and we don't want to cause any loss to them," Dosari said.

He said the union will resort to the option of directly importing eggs to ensure the availability of eggs to the consumers if the issue couldn't be resolved. He said the suppliers said they will keep providing the market with a small number of eggs, calling on consumers to rationalize consumption and only buy the needed amount until the issue is resolved.



Baddah Al-Dosari

Oil minister calls meeting to discuss Kuwaitization

KUWAIT: Oil Minister Bader Al-Mulla has asked for a meeting with construction companies contracted to oil companies in Kuwait, as he sent warnings to these companies to increase Kuwaiti staff. "The minister wants Kuwaitis in construction companies to be at least 50 percent, and that employment must not be fraudulent.

Moreover, he wants Kuwaiti employees to take responsibilities in these companies in order to increase their experience in the technical oil sector, as these companies hire Kuwaitis without any actual work, which does not add anything to their experience," sources told Kuwait Times.

"The minister, who is specialized in law, is studying to prepare a new set of contracts which requires construction companies to hire Kuwaitis within a certain percentage, and have practical procedures on how to hire Kuwaitis and assess them under the supervision of oil companies that signed these contracts," sources added. "Private oil companies are mostly filled with expatriates, which does not correlate with demands to increase Kuwaitis in private companies and reduce staff in the government sector," sources added.

Kuwait: No global stability amid proliferation

NEW YORK: The State of Kuwait believes that no world stability or peace could be created as long as the proliferation and flow of varied weapons, specifically nuclear ones, remain continued, said a diplomat Tuesday evening.

The remark was made by Kuwaiti Diplomat Attache Ahmad Salmeen while addressing a meeting of the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). "Today's world is experiencing various challenges and swift serious developments, mainly including growing regional and international tensions and nuclear countries going ahead with developing and brandishing their nuclear arsenal as well as their insistence on nuclear deterrence policies," he said.

Such challenges prove that nuclear non-proliferation system is in jeopardy, thus necessitating every effort to rid humanity of these weapons, he said, restating Kuwait's unrelenting stand on disarmament and international security issues. He underlined multilateralism as the optimum way to resolve the issues of weapons disarmament and international security, calling for mobilizing a genuine political will to buttress global efforts to promote the credibility of international conventions, specifically those related to the disarmament of nuclear and mass destruction weapons.

However, the Kuwaiti diplomat welcomed the



Ahmad Salmeen

entry of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) into force on in January 2021, and the first meeting of its states parties and signatories in Vienna. In this context, he stressed that this treaty does not contradict the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). Rather, it is part of the process of completing the NPT's goals, he said. He emphasized that it is necessary to put in place the mechanisms of cooperation in the fields of peaceful nuclear uses and supporting non-nuclear countries' rights to peaceful nuclear uses. He also reaffirmed Kuwait's call for compelling the Zionist entity to join the NPT and subject all its nuclear facilities to the safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), given that it is the region's only party that has not joined the NPT yet. Salmeen welcomed the successful holding of two recent nuclear-free Middle East conferences, chaired by Jordan and Kuwait respectively, where favorable outcomes and objective resolutions were reached. —KUNA

and vitamin D, as well as exercises that strengthen bones, she explained.

The society organized courses through which several primary care physicians are trained and qualified to establish osteoporosis clinics in primary healthcare centers, making it easier for patients to detect early signs of fragility, she pointed out. This step is crucial to prevent this disease, which may reduce fracture due to brittleness, she mentioned. World Osteoporosis Day is celebrated annually on October 20 to underscore the serious disease that causes problems for millions worldwide, she said.

The goal is to educate individuals about osteoporosis, which severely affects human bone health, its symptoms, methods of prevention and treatment, as well as to warn people of the causes that lead to the disease, she stated. It also aims to educate people about the dangers of complacency when infected, making them aware of needing to maintain strong bones, support patients with osteoporosis, and educate people about the importance of tests that are carried out to diagnose osteoporosis at an early stage, she noted. —KUNA

MoH opens World Osteoporosis Day exhibition

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Health (MoH) inaugurated the awareness exhibition on osteoporosis at the Avenues Mall to educate the community about this silent disease that weakens bones and leads to fractures that may result in permanent disability or death.

This is part of Kuwait's participation to mark the World Osteoporosis Day, Head of the Kuwait Osteoporosis Society Dr Nadia Al-Ali said in a statement to reporters Wednesday after the opening of the exhibition. The seven-day exhibition includes awareness panels explaining the risk factors that may increase the possibility of fractures and ways to prevent osteoporosis through food rich in calcium, protein



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