

Govts have key role in sustainable protection of children, says Kuwait

FM renews Kuwait's firm position in supporting Yemen



KUNA photo
Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait to the UN Ambassador Al-Otaibi during the Security Council session (Children and Armed Conflict).

Actress Al-Douri expresses satisfaction over public reactions to her TV series 'Al-Share'e'

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KUWAIT CITY, July 10: Actress Heba Al-Douri expressed her satisfaction over the public reactions to her TV series "Ebrat Al-Share'e" (Street Lessons) directed by Munir Al-Za'abi.

The TV series was broadcast during the Holy Month of Ramadan and is being broadcast again currently. It features a number of stars particularly Suad Al-Abdullah and Dawood Hussain.

Al-Douri stressed that the reason behind the success of the series is the harmonious teamwork and the professional script written by Dr Hamad Al-Roumi.

She praised director Al-Za'abi who helped her in giving her best performance, expressing her pride in working alongside writers Muna Al-Shimmari and Dr Hamad Al-Roumi. She affirmed that the coming period will witness cooperation with writer Anfal Al-Duwaisan and others.

She said, "The scene in which I was facing rape was enacted in line with the directions of the writer. However, we did not want to hurt the feelings of families by exaggerating in the details of the scene. The message of the scene has been fully conveyed to the viewers without hurting any feelings."

Al-Douri revealed that she pre-

fers to work with different actors rather than just one actor; however, she does not mind working with the same actor more than once.

She expressed her sorrow over the passing away of actor Abdullah Al-Baroumi who died before completing the shooting of his scenes in the series, revealing that she knew him for 18 years and was in awe of his fine morals and humble personality.

Al-Douri said she was happy to take part in the TV series "Khadeit Menni wa Atait" (You gave and you took from me) as a guest actor through her role as a wife who suffers from neglect of her husband who also gave up his responsibilities as a father.

NEW YORK, July 10, (KUNA): Kuwait has stressed the critical role of national governments in achieving effective and sustainable protection for children, a role affirmed by Security Council 1612 and 1882 resolutions and the importance of monitoring violations against children as provided by Resolution 1612.

This came in a speech delivered by the Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations, Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi at the Security Council session (Children and Armed Conflict).

The best way to respond effectively to violations against children is to prevent conflict and create sustainable peace. The protection of children in armed conflict should be an integral part of all peace processes, Al-Otaibi said.

He also called on all Member States to sign and ratify relevant international conventions to ensure the protection of children in armed conflicts.

Suffering

Al-Otaibi during his speech highlighted the suffering of Palestinian children under the occupation and that of Rohingya children in Myanmar, reiterating the central role of national governments in protecting children and underscored the importance of reliable and independent sources in providing insight into situations on the ground.

"Expressing our anger is not enough," he said.

He also expressed concern about the increase in the number of violations against children by about 35 percent compared to 2016 during the period covered by the Secretary-General's report on children and the current armed conflict.

Since the Graca Machel report published more than 20 years ago, the UN has recognized that the best way to protect children is to prevent conflict, Al-Otaibi said.

He called on the council to take necessary measures to ensure compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law to ensure security and freedom of movement without persecution on religious or ethnic grounds and the need to strengthen accountability mechanisms for all perpetrators of violations against children.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, met Tuesday with Yemen's Foreign Minister, Khalid Hussein Al-Yamani on the sidelines of the 8th meeting of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum (CASCF).

Boosting

The meeting discussed boosting bilateral relations in all fields, latest developments on the Yemeni arena and the international efforts aimed at finding a political solution to the crisis in Yemen.

It also tackled alleviating the suffering of the Yemeni people in addition to the latest regional and international developments. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled renewed Kuwait's firm position in supporting Yemen.

Kuwait and through its non-permanent membership in the Security Council will continue its efforts to support Yemen and reach a peaceful solution that will restore security and stability to Yemen according to the Gulf initiative and its executive mechanism, outcomes of the comprehensive national dialogue as well as resolution of the UNSC 2216, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled said.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Foreign Minister for Arab Affairs Ambassador Aziz Rahim Al-Daihani, Assistant Foreign Minister for Foreign Minister's Office Affairs, Ambassador Saleh Salem Al-Loughani, Kuwait's Ambassador to China, Samih Johar Hayat and number of senior Foreign Ministry officials.

Statistics issued recently by the National Assembly for the 15th legislative term revealed that lawmakers raised 2,670 questions from June 11, 2016 to July 5, 2018 and the government responded to 2,255 questions — 84 percent of the total, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The statistics also showed that the Cabinet requested extension of deadline for responding to questions 74 times, whereas 314 questions remain unanswered.

In addition, the lawmakers submitted 174 draft laws and 799 proposals; while 16 bills were passed, and 37 budgets, 21 agreements and 33 final accounts were endorsed.



KUNA photo
Kuwait's FM Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled during the meeting with his Yemeni counterpart Khalid Hussein Al-Yamani.



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Head of the Central System for Remediating the Status of Illegal Residents (CSR-SIR) Saleh Al-Fadhala held a meeting with representatives from Ministry of Justice at the CSRSIR headquarters to discuss issues related to transactions of Bedoun residents in the ministry.



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Officials signing the MoU.

API signs MoU with Kibrat

Move to employ scientific, practical experts among the Kuwaiti retirees

KUWAIT CITY, July 10, (KUNA): Arab Planning Institute (API) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the national project for retirees (Kibrat) for employing scientific and practical experts among Kuwaiti retirees to enhance efforts for human resources development and sustainable social development.

In a press statement, Director General of API Dr Bader Malallah said the objective of the MoU is to enhance the joint cooperation framework between the two sides in aspects related to developing human capacity, and fostering institutional and development planning performance through prevailing development services and programs.

Affirming that the relations between the institute and the project are old, Dr Malallah stressed that the MoU cements the relations and puts it in a proper institutional and legal framework.

He explained that the national project for retirees (Kibrat) is one of the major and vital projects to which the state gives major attention because it covers a huge caliber of citizens amid the increasing number of retirees the country has witnessed over the past few years due to the early retirement system.

Dr Malallah stressed the need to benefit from the accumulated experiences acquired by the retirees through years of work in different spheres of life, and to invest in them by applying them properly in various aspects.

Meanwhile, Board Chairperson of the national project for retirees (Kibrat) Dr Salah Al-Abduljader affirmed that the objective of the MoU is to develop and improve the national economy through development and training of national capacity.

He said the MoU represents the launch of the project in a new stage of constructive and productive relations with the API.

Dr Al-Abduljader revealed that the API is the beam in the field of development in Kuwait and various Arab countries, and it possesses huge capacity in terms of administration, planning and development.

It is worth mentioning that Arab Planning Institute (API) is an independent non-profit regional organization established in 1972. Its primary mission is to advance the cause of economic and social development in the Arab countries through training, research, consultancy, expert-group meetings and publication.

News in Brief

Amir cables Chinese President:

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent on Tuesday a cable to President of China Xi Jinping, expressing gratitude for the warm hospitality His Highness and the accompanying official delegation received during the state visit to the friendly People's Republic of China.

His Highness the Amir praised the fruitful results from this visit, especially regarding the distinguished bilateral relations between the two friendly countries.

The visit reflected the depth of the relations, which reflected the joint determination to move forward towards developing and enhancing cooperation in various fields, especially economic, trade, investment, cultural and military.

His Highness the Amir called on the Chinese President to pay an official visit to Kuwait to enhance such ties even further. (KUNA)

Amir congratulates Bahamas:

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a congratulatory cable to Govern-

General of the Bahamas Marguerite Pindling for her country's Independence Day on Tuesday.

His Highness the deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah also sent similar cables to Governor-General Pindling. (KUNA)

TSC holds 'Shark Week': The Scientific Center affiliated to Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) announced that "Shark Week" was organized from Friday, July 5.

Director of Marketing and Communications Department at The Scientific Center Khalid Al-Ramli explained that the week will involve a number of activities including diving sessions with sharks in the largest aquarium in Kuwait for 30 minutes, which will cost KD 50 per session. The sessions will allow filming and photography; a special T-shirt will also be given to the participant. The activities include free show and workshops about sharks.

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