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His Highness the Amir Representative Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah presents his condolences to His Highness Sheikh Dr Sultan bin Mohammad Al-Qasimi.

Condolences offered

The First Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Representative of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, offered on Thursday condolences to Member

of the UAE Supreme Council and Sharjah Ruler Dr Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammad Al-Qasimi and to the Al-Qasimi family over the death of Sheikh Khaled Bin Sultan bin Mohammad Al-Qasimi. (KUNA).

KOC staunch advocate of 'clean' environment

Call for joint action

KUWAIT CITY, July 4, (KUNA): Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) CEO Imad Al-Sultan on Thursday affirmed the company unwavering commitment to preserving Kuwait's environment and the population safety.

Speaking at a forum on rehabilitating the Kuwaiti environment, he indicated at the approach of cooperating with all concerned authorities and individuals to bolster collective action at this level.

Muthanna Al-Mumen, in charge of the KOC team tasked with soil treatment, affirmed that the forum aimed at shedding light on achievements and future plans to tackle the local environment.

The KOC, in 2012, launched programs at the oil fields to tackle environmental pollution, as part of the efforts to cleanse the land, contaminated as a result of the 1990-1991 Iraqi occupation, Al-Mumen added.

Kuwait has exerted efforts at various levels

to clear the land of polluting residues resulting from oil lakes, formed when Iraqi aggressors set alight a number of oil installations before retreating from the country in 1991. The massive pollution had been also seen in the sky, when it was filled with huge plumes of black smoke that billowed from the torched sites.

The KOC cooperates with the "national coordination center for tackling damage that resulted from the aggression."

There have been a number of achievements, such as construction of dumping sites in the south and north and building a workshop in the north, in addition to regular participation in conventions on soil reclamation.

Meanwhile, Nuhail Abdulrazzaq, secretary general of the program for rehabilitating the Kuwaiti environment, indicated at the "KARB" project, aimed at treating the damage according to international standards.

The UN special commission on war compensations had allotted USD three billion to fund environmental projects and restore the Kuwaiti wildlife.

The Kuwaiti press archives are rich in pictures of various animals and birds soaked in oil when the large oil pools covered large swaths of the Kuwaiti lands.

'Budget restraints'

Locust 'invasion' under study

KUWAIT CITY, July 4: The head of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries Resources (PAAAFR) Sheikh Muhammad al-Yusuf said the authority is currently working to determine the effects of the wave of locusts that invaded the country during last Ramadan, in preparation for the government to compensate for the fact that it is a natural disaster based on the constitution, reports Al-Rai daily.

In an interview with Al-Rai television Sunday evening, Al-Yusuf said that the authority had ruled out the use of aircraft to spray the locusts, stressing that efforts and cooperation of the competent authorities succeeded in eradicating the locusts by spraying it with insecticides by skilled workers to protect the plants and animals in the area.

He pointed out that the budget of the

authority has shrunk, which is an obsession in the provision and implementation of agricultural projects, especially in the new areas, hoping that this is taken into account to increase the green area in Kuwait.

He also pointed out that the authority is waiting to receive land to establish farms and sheds for fish farming, to compensate for the shortage of fish caught from the sea, where fishing has reduced the strategic stock of fish to 25 percent.

He said the authority expects to distribute plots for fish farming soon according to controls and public lottery and praised the cooperation of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research with PAAAFR to launch a million larvae to increase the stock of fish wealth.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

'Get rid of sword, accept olive branch'

'War within only to harm Palestinian cause'

"THE Palestinian cause, was and still is the central and the most important issue for the Arabs where most wars including the past and the existing ones in the Middle East region still revolve around the orbit of this cause," columnist *Hamad Saleh Al-Qattan* wrote for *Annahar* daily.

"However, I mean here all the military, political, economic and cultural wars that were waged on our Islamic and Arab communities in the framework of the Palestinian cause because this represents a historical renewable cause.

"In this context, we elucidate that since the very beginning of this cause and until now the Palestinians people have been suffering and still do suffer the worst types of persecution, killing, displacement and imprisonment.

"In spite of the above, the US President Donald Trump since the very beginning of his election campaign and until now verbally attacks the Palestinian cause and is still involved in his scheme for dealing with this cause acceptable to the Zionists and force Palestinians to succumb to it, but he has yet to realize his purpose.

"For their part, the Zionists have put forward many suggestions in coordination with the US to implement the scheme of Trump and the Zionists have resorted in vain to various articles and speeches in a prelude to carry out this scheme.

"In this connection, we cite how the Zionist envoy to the United Nations Danny Danon called on the Palestinians to give up and stop their attempts to establish a Palestinian state in return for economic support for them.

"This happens, while Washington is currently preparing to promote the economic aspect of a peace process under which the Palestinians will be promised that they will be entitled for billions of dollars.

"Meanwhile, Danon in an article published in the New York Times wondered what the fault is in the capitulation of the Palestinians. He added, "The capitulation is the confession. And while we are still in a race, the persistence of the cause will exceed the cost to be borne by the Palestinians, compared to their throwing in the towel.

"He went on to say, the Palestinians have nothing to lose, but they can gain everything by getting rid of their sword and accepting the olive branch.

"However, the question here is, if the United States of America and the Zionist entity are capable of carrying out their schemes, why they are still creating this uproar. Why they are delaying in implementing these schemes, and why they repeat the same suggestions and why they are requesting the Palestinians to capitulate?

"Anyway, it is obvious that the time of imposing the schemes and the dictates on the state no longer exist. In other words, both the US and the Zionist entity are incapable of changing the reality of a people who are determined to stay put on their land and protect their rights. Moreover, all peoples of the region currently support the cause of this people.

"In other words, both the United States of America and the Zionists will not be capable of eradicating the Palestinian cause unless the Palestinians and the others who currently support this cause are eradicated.

"Yes, the Palestinian cause is deep-rooted in the hearts of the Muslim people. When the Zionist entity requests the Palestinians to capitulate, this means this entity will not be in a position to do more against the Palestinians.

"In this context, we wonder how the Zionists are requesting the Palestinians to capitulate,

late, although the Zionists realize that in every Palestinian family there is a martyr, prisoner or a handicapped or an injured person. It is obvious the Zionists are requesting the Palestinians to capitulate, simply because they are striving to possess a holy land that nobody reserves the right to possess, then, we wonder, how the usurper, killer and unfair jailor, is requesting an entire people to capitulate."

Also:

"Since the very beginning of this tragedy – the occupation of the Arab territories of Palestine – the West has spared no effort to assist the Zionists at both the military and political levels to enable them to consecrate and engrain this occupation and give legitimacy to it," columnist and former *MP Abdulmohsen Yusuf Jamal* wrote for *Al-Qabas* daily.

"Not only that, it is the West which put political and economic pressures on the Arab states to force them to succumb to their will and accept this strange body (Israel) as part and parcel of the Arab region, given the fact this persistent pressure on the Arabs in general and the Palestinians in particular through economic sanctions on the Palestinians in addition to persecuting them and assisting the Zionists in their wars against them have actually partially weakened some parts of the Arab nation and this was evident through the latter's relative capitulation to the Zionists, lest to say some people within this nation are currently defending the Zionists.

"In other words, some Arabs have succumbed and recognized this usurping enemy's right to rob the land of the 'Isra'a and Mearaj' (Palestine) as well as the land of Al-Aqsa Mosque and this has resulted in the West going ahead in its support of the Zionists and currently calling on the Arabs to request the Palestinians to leave their homes, villages and cities and 'sell' their homeland in the name of the so called 'Deal of the Century'.

"Such being the case, we infer that this deal means emptying Palestine of its people and allowing the Zionists to dwell in their lands and homes, given the fact that as it has been reported that implementation of this deal will be with Arab money.

"However, nobody even the most pessimist Arabs were expecting a day to come when the Palestinian will be expelled from their territories and from that of their Arab brothers and welcome the Zionists to replace them.

"But, the above will not prevent the Arabs even slowly to reject this bad reality and eventually work against the relevant project through the boycott and resistance in a hope that this will create something new on the ground.

"In this connection, we say the rejection to be shown by the Arabs, shall represent the robust power that shall encounter the normalization of ties with the foe of the nation and the usurper of its territories, irrespective of any further action that is likely to be taken by both the West and the Zionist against this genuine nation, because this nation will not succumb and as such it will strongly react and in a manner that shall enable it to restore its dignity and occupied territories, and this prospective reaction is to come soon."

"We monitor international events around us with the continuing American threat to the Iranian Republic at a pace that escalates to the point of entering the war and suddenly returning to work on conditional negotiations to reach an agreement in the interest of parties to the conflict in the region," *Hadi Bin Ayedh* wrote for *Al-Anba* daily.

"If the US and Iranian justifications are illogical and unconvincing, they are only part of political maneuvers that use economic, diplomatic and media tools to achieve each party's greatest interests. In politics, US President Trump relies on the policy of 'brinkmanship'

– an American policy used by the Secretary of State under President Eisenhower and was the first to use the term. It relies on escalation of international crisis to achieve gains and induce the opponent not to retreat from the war even if it leads you to a dangerous edge.

"The use of this policy by the US president is different from the past, because it is no longer limited to military war, as the same method was used economically with the Turks by imposing tax on Turkey's exports of important materials such as aluminum. He was able to use it to achieve economic and political gains. Perhaps, the most notable gain here is the release of the American pastor accused of espionage.

"Trump then moved to China, where Huawei has chosen to impose restrictions on US companies that deal with it. As politics and the economy are two sides of the same coin, the US president successfully used the policy to address many of the flaws that distorted the face of the US economy within a short period compared to economic reform policies in other countries.

"In the Gulf region, the Americans exploited all events, taking advantage of them in one way or another without reaching the stage of war for several reasons. The most prominent of it is that the losses of any war in the comprehensive sense in the Gulf region far outweigh the gains, and therefore exclude the possibility of this war and even avoid it.

"If this is necessary, it will not go beyond military blows which are not painful to the Iranian regime. The regime has achieved several gains as a result of US threats, most notably the cohesion of the home front to confront the external enemy and continuing threats. Therefore, any military strike in order to review the force and proof of presence in the region will bring the Iranian regime more gains internally.

"Perhaps, many believe what is in the media in terms of the justifications of war and reasons for the retreat. However, those who follow US policy in the region understand that what is going on in the White House's backyard is very different from what we follow through news bulletins and that the channels of communication between Trump and the Iranians did not close."

"We believe we are different, but I did not imagine that we are different from others in all aspects, even in the academic field whose systems, norms and domains we ignore. The adoption of the new law by majority of 56 votes in the National Assembly in its last session is a confirmation of this: 'We are different such that we make every day with our hands unaware of any destination we are heading to destroy the foundations of development and damage without developing our human resources,'" *Dr Moudhi Al-Humoud* wrote for *Al-Qabas* daily.

"The concerned people have been waiting for years hoping the new law will improve the situation, but no one realized that political calculations overshadowed the decision of most 'political' legislators in the National Assembly to ignore all principles of specialization and science and allow non-specialists (without academic and professional preparations).

"I mean here the graduates of the Faculty of Sharia to compete with the specialists of the graduates of the Faculty of Law in practicing the legal profession.

"I hope our legislators follow the global model that opens the field of legal studies for those with the academic backgrounds other than law to engage in subsequent studies and specialized diplomas in law and its sciences to qualify them, which is more useful and more empowering for graduates of Sharia studies who wish to practice law. This is also useful to the labor market and society as a whole."

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News in Brief

'Keep environment clean': Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Sheikh Muhammad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah has called on visitors to the sea and beaches to protect the marine environment from the damage that may be caused because of the carelessness of the few people who do not hesitate to pollute the sea and the surrounding areas by discarding waste, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily said Al-Abdullah called on the people on his Instagram account, especially the beach goers not to destroy the marine environment.

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Arms in abandoned house: Personnel from the Explosives Disposal Department of the Ministry of Interior have seized ordnance which was in an abandoned house including 9 light bombs, 20 stun grenades, 23 hand grenades, and 200 rounds of Kalashnikov rifle ammunition, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added, the find was made by an unidentified person who was checking on the house which was offered for sale.

When he came across the ordnance he informed the Operations Department of the Ministry of Interior.

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Asian drug peddlers nabbed: The officers of the General Directorate for Combating Narcotics and Drugs have arrested two Bangladeshis for selling drugs on behalf of an inmate of the Central Prison, reports Al-Anba daily.

Police seized two packets of shabu – 150 grams from one man in Mahboula and 100 grams from another man in Khaitan

Both men have been referred to the Public Prosecution.

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Driving opposite traffic: The driver of a heavy vehicle put himself and other road users in danger when he drove the heavy vehicle in the opposite direction of the traffic flow on Sheikh Jaber Causeway.

According to security sources, the incident was reported by a Kuwaiti citizen.

Securitymen are conducting investigations to find the suspect and arrest him in order to take necessary legal action.