

Association's visit most significant mission ever undertaken

Kuwaiti lawyers discuss professional issues with Dutch counterparts

PARIS, Feb 1, (KUNA): A 35-member delegation from Kuwait Bar Association held talks on Monday with Dutch counterparts in The Hague examining professional issues of common concern and bilateral ties between the State of Kuwait and the Dutch nation.

Muhammad Al-Sayer, the Kuwaiti as-

sociation secretary, told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that the attorneys' visit to the Netherlands would help in swapping expertise and cementing the two countries' ties in various domains, particularly the law profession.

The visit is the most significant mission ever undertaken by the associa-

tion, he added, noting that its benefits are very much broad and not restricted to the profession.

The Kuwaiti lawyers are visiting the Netherlands to examine works of the judicial and legal organizations.

The delegation has visited offices of Kuwait Petroleum International in

The Hague, examining most substantial tasks undertaken by the company. They have also been involved in a seminar on chemicals arms crimes, during which Dr Talal Al-Azmi, the State of Kuwait Representative at the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in the Hague,

has lectured about the issue, shedding light on some legal defects in this respect.

During the five-day mission, the Kuwaiti attorneys will attend hearings at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, visit the International Criminal Court and meet with

counterparts in the International Bar Association to gain advantage of international experience in trials and mechanism of action of the lawyers in those courts.

The visit to the Netherlands by the Kuwaiti lawyers is the second of its kind since 2015.



KUNA photo
Kuwait's General Consul in Irbil Dr Omar Al-Kandari meets representatives of Ministry of Education in Federal Government of Iraq and representatives from Ministry of Education from Iraqi Kurdistan Region.



KUNA photos
Photos show relief aid distribution to Syrian refugees in Jordan.

Raising border issue with Kuwait 'unjustified,' says Iraqi premier

Kuwait sponsors ward at Irbil hospital

BAGHDAD, Feb 1, (KUNA): Iraqi Premier Haidar Al-Abadi termed as "unjustified" some parties' raising issues of Khour (inlet) Abdullah and border demarcation with State of Kuwait, with which borders already demarcated in line with a UN resolution.

"The aim of raising these issues at this time is to deviate attention from victory achieved in the city of Mosul," Abadi told a news conference.

"Unjustified media frenzy has been created over Khour Abdullah," he added.

He explained that the government discussed the mapping of maritime boundaries between Iraq and Kuwait MP Hanan Fatlawi had asked Abadi about claims that the Iraqi government relinquished rights in Khour Abdullah.

UN Security Council resolution 833 demarcates land borders and part of maritime boundary up until border sign 162.

Kuwait Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, in a statement over the issue two days ago, said new maps were needed following maintenance of border signs in line with resolution 833. "We are not changing positions of the signs," he affirmed.

Kuwait and Iraq agreed to start drawing the new maps and will share the cost. "We have informed the UN about Kuwait's readiness to draw these border maps, and we are awaiting approval of the Iraqi side," he said.

Al-Jarallah explained that Khour Abdullah is a waterway between Kuwait and Iraq. The two countries signed an agreement in 2012 to organize navigation in this inlet.

Sponsored

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Al-Najat Charity society announced Wednesday that it had sponsored the opening of a ward at a private hospital in Irbil which receives people injured in the military operations in the city of Mosul.

The society is set to open several other humanitarian projects in the city in the coming months, head of the health committee at Al-Najat told KUNA on Wednesday.

Kuwait has built two hospitals for emergency cases in Iraq and Kurdistan region, while also working on building three medical centers in refugee camps in Kurdistan's Dahuk city.

In late 2016, the Iraqi government, backed by regional forces and international alliance, launched a military operation to liberate Mosul, Iraq's second largest city from the control of the so-called Islamic State (IS), who conquered the city in 2014.

Furthermore, around \$250,000 will be used to cover expenses of cancer treatment for Syrian refugees residing in Jordan, said Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) Tuesday.

Speaking to KUNA, KRCS Deputy Chairman Anwar Al-Hasawi said that the society was cooperating with King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC), noting that all expenses of Syrian refugees suffering from cancer will be covered.

This is part of the KRCS mission to ease the pain of millions of Syrian refugees residing in Jordan and neighboring countries to Syria, affirmed Al-Hasawi, adding that the society will continue its mission within this domain.

Senior official at the KHCC Nsreen Al-Kharabshah said that the center was very grateful for the KRCS support, hoping that such cooperation will continue in the future.

She affirmed that the KHCC, which was established in 1997, will offer all necessary assistance to help the Syrian refugees during their dire situation.

Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) has delivered relief aid to 400 Syrian refugee families in the Ruwashed area near the Jordanian-Iraqi border.

Khaled Al-Zaid, head of the KRCS field team told KUNA that the society has delivered basic food, date, blankets and clothes to the Syrian families in which most of these families are living in random tents.



Photos from the event organized by Australian Embassy in Kuwait at Jumeirah Hotel.

Al-Jarallah attends Australian National Day celebration

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Khaled Al-Jarallah attended an event organized by the Australian Embassy in Kuwait on the occasion of the country's National Day.

Responding to journalists, Al-Jarallah affirmed that Kuwait never transgressed on Iraqi lands under the demarcation policy and neither will Kuwait allow any

transgression over her lands under the UN Resolution No: 833 that clearly resolves the issue.

He reaffirmed Kuwait's readiness to cooperate with Australia in the political, security and military fields, in addition to investment avenues.

He recalled the role played by Australia during the liberation, saying a lot of opportunities are

available to cooperate on.

For his part, the Australian ambassador to Kuwait H.E Warren Hauck said he looks forward to establish new ties with Kuwait in different fields.

He took the opportunity to congratulate HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on the 11th anniversary of his ascension to power.

Algerian diplomat hails Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 1, (KUNA): Algeria's Ambassador to Kuwait Abdulhamid Abdawi has heaped praise on Kuwait for its efforts to assist needy nations, describing the country as a beacon of humanity.

In a statement to KUNA after visiting Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS), Abdawi said that KRCS has provided relief aid for years on end to nations victimized by natural dis-

asters and conflicts. Moreover, he added that he discussed with KRCS officials various strategies for increased cooperation between KRCS and the Algerian Red Crescent Society.

Meanwhile, KRCS Director General Abdulrahman Al-Oun told KUNA that the society has been quick to respond to calls of help from people mired in misery, adding that the aid given is non-discriminatory.

Hike in health insurance after 2 yrs

Ministry intends to restart aid to Kuwaiti women wed to expats

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 1: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor, and State Minister for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh revealed that the ministry intends to restart disbursing social aid to Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis, reports AlJarida daily. It is worth mentioning that disbursement of social aid for all Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis was suspended in last phase.

Al-Sabeeh stressed that Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis are excluded from the condition of mental disability and that only the physical disability will be taken into consideration until the relevant law is amended.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Health has urged expatriates to avoid crowding in front of health insurance centers and to wait until the expiry of their health insurances in order to avoid the congestion and disorder seen in these centers that lead to delay in issuance of health insurance cards, reports Al-Shahed daily.

The ministry affirmed that the health insurance charges will be increased only after the new hospitals of health insurance are built, which will take another two or more years.

Furthermore, head of General Department of Residency Affairs Major General Talal Marafie stressed the keenness of the department to do its best in facilitating procedures for citizens and expatriates, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

He explained that the department, based on directives from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Lieutenant General Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, will launch one application form for all types of transactions. This new form will come into effect from Feb 12 and will facilitate procedures as well as offer a better way to audit the information and avoid errors. Major General Marafie revealed that the form is available for download on the website of Ministry of Interior — www.moi.gov.kw

News in Brief

Al-Durrah to set standards: Board Chairman of Al-Durrah Domestic Labor Company Eyad Al-Sumait affirmed that the news circulating about the cost of bringing domestic workers into the country and their salary scale are not true, revealing that the concerned companies have not yet set any cost either now or before.

In a press statement, Al-Sumait explained that the procedures set by the government so far for the issuance of commercial licenses have been completed. The board met two days ago and endorsed the actual operation plan based on which the company may start its actual activities in the course of the next seven months.

Al-Sumait indicated that they are in the process of setting up standards and mechanisms, and the infrastructure of the company, revealing that they are currently working from the temporary headquarters but the actual headquar-

ters will soon be ready.

BA Course to start in Sept: Dean of Faculty of Public Health at Kuwait University Dr Nasser Behbehani has declared that the course of Bachelors Degree in Health and Social Behavioral Sciences will start next September and will consist of four specializations, reports Al-Anba daily.

He revealed that the course of Masters in Public Health (MPH) will commence in 2018, adding that the faculty is also set to launch PhD program in Public Health.

Singer to undergo surgery: The young Kuwaiti singer Ahmed Al-Qattan who has suffered a fracture in the pelvis shall undergo a surgery at the Al-Razi Hospital, reports Al-Rai daily.

It is worth mentioning Al-Qattan was involved in a traffic accident.

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