

Arab organization praises Kuwait humanitarian role

ICRC confab kicks off with Kuwait participation

GENEVA, Dec 10, (KUNA): The Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization (ARCO) lauded Monday the crucial role the Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) played in the humanitarian scene both regionally and internationally.

Speaking to KUNA on the sideline of an ARCO meeting in Geneva, the organization's Secretary General Saleh Al-Tuwajri affirmed that Kuwait was leading in the realm of humanitarian assistance on a national, regional and international level.

He commended KRCS's efforts and its collaboration with ARCO and other international humanitarian organizations, saying that such cooperation benefits those who are in desperate need of help worldwide.



Kuwait Red Crescent Society delegation at the conference

On his part, KRCS's Chairman Dr Hilal Al-Sayer, also a nominee for the permanent committee of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, commended the cooperation among Arab relief organizations within humanitarian aid.

He affirmed that Kuwaiti efforts were very much appreciated by international humanitarian organizations. On the current meeting, Al-Sayer said it focused on the recent humanitarian developments and ways to tackle challenges facing relief aid workers.

Meanwhile, the 33rd meeting of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies will be held later today and will continue until Dec 12.

The 33rd conference of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) kicked off Monday and will run until Thursday, Dec 12.

Speaking to KUNA in a statement on the sidelines of the event, Al-Sayer said the world's countries are seeking to provide stability, security and safety for their citizens.

They are looking forward to setting a comprehensive strategy to curb disasters and crises as well as emergencies based on a clear vision to create a safe, stable and prosperous environment for nations, he added.

The congress discusses the five global challenges in the 2030 strategy, he said, noting that climate change constitutes a major danger facing the humanity.

He pointed out that this phenomenon affects all sectors including health and living conditions.

He said the event focuses on crises disasters, health, migration, identity, values and others, indicating "we will work with our partners to ensure providing full care to people".

He stressed the importance of developing and maintaining donors' base so as to ensure offering basic services for the needy.

He urged the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to concept activities of voluntary action in the next years through renewing a network of humanitarian field staff.



HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah attends the 40th Gulf Cooperation Council Summit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Dec 10. (AP)

'Focuses on Amiri Decrees'

Kuwait Gazette marks 65th 'versary

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 10, (KUNA): Kuwait Gazette, Kuwait Alyawm, marks its 65th anniversary tomorrow Wednesday as the first government publication which was the nucleus of print media in the North Gulf country.

Late Bader Khaled Al-Bader, who in September 1954 was the Secretary in the Administrative Office at the Information Department, sent a letter to the Director of the Finance Department Khaled Al-Musallam proposing publication of an official gazette.

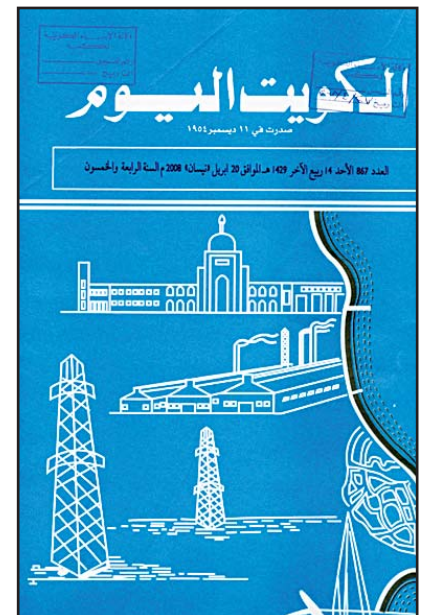
He proposed this request be referred to the Supreme Executive Committee, which was formed by late Amir Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah on July 19, 1954 with a mandate of establishing the structure of government departments.

This committee grouped Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, current Amir of State of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Ali Al-Sabah, Sheikh Khaled Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Ahmad Abdullatif and Abdullatif Al-Nesf.

Al-Musallam, who liked Al-Bader's proposal, wrote a letter to the Executive Committee on Sept 12, 1954, and attached the proposal with it. The committee, meeting the next day, referred the letter to Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs of the Information Department.

After a series of meetings over the official gazette, the Executive Committee sent letters to government departments informing them about the imminent publication of the gazette.

The departments, answering a committee request, sent representatives to a special meeting to discuss measures related to publication:



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Ahmad Al-Sayyed Omar (Finance), Bader Al-Bader (Information), Saud Al-Fozan (Public Works), Talaat Al-Ghusain (Construction Council), Jassem Al-Qatami (Police), Abdullah Al-Nouri (Judiciary), Ahmad Al-Saqaf (Awqaf), Jassem Al-Anjeri (Port), Abdulaziz Al-Doseri (Customs), Saeed Yaaqoub (Municipality), Khaled Al-Nasrallah (Health) and Yusuf Al-Hassan (Electricity and Water).

He asked, "If such a report true? If yes, I want a copy of the decision taken to dismiss the accused senior official from his position, a copy of the decision to refer him to Public Prosecution, and the results of the investigation".

Amir returns

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His Highness the Amir was received at the airport by His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and senior state officials.

His Highness the Amir's delegation comprises Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Minister of Interior Anas Al-Saleh, Minister of Health, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Acting Minister of Defense Sheikh Dr Basel Humoud Hamad Al-Sabah, Minister of State for Economic Affairs and Acting Minister of Finance Mariam Al-Aqeel, Undersecretary of Amiri Diwan and Director of His Highness the Amir's Office Ahmad Al-Fahad, Head of Amiri Protocols Sheikh Khaled Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah Al-Nasser Al-Sabah, Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, Head of Media and Cultural Affairs at Amiri Diwan Yousef Al-Roumi, Chief of Political and Economic Affairs at Amiri Diwan Sheikh Fawaz Saud Nasser Saud Al-Sabah and senior officials at the Amiri Diwan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Acting Finance Minister and Minister of State for Economic Affairs Mariam Al-Aqeel being honoured

Bid to create multifaceted economy

Private sector an 'integral part' of state's development plan: Al Aqeel

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 10, (KUNA): Kuwait's private sector is an "integral part" of the country's development plans, a minister said on Tuesday, placing great emphasis on an increasingly significant part of the economy.

Acting Finance Minister and Minister of State for Economic Affairs Mariam Al-Aqeel's remarks came as she launched a national campaign over a "brighter future" for Kuwait, where she spoke on behalf of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

On the private sector's contributions towards economic development, the

minister said this notion is embedded in the country's constitution, which also acknowledges the media's role in supporting national development plans.

The new aspect of the campaign focuses on the common perception of sustainable development, added the minister, saying the initiative aims to encourage the average citizen to contribute to the country's development plans.

She emphasized that Kuwait's development plan is running on track, one that would lead the country towards a raft of reforms, including

infrastructure repairs, which in turn, will help create a more multifaceted economy.

Kuwait's strategic location serves as an incentive for the country to rise to regional prominence, said Kuwait Projects Company's (Holding) Deputy CEO Faisal Al-Ayyar, who pointed out that the country possesses the capabilities needed to achieve the aforementioned goal.

On Kuwait's ever-growing private sector, he said it proves that Kuwaitis have the business acumen to propel their country towards economic prosperity.

Riyadh declaration

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He has previously served as Kuwait Minister of Finance for a brief period in 2012, and Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education from 2012 to 2014. His most recent Cabinet post was also as Finance Minister from November 2017 until his resignation in November 2019.

Al-Hajraf holds a PhD in Accounting and Finance from the University of Hull, UK and a Master's in Accounting from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as well as a bachelor's degree in accounting from Kuwait University.

The GCC leaders have lauded devoted efforts of His Highness the Amir to mend the Gulf rift, Secretary General Abdulatif A-Zayani said Tuesday.

His remarks came during a joint press conference with Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal Bin Farhan at the conclusion of the 40th Gulf summit here; as he added that, "the Supreme Council expressed support for those efforts and the significance for them to continue," a statement echoed by the Saudi top diplomat, who added that the "four countries" do support His Highness the Amir's efforts in this regard.

Al-Zayani voiced the GCC's keenness on unity among its members, with the mutual goal of achieving more coordination and collaboration on all levels.

He pointed to the Supreme Council leaders' affirmation of the necessity of implementing all decisions and agreements concluded within the framework of the GCC and commitment to its contents, indicating that the Supreme Council expressed satisfaction over progress made in implementing the vision of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman Bin Abdulaziz to enhance Gulf joint action.

Al-Zayani also noted that the Supreme Council adopted the recommendations of the Joint Defense Council at its 16th session, blessing the establishment of the Gulf Academy for Defense and Security Studies and the adoption of its financial budget, as well as welcoming the opening of the official headquarters of the International Alliance for the Protection and the Safety of Maritime Navigation and ensuring the safety of sea routes, in the Kingdom of Bahrain in November 2019; confirming enhanced security and protection of maritime navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, the Sea of Oman and Bab Al-Mandab Strait.

The Council also adopted the recommendations of the interior ministers at their 36th meeting, and blessed the holding of the joint security exercise 'Arab Gulf Security 2' in the UAE, next year, he said.

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