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Amir's Representative calls to maintain military preparedness

Crown Prince urges National Guard to boost expertise, skills



KUWAIT: Representative of HH the Amir and the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, visits the defense ministry's HQ (left) and the National Guard HQ (right). — KUNA

RAMADAN KAREEM

Environmental care in Islam-I

By Hassan Twaha Bwambale

Islam advocates the protection of the environment, though not in name, for the word 'environment' [bi'ah], along with its connotations, evolved in recent times. That Islam has high regard for the environment is something that can be found in the Holy Quran and the sunnah as we shall discuss later in this paper.

God says what can be translated as: "Then to the (people of) Thamud Allah sent their brother Salih (as a messenger). He said, 'O my people, worship Allah (alone); you do not have any other God apart from Him. He created you from the earth and settled you therein (to cultivate it). So, seek His forgiveness, then repent to Him. Indeed, my Lord is near (and) answers prayers.'" (Houd 11: 62) That means "It is your responsibility to develop it, in terms of erecting buildings, populating it, flourishing on it and filling it with life."

It also means that the All-Caring, Allah, made you live on earth for a long time so that you could excel in doing good, and after you die as righteous people, you will leave a good legacy, with people continuing to praise you. God (Allah) says what can be translated as: "And (as to) the earth, it is He alone) who laid it down for all creatures. Therein are (abundant) fruits and date-palms endowed with (plenteous) sheaths, and grains of the husk, and sweet-scented basil." (Ar-Rahman 55: 10 - 12)

Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) actions and response to the environment demonstrate that it is our responsibility to care for the planet Earth on which we live, and improve its condition. As narrated in a hadith, Abu Sa'id Al-Khudrei (RA) reported that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said what can be translated as: "Indeed, the world is sweet and green (attractive), and verily Allah is going to install you as vicegerent in it in order to see how you act. So, fear (the trial) of women. Verily, the first trial for the people of Isra'il was related to women." (Muslim # 2, 742)

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KUWAIT: Representative of HH the Amir and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, has instructed military personnel to be vigilant and execute drills to upgrade their preparedness. This came in a speech delivered by HH the Crown Prince during his visit to the defense ministry's HQ on Sunday evening, where he was accompanied by HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Upon arrival, HH the Crown Prince was re-

Mol supermarkets denying entry to expat shoppers

By Faten Omar

KUWAIT: After receiving several complaints about cooperative societies banning expatriates from entering to shop and buy products during the holy month of Ramadan, Kuwait Times found expats are allowed to

Kuwait says output cuts support stability as oil market surges

KUWAIT/LONDON: Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Oil Minister Bader Al-Mulla said that the voluntary reduction of production from countries participating in the OPEC+ agreement is a proactive move to bolster the stability of oil markets amid developments in global economic conditions and their

Daily rainfall in 2023 broke all records

KUWAIT: The volume of the latest heavy rainfall exceeded 106 mm per day, Al-Ojairi Scientific Center said on Monday. Director General Yousef Al-Ojairi said in a statement the volume of torrential rain throughout Kuwait exceeded the amount of rain that fell in a day during the notorious "Al-Haddama" rainfall in 1934, as well as the unprecedented tor-

ceived by First Deputy Prime Minister, Interior Minister and Acting Defense Minister Sheikh Talal Al-Khaled Al-Sabah. Expressing his greetings to army men on the holy month of Ramadan, HH the Crown Prince advised them to develop the country's military system and provide radar systems with the latest technologies. HH Sheikh Mishal asked them to intensify operational drills with the armed forces of sisterly and friendly countries and pay attention to equipment maintenance to be fully ready to achieve their planned role.

enter co-ops in many areas, but several Police Co-operative Societies are denying people entry unless they are Kuwaitis or working for the interior ministry.

Security guards are stationed at all entrances of Police Co-ops to check people's civil IDs. Kuwait Times tried to speak with the co-op's administration, but they refused to talk. One of the employees, who preferred to remain anonymous, told Kuwait Times the rule has been implemented since the beginning of Ramadan.

Head of the Consumer Protection Association Meshaal Al-Mane told Kuwait Times this is an illegal decision, even if it is only applied at the interior ministry's cooperative societies, affirming that banning expatriates from entering and limiting products to

HH Sheikh Mishal also asked the National Guard to develop human resources and enhance their expertise and skills during his visit to the National Guard HQ on Sunday evening, accompanied by HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad. HH the Crown Prince also advised the Guard's staff to support rehabilitation and training programs, as well as attract outstanding human elements to enlist. He expressed pleasure over meeting the Guard staff in the holy month of Ramadan, conveying greetings of HH the Amir. — KUNA (See Page 2)

citizens only is against the law.

Mane explained cooperative societies are businesses with a commercial license from the commerce ministry, and they are also subject to the same market laws as other businesses. "The law must be implemented. As a representative of consumers in Kuwait, whether expats or citizens, we are obligated to protect their rights to enter any facility in the country and have the privilege to buy and shop," he said.

"Let us assume the opposite had happened, and a Kuwaiti was denied from entering a supermarket abroad. Is not that considered against the law?" Mane pointed out.

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accelerating effects. This was in Mulla's statement, which was conveyed through a statement by the ministry of oil, after he headed Kuwait's delegation participating in the 48th meeting of the Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee (JMCC), which was held Monday via videoconference.

World oil prices soared Monday after several top producers led by Saudi Arabia sprang surprise output cuts. Crude futures surged almost eight percent at one stage, a day after multiple members of the OPEC+ exporters'

alliance unexpectedly slashed production by a total of more than one million barrels per day.

The shock reduction will start in May and last until the end of the year, with OPEC+ saying Monday it involves Algeria, Gabon, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. It came on top of a decision from Russia, also an OPEC+ member, to extend a cut of 500,000 barrels per day. The oil cartel had already angered Washington

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Bader Al-Mulla



KUWAIT: National Guard teams support efforts to clear a flooded road after heavy rain hit Kuwait on March 27, 2023. — KUNA



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