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Kuwaiti students commend participation at IPU meeting

Palestinian MP touts Al-Ghanim's call



Speaker Al-Ghanim during his participation in 133rd session of IPU.

GENEVA, Oct 17, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti students, supported by National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim, have commended their participation at the 133rd session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), hoping for partaking in another meeting in the future to help more students benefit from this experience.

On the sidelines of the preparatory meetings of the IPU, Othman Al-Omar, a student at Faculty of Social Sciences of Kuwait University, expressed his gratitude to Al-Ghanim and the university for this good move that helped outstanding students attend events which serve their specializations.

He told reporters in a statement that the participation at the meetings had positive outcomes and an enriching experience from which many students benefited, referring that students attended the Arab coordinative meetings in which many Arab delegations were present.

He added participants were greatly keen on solving the Arab problems and the crisis of refugees as well as the continued crimes committed by the Israeli forces against the "disarmed Palestinians".

Al-Omar said the experience was useful for him, adding he will convey to his colleagues how to apply theoretical study practically and the honorable representation of the Kuwaiti lawmakers at the international scenes.

On her part, Hend Al-Duwairi, a student at Kuwait University, thanked Al-Ghanim for helping students attend the meetings, saying it was a "wonderful and unique" experience that achieved the targets.

In a similar statement to KUNA, she said that she had learnt many useful and key things from the meetings in which she participated, noting this experience mirrored MPs' interest in the issues of youth and students in particular.

In a previous statement, Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Bader Al-Essa lauded Al-Ghanim's initiative that helped students know the role of MPs.

Also MP Auda Al-Ruwaiha has extolled the same initiative, saying it is the first one in its kind that will have positively affect students.

MP Saif Al-Azmi hoped that the next step will include a participation of a large number of students in the parliamentary conferences on both regional and international levels.

He said that parliamentary acts discuss all political, diplomatic, economic, financial, environmental issues and others, noting it is an opportunity for students to take advantage of this experience.

Meanwhile, a Palestinian member of parliament highly commended here Saturday Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim's recent call for an emergency Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU) meeting on Israeli atrocities in occupied Palestinian territories.

Speaking to a media delegation accompanying Al-Ghanim, who doubles as President of the AIPU, Zuhair Sandouqa said: "Al-Ghanim's call for an emergency AIPU meeting deserves much appreciation." Al-Ghanim, who is on a tour of Milan and Geneva, had urged an emergency meeting in Geneva on Oct 17 to ponder over how to effectively respond to Israel's continuing aggressions on defenseless Palestinian people.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

'Let's support the youth to help them prosper'

'So-called 'national bourgeoisie' not capable of effecting change'

"THERE are some political terms that should be reviewed carefully without underestimating their value and soundness, particularly when linking with the current perceivable reality of the Arab world", columnist and former director of Culture Department at national council for Culture, Arts and Letters Waleed Al-Rujaib wrote for Al-Rai daily.

"One of these terms is the so-called 'National Bourgeoisie' to which some people continue to attach hope, particularly for national and social change process.

We are not here to underestimate the historical role played by the Arab national bourgeoisie in the past century. This class was involved in hectic struggles and battles against both feudalism and imperialism for

defending its interests, as it was facing a threat from the latter because its interests contradicted that of feudalism and imperialism. In fact, the latter constituted a coalition for dominating the relevant nations' wealth and depriving the Bourgeoisie from the commercial profits and boom that it deserved.

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"A swift look at the current reality of the grand bourgeoisie indicates that the latter represents an 'unproductive infantile class' and is linked through a class alliance with the policies of the so-called 'New Economic Liberalism'. Currently, it is standing strong against the interests of the 'Labor Class' and other popular classes. Therefore, the 'bourgeoisie' at the moment has no role to play towards achieving the targeted change. In fact, this class believes any change implemented now will be against its interests, particularly under the new developments currently prevalent in the Arab World.

"Considering the Arab revolutions and uprisings that occurred in the recent years, for instance in Iraq and Lebanon, we noticed that the 'Bourgeoisie Class', which used to wear the cloak of religion and sectarianism, has adopted attitudes against these revolutions and uprisings.

"For example, the elements of this class in Iraq were involved in abduction and violence against the strugglers who were seeking changes and reforms for meeting the imperative social requirements and surmounting the corruption and the so-called 'sectarian quota'.

"Speaking of Lebanon, this class vehemently fought against the popular Intifada (uprising) of the Lebanese people who belonged to various sects of that country. The ministers and parliamentarians of this class were involved in threatening the Intifada, oppressing it and using extreme violence including live ammunition against the demonstrators.

"Such being the case, those who still attach hopes to this so-called 'National Bourgeoisie' in terms of achieving the targeted national and social changes, I would like to inform them that this class, in my opinion, is no longer capable of realizing any changes.

"One may suggest that the Popular Bloc led by the national and progressive parties in the Arab world should lead the current phase of the nation's history under such changeable circumstances, particularly after the domination of the 'Capitalistic Globalization'.

"However, for the time being, the entire world will not witness any national and social changes led by the 'Grand Bourgeoisie' or by the national or liberal parties or even by the socialist democratic parties. This has been practically proven by the tangible reality.

"Therefore, the national and progressive parties should strive seriously and diligently to restore their role among the people for the sake of achieving the targeted liberty and social justice and liberating the Arab nation from the influence of imperialism."

Also:

"Although the conspiracies currently woven by the Western imperialism and the International Zionist powers against the Arab and Islamic nations seem obvious and perceivable, we realized that some people among us are still quite fond of these powers to such an extent that they are ready to carry out the malicious desires of those powers against various Arab and Islamic countries", columnist Mustafa Al-Sarraf wrote for Al-Qabas daily.

"The West, for instance, declares its support overtly to the Israeli entity even though the latter still occupies Palestine and Al-Aqsa Mosque, and conspires against Arab and Islamic nations. Even though the West revealed that it has begun World War III in the Middle East in order to have an upper hand on the oil wells in this part of the

world and destroy both the Arab and Islamic nations prior to choking the Far East and ultimately founding the 'International Zionist Government'.

"However, some among us continue to be fond of the West despite knowing that the latter could be held accountable for the appearance of the terrorist mercenaries including Al-Qaeda network, the Islamic State (IS) or the so-called DAESH, Al-Nusra Front and so on.

"In other words, the West has been involved in creating the abovementioned terrorist organizations in order to destroy the heritage of the Arab and Islamic nations and undermine the image of these nations' sublime religion.

"Unfortunately, some among us are still quite fond of this West even though the latter loots our wealth to sell us out-of-order military weapons and attempts to incite Arab countries against each other.

"In this context, although these individuals claim that they are educated, one cannot help but wonder why they continue to capitulate to both the West and International Zionism, even though they know the latter is striving to kill us by agitating sectarian and doctrinal discords among various components of the Arab World."

"Successful administration of any government or private establishment facilitates the management of crisis drastically without patch up or unrealistic solutions; therefore, it is imperative for the officials of establishments to possess proper capabilities to be able to run a successful administration," columnist Majid Buramiya wrote for Al-Jarida daily.

"For instance, the concerned establishment must conduct extensive studies and consultations while dealing with unemployment crisis in the country, in order to find the best possible way of solving the problem. Recently, the Government Manpower and Restructuring Program issued statements that may affect around 61,652 citizens in private sector; according to the statistic report of 2014. Statements indicated the suspension of government's financial support to the citizens working in private sector, because their current jobs are not in line with their qualification.

"We are making matters difficult for our youths instead of encouraging them to work in private sector. In reality, the majority of citizens working in government sector do not have certificates corresponding with their jobs while some people became ministers without even having a university degree. Nonetheless, the most important thing we should do is to support our youths and help them in ways that will allow them to prosper."

"Despite the seriousness of government to provide accommodation for each citizen as per constitution, the number of housing applicants keeps increasing each year, retired Major General Hamad Al-Saree wrote for Al-Anba daily.

"Obviously, cooperation between the government and the current parliament led to the issuance of several decisions to help the government surmount the most prominent obstacle in providing plots for the State Ministry of Housing. From 2014 to 2015, the government managed to deliver about 12,000 housing units to citizens who were on the waiting list for government accommodation.

"Unfortunately, some citizens rent their houses after receiving them from the government to allow them settle accumulated debts from huge sums they borrowed to facilitate the completion of their houses.

"Today, many expatriate and Arab families that are unfamiliar with the Kuwaiti traditions and customs live among us, and cause several problems. For this reason, the government must implement measures to confiscate the houses of citizens who rent out government's accommodation."

"Well done Ministry of Education! It has affirmed its determination to reintroduce the 'story' in Arabic and English to the students of intermediate and secondary stages as one of the bases of their curricula starting from the coming school year", Abdulrahman Al-Awad wrote for Al-Sabah daily.

"The subject of the 'story' forms effective means of education if it is selected carefully and accurately to serve the general moral values which the religion and society urge people to adopt. It is also a cultural tool that enables people to gain more knowledge and enjoy reading so that they become familiar with the truth behind various incidents.

"As mentioned early, Ministry of Education has decided that the 'story' will be taught in Arabic and English, such that it will serve the educational and cultural process and in turn improve the culture of the society.

"We commend each individual who thought and planned for reintroducing such an important subject in our children's curricula because it truly is a step on the right path for better education."

"After the loss of hope that the war in Syria will stop soon, the Syrian

refugees began to flee to avoid direct death in Syria to the likelihood of the death that does not know its place or time, often at sea risking their lives and their money and their children in order to reach the shores of Europe to seek asylum," columnist Khadija Al-Mar'ei wrote for Al-Kuwaitiah daily.

"These are the Syrian refugees in Syria who will be expelled from their country to other countries, but Europe is not what they desire, because they arrive in countries which chase away the refugees but their intended final destination, is often northern Europe, particularly Sweden and Germany.

"In the Mediterranean as over the high seas of the Middle East, the boat seemed threatened by drowning, and loud cries of distress could be heard and all the pictures printed by the media usually are of the floating remains of humans washed ashore by the waves if they were lucky not to become the prey of predatory fish on the high seas.

"The Dublin convention states that the immigrants once they arrive in the first country of the Union shall be subjected to electronic fingerprint which will then be circulated directly to the entire Union, these prints prevent the migrants from choosing the country of their choice to seek asylum but to the first country where the fingerprint was taken which makes all migrants or refugees reject it and try to evade certain countries before they arrive at their destinations they are looking for countries to ensure they enjoy the social and health benefits."

"Today has always been like yesterday when it comes to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its effort to preserve the identity of Arab nations in the sensitive period of Arab history initiated by Iran's persistence to pursue its ambition of controlling the Arabian Peninsula together with Iraq", columnist Hamad Al-Ameri wrote for Al-Seyassah daily.

"The major objective of Iran since the Khomeini revolution in 1979 is to expand its influence in the region and occupy the three islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates, coupled with its continuous provocations toward the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and questioning the ability of Saudi to organize the annual pilgrimage.

"It is imperative for GCC countries to understand that sustaining their current unity is impossible without coping with the ongoing events, and the objective cannot be achieved without serious devotion to work and with each member state standing together as one to support the leading role played by Saudi as beam of the Islamic world."

"Some Arab nations have banned the sale and circulation of books authored by Sheikh Mohyiddin Bin Taimiyah. They also banned the display of his books during book exhibitions", Dr. Salah Al-Ateqi wrote for Al-Qabas daily.

"In the recent past, Egypt banned books authored by Seyyid Qatb, Al-Qaradawi and Hassan Al-Banna. Jordan played a role in banning Ibn Taimiyah's books.

"All those actions were taken under the excuse that the books promote terrorism and extremism. These decisions were strange, considering the kind of world we are living in whereby communications and satellites have taken over everything.

"Nothing can be banned again with the existence of Google and other search engines. How is it possible for somebody like Ibn Taimiyah, who died almost 700 years ago, to change people's perception? Do these people believe that extremism is the product of a book or some books? If the case is so, why did extremism surface just recently?"

"Personally, I believe that such bans cannot bury the hardliner actions of DAESH, Al-Qaeda, Al-Nusra, Boko Haram and others. In fact, major factors that spread extremist ideologies are corruption, injustice, illiteracy, poverty and bigotry."

"From my perspective, the fact that analysts in the Middle East are now on the hot plate and becoming like the scattered islands that are consumed by disasters of wars and explosions of terrorists is no longer hidden", Saud Al-Samakah wrote for Al-Seyassah daily.

"This situation has made it necessary for mature societies in the region to distance themselves from the dangers and effects of the wars and terrorist explosions!"

"It is unfortunate that the social media were awash recently with news that did not depict us as a mature society in terms of the departure of the US warships from the Arabian Gulf. The report indicated that the mobilization at Faw Island threatens Kuwait and that some ammunition was detected. It also revealed that there was capital flight outside Kuwait!

"In reality, such a rumor is no doubt of dangerous effect on the security and economy of the country as it scares people. Above all, it indicates that we are living and acting as though we are the focus of all quick and dramatic activities within the region!"

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

Approaching typhoon in Philippines

Envoy cautions Kuwaiti citizens

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 17, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Ambassador to the Philippines Walid Al-Kandari cautioned Kuwaiti citizens to take precautions against an approaching typhoon, as government issued forced evacuations of residents in flood-prone areas.

On a phone call to KUNA, on Saturday, the envoy said that the embassy has allocated hotline number (00639998877897) for Kuwaiti citizens to contact in case of emergency.

Typhoon Koppu, which is known locally in the Philippines as "Typhoon Lando", is predicted to strengthen into a powerful tropical cyclone as it slowly

makes its way toward Luzon, a large island that makes up the northern part of the country. It will hit as a Category 3 to Category 4 storm, with winds strong enough to cause severe damage.

President Benigno Aquino III appeared Friday on national television to warn Filipinos about the typhoon and appealed for cooperation to prevent casualties.

It was the first time Aquino had personally issued a storm warning on television since super Typhoon Haiyan barreled through the central Philippines in Nov 2013, leaving more than 7,300 dead or missing.

Kuwait Today

Prayer Timings

Fajr	04:31
Sunrise	05:51
Zohr	11:33
Asr	14:49
Maghreb	17:15
Isha	18:32

Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:
By Night: Unstable with moderate to fresh south easterly to light variable wind, with speed of 25-50 km/h causing rising dust with a chance for scattered thunderstorms at times.

By Day: Mostly sunny with light to moderate south easterly to light variable wind, with speed of 08-28 km/h.

Station	Max	Min	Exp
Kuwait City	39	28	
Kuwait Airport	39	25	
Abdaly	40	22	
Bubyan	32	26	
Jahra	40	25	
Falajka Island	34	26	
Salimiyah	31	28	
Ahmedi	32	28	
Juliah Port	40	24	
Qaroh Island	32	29	
Umm Al-Maradem	33	29	

4 days forecast

Weather

Day	Expected weather	Max Temp	Min Temp	Wind Direction	Wind Speed
Sunday, Oct 18	mostly sunny	37C	25C	SE-VRB	08-28 km/h
Monday, Oct 19	sunny + scattered clouds	37C	25C	SE-VRB	08-28 km/h
Tuesday, Oct 20	sunny	39C	22C	SE-VRB	06-26 km/h
Wednesday, Oct 21	clouds to increase + scattered rain	39C	22C	SE-VRB	06-26 km/h

Marine Forecast

Station	Max	Min	Sea	Today's	Waves
South Dolphin	31	28	28	7ft	NW

deaths

Sheikha Musa Mohammad Al-Ajmi - wife of Mohammad Abdul 70 years old, Manei' Al-Sawan Al-Ajmi, buried, Condolences: (Men) Bayan, Block 11, Street 1, Avenue 1, House 3. Tel: 97729211. (Women) Bayan, Block 11, Street 1, Avenue 1, House 1. Tel: 66262559. **Modi Abdullah Mutlaq** - 89 years old, widow of Hamoud Khalaf Al-Massa'ed buried, Condolences: (Men) Omaniya, Block 4, Street 5, House 9. Tel: 66649666. (Women) Andalus, Block 10, Street 7, House 158. Tel: 66647666. **Sarah Saleh Al-Shayel**, 80 years old, buried, Condolences: (Men) Kaifan, Block 2, Street Okaz, House 28. Tel: 99294242. (Women) Surra, Block 5, Street 5, House 41. Tel: 99534964. **Yusuf Khalil Ibrahim Al-Tamimi**, 32 years old, buried, Condolences: (Men) Rumeithiya, Block 7, Street Hassan Al-Banna, Avenue 77, House 16. Tel: 68883361. (Women) Rumeithiya, Block 7, Street Hassan Al-Banna, Avenue 77, House 29B. Tel: 99819410. **Sheikha Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Bukheit** - 70 years old, wife of Abdullah Suleiman Al-Duwaihi, buried, Condolences: (Men) Rawda, Block 2, Street 20, House 1. Tel: 99408049. (Women) Yarmook, Block 4, Street Abdul Aziz Bin Baz, House 31. Tel: 22510403.

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Sea state	slight to moderate
Wave height	1-3ft
Max Temp	39C
Min Temp	22C
Wind Direction	SE-VRB
Wind Speed	15-38 km/h

Tide times at Shuwaikh Port

1st high tide	01:45
2nd high tide	15:45
1st low tide	20:30
2nd low tide	09:00
Sunrise	05:51
Sunset	17:15

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max temp	39C
Min temp	23C
Max RH	87%
Min RH	18%
Max Wind	S 28 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs	0.0 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max Air Temp	28/32C
Min/Max Rel Hum	45/83%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed	SE/24 km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht	N/1ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp	28/29 C
Sea Current	End of Upwelling

— Directorate General of Civil Aviation/Meteorological Dept.

News in Brief

Meeting of Arab Gulf states, Yemen today: Activities of the regional consultative meeting of the Arab Gulf States and Yemen, hosted by the General Secretariat of the Kuwaiti National Committee of UNESCO kick off on Sunday on green schools initiative as an introduction to education for sustainable development.

Secretary-General of the Kuwaiti National Committee for UNESCO Dr. Ahmed Oqlah Al-Anzi said in a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that the meeting, hosted by Kuwait under the patronage of Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Bader Al-Essa is part of UNESCO's commitment to work for the benefit of sustainable development.

He explained that the meeting addresses many of the issues on the agenda, notably green schools, which aim to provide a learning environment for students working on the acquisition of a skill to make informed decisions on the issues related to the environments.

Al-Anzi pointed out that all green schools curricula and the initiative of green schools are based on the concepts of sustainable development, pointing out that the concept of sustainable development as defined by the United Nations includes a process of change in the use of resources and how to better make use of them. (KUNA)

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