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'O youth of Lebanon, Arabs are with you'

'Beirut will emerge victorious from the ashes of port blast'

"THERE is no doubt that the catastrophe which hit the Lebanese capital Beirut is unprecedented by all means. It is the modern replica of Hiroshima of the past and cannot be overlooked because the tragedies are too many," columnist *Sattam Ahmad Al-Jarallah* wrote for *Al-Seyassah* daily.

"However, somewhere a ray of hope has emerged from the wreckage and the tragedy, which makes one be rest assured that Lebanon will not die. The ray of hope is produced by the young men from all sects and religions who have rushed to help, armed with simple means -- they clean the rubble, comfort the affected, and work to raise the morale of people, and this is the most important thing.



Al-Jarallah

"We must pay attention to the voices of those young people and we must support them, and we, the Arab youth, must learn from them the meaning of 'belonging' -- a sense of belonging to the nation without partisan discourse, sectarian tendencies or anything similar.

"To these young people, we say: 'You have proven that you can change, and that you are able to build a country worthy of you, if you continue in this spirit -- the spirit and determination that you have shown over the past few days, and if you are convinced that all parties are nothing more than swamps that generate hatred and division -- you will stand hand in hand victorious.

"These parties are the ones that plant death among you, whether they are pushing you to death in Syria, Iraq and Yemen, or the corrupt people who trick you into supporting them for their selfish interests. The spontaneity of your action has proven that you are able to shake off the dust of the last stage with all its fabrication, fraud and attempts to prepare you to fight wars on behalf of 'foreigners'.

"Today you are the hope of your country. You build it with your determination. You can move mountains -- if you listen to your inner voice. You can move mountains if you give a deaf ear to the speeches of a terrorist who wants to kill as this terrorist pursues the Iranian agenda.

"The same can be said of the warlords who fought during the civil war and used you as fuel and later imposed themselves over you as your leaders and have made you captive after the past 30 years of domination on the potentials of your country and ultimately pushed to migrate to earn a living in foreign lands, because these parties had actually dominated

both your future and your present. "Oh, you the youth of Lebanon, keep in mind all the Arabs are with you if you detach yourselves from the partisan and sectarian tendencies. If you are determined to make the future of your country bright with your wonderful patriotism, you will not witness such tragedies in future -- the tragedies that have pushed the beautiful country of Lebanon to the brink of disaster.

"Hence, we requested you to revolt against this poor reality because this represents a historical opportunity which may not come knocking on your doors again and this means it is an opportunity if lost, you will lose Lebanon... your Lebanon.

"Remain committed to your slogan 'All parties and politicians must leave ... and this means all of them without exception'."

Also:

"The horrific explosion that occurred in the port of Beirut on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, which Lebanon had never witnessed in its long history, shook the world, not only Lebanon," columnist *Mohammad Ahmad Al-Mejren Al-Roumi* wrote for *Al-Jarida* daily.

"We watched this momentous event on televisions and we saw the great destruction that befell the region and its surroundings from far away areas. We saw panic, fear and turmoil and the confusion among people who were searching for their relatives and friends, especially at the scene of the accident and in hospitals which could not accommodate the victims and injured.

"We heard and watched people screaming as they ran to hospitals and surrounding streets, the scene was impressive, especially the sight of the wounded in the streets and ambulances racing against time to transport the injured to hospitals who did not estimate the depth of the injury.

"This sad sight resembled what happened in New York on September 11, 2001. In the televised interviews, relatives of the victims were pouring out their anger at what happened, accusing the competent authorities of negligence and indifference.

"In the midst of all this they did not spare the political parties, especially their leaders who brought Lebanon, which was a cultural and economic beacon and a tourist destination in the region, to this tragic situation, and what the country has become because of corruption and infighting between political parties, making Lebanon the victim.

"Kuwait as usual activated all its resources when it heard what happened to Lebanon as a result of this terrible event in support of the brothers, and declared its solidarity with the brotherly Lebanese people due to a great

disaster that resulted in many deaths, injuries and missing persons, so aid was rushed to Lebanon. The Kuwaiti military plane was the first relief plane to land at the Rafic Hariri International Airport, carrying medical aid and medicines for the brothers in Lebanon.

"I call on the Almighty to show mercy to their dead, heal their wounds, preserve Lebanon and its brotherly people, and help them overcome this ordeal.

"Since Kuwait is similar to Lebanon in many matters, such as the small area, freedom of opinion, the exercise of democracy, and the freedom of the press, we fear that what happened in Lebanon, which is disputed by partisan disputes, and where corruption is spread with confusion in decision-making sometimes, so we must take note of what happened in Lebanon and spare our dear country Kuwait disasters, strife, rivalry and conflicts,

"However, as long as the State of Kuwait looks like Lebanon in many things including its small area, the freedom of opinion, the practicing of democracy and the press freedom, we fear that what occurred in Lebanon which currently suffers because of partisan conflicts, corruption and blunders in taking the decisions, will not witness similar situation -- God forbid.

"Consequently, we have to learn the lesson of Lebanon and protect our dear the State of Kuwait from the prospective disasters, seditions, struggle, conflicts and disintegration of society.

"In the meantime, we pray to Almighty Allah to protect our country. Likewise, we hope all of us will hasten to boost our solidarity and respect the Constitution of the country and the application of laws on all without discrimination; fighting of corruption and the corrupt people simultaneously."

"The memory of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait is an opportunity to draw lessons from the experience. What the region is going through in terms of calls us all to reject all forms of division and discord, and to uphold the values of tolerance. We proudly recall the national epic the Kuwaiti people wrote in front of the brutal Iraqi invasion and the rational Kuwaiti diplomacy in mobilizing world opinion to support legitimacy, and we proudly recall the sacrifices and the blood of our pure martyrs that were mixed in defending the soil of this nation," *Dr Ali Al-Mutairi* wrote for *Al-Rai* daily.

"The Kuwaiti people have proven their resilience in the face of the toughest crises, and today, as the people were one row to liberating their land from sects and classes, and recording timeless heroics. There is no difference between a Sunni and a Shiite, a Bedouin and an urban.

"This is what appeared in all the crises Kuwait had gone through and history is a witness to that. The experience and steadfastness of Kuwaitis have been and will remain inspiring historical lessons for many, as with the steadfastness and resilience of our proud people. The Iraqi regime at that time used all means of torture, imprisonment and detention, and followed the scorched earth policy with setting fire to 752 oil wells, digging trenches and filling them with mines, but all these filthy methods from the regime of the buried Saddam Hussein increased our unity and adherence to our homeland and its leadership.

"Perhaps among the many lessons learned from this painful and cruel memory for the people of Kuwait, we know who our enemy is, and who is our friend. We have witnessed the Gulf position and a coherent and united line to defend this good land, in addition to brotherly and friendly countries and the entire international community.

"We also realized the love and loyalty of the people of Kuwait, rooted in their various sects and classes to defend the legitimacy of the ruling family, the noble Al-Sabah family, and sacrifice the dear and precious for this love and respect that did not come out of thin air.

"We must also remember that the humanitarian work provided by Kuwait was the best of defending and speaking on Kuwait, as it strengthens its image in the hearts of the people of the whole world. In the end, Kuwait and its people live under the banner of His Highness the Amir, may God protect and take care of him, asking the Almighty Allah to guide him and his trustworthy Crown Prince to complete the march of giving, progress and prosperity. May Allah protect Kuwait and its people from all harm."

"If the American president is like what the proverb says: 'A wave that takes him and a wave returns him,' he is confused regarding the November 2020 presidential elections -- whether to postpone or approve it," columnist *Tariq Edris* wrote for *Al-Anba* daily.

"This regression applies to our case in the National Assembly elections for our next session, in terms of the health condition and application of 'physical' or social distancing. We say we are also in a dilemma: Should we apply 'electoral spacing' and take the difficult decision by 'electoral spacing' or postpone the elections and then give the 2016 'Assembly' a rare opportunity to be compensated for the six months pandemic, and we renew the fifteenth legislative chapter?"

"Definitely, this period requires a 'constitutional' fatwa as well as political and constitutional diligence that gives the legislator the right to the enact 'electoral distancing' law in order to cope with the 'heat wave', that, as a

result of the pandemic has been disrupted by 'fortitude'. The sea has become a 'proposal' and the Assembly of 2016 has become confused whether or not to hold its sessions in a manner that comes with 'political distancing', without attending the session, politically bickering with the government, and disrupting sessions due to the spread of corona in the Assembly again!

"Certainly, many do not share this viewpoint with us. They say that as we applied and opened the door for people to travel and for tourism, we should also apply 'health conditions' for social and physical distancing, so the elections are held and we do not disrupt democracy. It is possible just as the State's technological apparatus succeeded in forcing the State and people to implement 'remote communication' in all applications. It is certain that this distinguished device can set up a 'constitutional' mechanism to conduct elections remotely, as well as election campaigns, without the need to be present at polling stations or attend electoral seminars."

"About a week ago, I had the honor to deliver a public lecture on the account of the 'Kuwaiti Progressive Movement' through the 'Twitter' platform, in which I addressed the most important environmental challenges that the State of Kuwait is facing. In fact, these challenges are many and they cannot be limited to a lecture or a single press article," columnist *Dr Sultan Majed Al-Salem* wrote for *Al-Jarida* daily.

"Perhaps, one of the most important concepts that should be considered and discussed is the socialist perspective of the environment and the economic angle of the eco-system. Rather, the societal responsibility that companies and the industrial sector have towards the environmental system, its health and safety as well.

"It is noticeable that the socialist texts and writings explicitly address the issue of the environment and its importance and the relationship of both the human being and the means of production to health and safety. Undoubtedly, something gives it a dimension that does not exist in many political trends and currents which are not related to reality, suffering of peoples and issues that concern their safety and health.

"Among the explicit matters and clear texts that the German philosopher and politician Friedrich Engels (1820-1895) touched upon in his writings is the issue of health and safety of the environment surrounding man. Among those texts, we find the following, for example, but not limited to this: 'For every victory, nature takes revenge on us.'"

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Judge extends detention of main suspects in human trafficking & money-wash case

Minister under pressure to sack two top officials

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 10: The Detention Renewal Judge has renewed the detention of the suspects -- Assistant Undersecretary for Training Affairs at the Ministry of Interior, Sheikh Mazen Al-Jarrah, a senior official working for the Public Authority for Manpower and a former National Assembly elections contestant from the Fourth Constituency -- to another 14 days, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

When confronted with the facts of human trafficking, money laundering, exploitation of influence and bribery, the suspects denied the accusations. Al-Jarrah said they are untrue and denied any relationship with Pablo, and once again stressed that the only person he has a purely business relationship is the 'parliament elections contestant'.

In the meantime, the judge refused defense requests to release the suspects on any guarantee it deems necessary.

However, the Public Prosecution, during the same session yesterday decided to release a company director identified only as F.S. on ten thousand dinars bail, but slapped a travel ban against him.

The daily said F.S., who works for a well-known businessman, is considered a link between Pablo and senior officials related to the Bangladesh workforce.

Minister pressured: Minister of State for Services Affairs Mubarak Al-Haris issued several decisions recently, including the appointment of Maritime Transport Department Director Eng Jamal Al-Kandari as Assistant Undersecretary for Transport Sector who replaced Adel Dashti, reports Al-Rai daily.

Also, Director of the Communications Department Eng Mane'a Al-Ajmi was appointed as Assistant Undersecretary for International Communications to succeed Rashid Al-Athaina who submitted his resignation. Director of Hawally Governorate Subscribers Sector Muhammad Al-Hais was appointed as assistant agent for subscriber services, succeeding Abdullah Al-Azmi who was appointed as Assistant Undersecretary for the Postal Sector, while Buthaina Al-Subaie continued as Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative and Financial Affairs.

Sources said the Council of Ministers refused to renew the tenure of the aforementioned officials due to the passage of two full terms after their appointment; hence, they are not entitled for renewal but their work is still continuing under the wage-for-work system.



KUNA photo Kuwait Embassy staff and the representatives of the Lebanese Army receive aid sent by Kuwait to Lebanon after the disastrous blast in Beirut Port.

Increase in hospitals' bed capacity

MoH adopts new guidelines for medical consultations

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 10: Ministry of Health has adopted several guidelines to cover medical consultations for the field hospitals due to an increase in the hospital's bed capacity and the need for medical teams to provide medical consultations in their various specialties (internal medicine and its branches - general and specialized surgery - dermatology), reports Al-Anba daily.

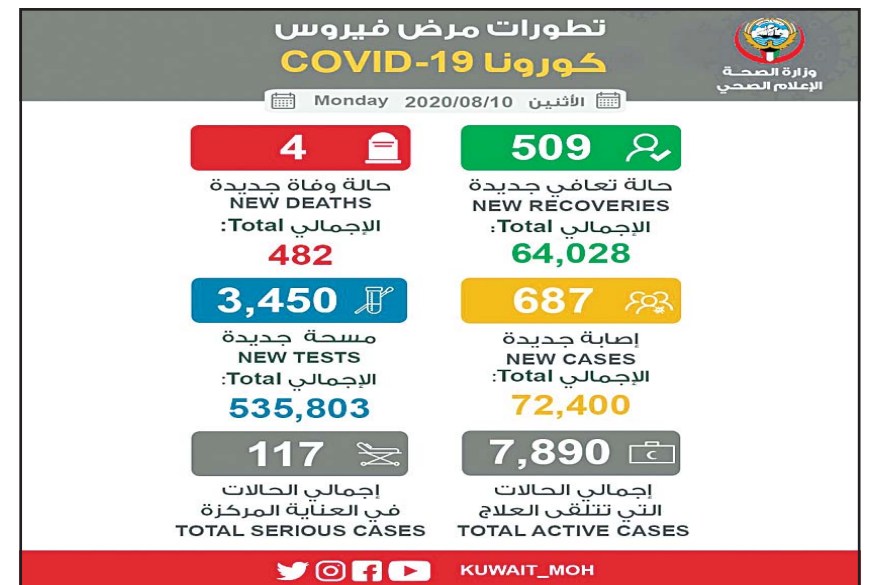
According to the guidelines,

Mubarak Hospital will cover medical consultations in the subspecialties of the Department of Internal Medicine: Endocrinology - Neurology - Rheumatism - Digestive System - Hematology - Vascular Surgery.

With regard to the departments of general surgery, urology, burn surgery, plastic surgery, orthopedics, eyes, nose, ear, throat, dental and dermatology, the medical team

covers consultations for field hospitals, each according to its specialization.

The guidelines stated that if the patient needs urgent cardiac catheterization, he is transferred to Jaber Hospital's "Cardiac Care Unit." The guideline confirmed that the Department of Neurosurgery at Ibn Sina Hospital covers medical consultations for emergency cases of neurosurgery.



'Staff absent without reason face dismissal'
 KUWAIT CITY, Aug 10: With the launching of online education at Kuwait University, acting President of the university Dr Fayed Al-Dhafiri asked the deans of faculties for a list of the faculty and academic support staff in and outside the country, along with the factors preventing them from being in Kuwait and in their work places, reports Al-Qabas daily.
 Speaking to the daily, Al-Dhafiri disclosed the online education regulation at the university stipulates the necessity for the professor to be present inside the country, indicating that if members of the teaching staff and academic support staff are outside the country, committees will be formed to determine the reasons for their stay abroad.
 Unless the reason is valid, those who are not in the country will be referred for investigation and the penalty may include dismissal.

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