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# Kuwait participates in Melbourne 'No Money for Terror' conference

Bid to combat terror financing in all shapes, forms.

**MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov 6, (KUNA):** The "No Money for Terror" Ministerial Conference on Counter-Terrorism Financing will kick off on Thursday with a wide international participation, including Kuwait.

The conference, on Nov 7-8, will tackle in six sessions numerous issues pertaining to the efforts to combat terror financing in all its shapes and forms.

The opening day of the conference will include several sessions with the first focusing on the evolution of terrorist threats while the second will discuss the global responses to kidnap for ransom and terrorism financing both chaired by the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

The third and final session of the day will focus on the emerging technologies and terror financing risk headed by the Australian Attorney-General.

The second day of the conference will continue discussions on the emerging technologies and terror financing risk with a fourth session chaired by the Department of



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Kuwaiti Ministry of Health presenting the achievements with the attendees of the Kuwaiti week in Egypt.

Home Affairs. This will be followed by the fifth session touching on the public-private partnerships against terrorism financing chaired by the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Center (AUSTRAC).

The conference will close with a session on preventing the exploitation of non-profit organizations for terrorist purposes, which will be chaired by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

Closing remarks will be delivered by the Home Affairs Minister followed by the chairs final statement.

The Kuwaiti delegation will be headed by Ambassador to Australia Monther Al-Eissa and will include Assistant Foreign Minister for Development Affairs and International Cooperation Nasser Al-Sabeeh, acting head of the Kuwait Financial Intelligence Unit Ghazi Al-Abduljalil,

as well as the members of the diplomatic mission of Kuwait in the capital Canberra.

This is the second conference of its kind dedicated to the fight against terror financing with the first held in Paris in April of 2018.

The Paris conference saw the participation of over 70 countries as well as regional and international organizations with 500 experts deliberating on ways to halt terror financing.

Minister of Finance Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf represented Kuwait at the global last year.

The Paris conferences final communique came out with 10 decisions to further reinforce the domestic legal and operational frameworks to collect, analyze and share information by national authorities, to fight anonymous financial transactions, and to enhance the tractability and transparency of non-profit organizations (NPOs) and charitable funds.

The final communique also encouraged measures anticipating and address the risk of new financial instruments being abused, partnering with the private sector, especially the tech industry, in the fight against terrorist financing, and reiterating the usefulness of international and national asset freezing and seizure mechanisms.

## MPs submit bill to amend Article 30

# Parliamentary Committee finalizes priorities for present and previous legislative rounds

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**KUWAIT CITY, Nov 6:** The parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee has finalized its priorities for the current and previous legislative rounds, says Committee Chairman MP Abdul Kareem Al-Kandari.

He added the committee is in charge of reviewing international agreements and memorandums of understanding; and it is keen on following up cases carried over from the last legislative round such as the incarceration of citizens abroad, real

estate investment scams and nationalization of management positions in diplomatic missions.

He revealed the committee intends to invite the Ministry of Foreign Affairs soon to provide a brief on the latest developments in the region and Kuwait's progress in terms of GCC reconciliation efforts.

On the other hand, Chairman of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee MP Ahmed Al-Fadel disclosed the committee has collected all draft laws for submission to the National Assembly including proposals to amend the law on coopera-

tion between the public and private sectors, parliamentary internal regulations and sports club support bill.

He added the proposals submitted by the government include the amendment of the nationality, fire-fighting and legal practice laws; as well as the northern financial district bill.

Furthermore, MPs Mohammed Al-Dallaal, Safaa Al-Hashem, Riyadh Al-Adsani, Omar Al-Tabtabaei and Rakaan Al-Nusuf submitted a bill amending Article 30 of the Penal Code to allow the mother or wife of an incapable patient to grant

permission for an emergency medical procedure.

The explanatory note of the bill mentioned that this is due to complications in situations where the legal guardian of the patient is out of reach or unable to decide within a short and crucial period. Since Islamic teaching does not prohibit women from interacting with doctors on matters concerning their children or spouses, this bill aims to improve ways of dealing with crucial medical situations and create an equal platform for women and men in this regard.



Photos from the event

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## Exhibits showcases innovated devices

# Expo '19 kicks off in Dubai with significant Kuwait participation

**DUBAI, Nov 6, (KUNA):** Access Abilities Expo 2019 kicked off in Dubai Tuesday with participation of Kuwaiti voluntary teams and association specialized in care for people of special challenges.

The exhibition showcases latest innovated devices for aiding persons of extraordinary needs and efforts by government institutions for helping them to be on par with other citizens.

The event, inaugurated by President of the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority Sheikh Ahmad bin Saeed Al-Maktoum, involves teams representing the Kuwait Society for Follow-up on Issues of the Disabled, "Eradah Wa Tahdee" team, "Abtal Al-Kuwait Min Ashab Al-He-mam," the Kuwait Society for Inventors Support, and the voluntary team "Fakhr Al-Watan."

Sheikh Ahmad bin Saeed, also the exhibition patron, said in a statement to journalists that the activity is a new step to boost competitiveness and assert the UAE status as a friendly country for these cases.

He said that 245 companies and specialized centers are exhibiting high tech and advanced robots to aid more millions of persons of special needs in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Dr Samia Suaidan, member of Kuwait Society for Follow-up on Issues of the Disabled, said the association provides services and assistance to the handicapped and promote their accomplishments within the path of Kuwait's development.

The society, she added, plays a prominent role for finding proper jobs for the

disabled Kuwaitis, noting that they are along with citizens of no impairments share some of the responsibility for achieving New Kuwait Vision 2035.

Another member of the Kuwaiti society, Salem Al-Fehaidi, said the exhibition is a good opportunity for the Kuwaiti volunteers and teams to interact with internationally-renowned experts.

Fatma Al-Ashram, member of the Kuwaiti team "Al-Erada Aa Tahadee" said her team publishes books and booklets about the accomplishments of special needs' citizens and nationals of other GCC countries. It has recently organized a well-acclaimed poetry soiree in the sign language, she revealed.

Zahraa Al-Ali from the computer department at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) indicated that the institution is presenting during the event its inventions for aiding persons of this special segment of people.

KISR has worked out special programs for educating the dumb and the blind, including means of communication in the Kuwaiti dialect, in addition to various smart and phone applications.

Ghadeer Al-Abdali, an advisor at the Kuwaiti Society for Supporting the Investors, said the association is displaying at the Kuwaiti pavilion various Kuwaiti inventions including apparatuses for aiding the impaired, namely "squats," an invention created by the Kuwaiti Suleiman Al-Khattaf.

The three-day event involved 150 companies, mostly promoting their products and inventions for helping the impaired to move and act easily.

Centers to be opened in the 6 governorates

# Al-Seneen 'inaugurates' Nat'l Identity Center in Jaber Al-Ali

**KUWAIT CITY, Nov 6:** Assistant Undersecretary for Citizenship and Passports Affairs Brigadier Yousef Al-Seneen has inaugurated the National Identity Center (NIC) in Jaber Al-Ali – a qualitative leap aimed at implementing technological solutions that contribute to simplifying procedures, speedy completion of documents and improving performance, reports Al-Anba daily.

The center's administration pointed out similar centers will be opened in the six governorates during the coming period to receive transactions from citizens from birth to death. The center will also offer services such as the issuance and renewal of electronic passports, citizenship certificates for minor children, a civil card for newborns and birth and death certificates.

The sources explained the Directorate-General of Citizenship and Travel Documents is in the process of completing the services of issuing civil ID cards and birth and death certificates at the national service centers in Mubarak Al-Abdullah, Shamiya, Ishbiliya, Al-Adan



Al-Seneen

and Saad Al-Abdullah, in coordination with the Directorate General of Criminal Evidences in the Capital, Farwaniya, Ahmadi, Jahra, Mubarak Al-Kabir, Hawally governorates using special fingerprint devices to save effort and time on citizens.

## Briefs

**CAMPAIGN:** Under the auspices of Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Fawaz Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, campaign titled "Awareness ... Prevention" concerning prostate cancer will be organized by the Cancer Aware Nation (CAN) in collaboration with Ahmadi Governorate.

According to a press release, a press conference was organized at Ahmadi Governorate Headquarters during which Director of the Technical Office Ibrahim Al-Foudari said the campaign will cover diwanias and cooperative societies within the governorate.

He urged for cooperation and coordination among public and private authorities, as well as voluntary and civil society organizations to intensify awareness campaigns for citizens and expatriates concerning ways to prevent and treat cancer diseases.

**NOMINATION:** Kuwait has informed Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) member countries that former finance minister Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf is its nominee for the post of GCC Secretary-General, the country's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah announced.

"We hope that the coming GCC summit would approve Dr Al-Hajraf's nomination," he told reporters while attending a ceremony held by German Embassy in Kuwait on Tuesday evening to mark the national day of Germany.

Al-Jarallah affirmed Kuwait's commitment to building on the achievements made in the GCC march of joint action.

He expressed Kuwait's confidence in Dr Al-Hajraf's ability to promote the GCC role in meeting the aspirations of the people of its member countries.

"Dr Al-Hajraf has a great economic insight and I believe this is what the GCC needs at present," he stressed.

Al-Jarallah noted that consultations are underway among the GCC members on the final date of the coming summit. (KUNA)

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