

Afforestation aims to resist impact of global climate change

'Plants campaign promotes environmental awareness, sustainable development'

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4, (KUNA): Head of the UN Human Settlement Program (UN-Habitat) Kuwait and GCC Dr. Ameera Al-Hassan said that the continuation of Kuwait Plants campaign, which launched 2019, aimed to plant a thousand tree in Al-Abdaliya Nature Reserve, in cooperation with KOC promoting environmental awareness to achieve sustainable development.

During the afforestation campaign launched by (UN-Habitat), Saturday, Al-Hassan said to KUNA that the campaign aims to green areas to resist

the impact of global climate change, face desertification and reduce the severity of climate change caused by high temperature and lack of rains.

All the trees that will be planted are all desert trees, resistant to heat and water shortages and help improve the general health of the population, as they are an important element in the nature cycle, noted Al-Hassan.

In addition, the participation of more than 50 ambassadors aims to raise awareness about the importance of steps being taken to improve the climate.

Director of East Kuwait Operations at KOC Omar Sadiq, told KUNA that Al-Abdaliya Oasis is located west of Kuwait in Kabd extending to south of Kuwait, and started working on it 2011, in cooperation with the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, where we were provided with wild plants.

The Reserve in the first phase was 1,200,000 square meters, where we succeeded in cultivating 20,000 wild plants, we moved to the second phase two years after, with 1,800,000 square

meters' area, aiming to preserve biodiversity and developing the local wildlife, explained Sadiq.

After the success of the second phase we proceeded with the third, where the total area space is now 8 million square meters and has 155 thousand plants and wild trees, which includes 40 types of trees and plants such as Alarfaj, Alarti, Alramth, Alqarsi and others.

On her part, the US Ambassador Alina Romanowski to Kuwait told KUNA that this is the second time she

visits the wonderful and distinguished Al-Abdaliya Nature Reserve, where she enjoys being there because she leans a lot about nature, with all its plants, animals and trees in Kuwait.

Kuwait showed a great commitment to protecting the environment during its participation in the 27th UN Summit on Climate Change and the Environment (COP26), which was held in Glasgow, Noted Romanowski.

On his part, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan Dr. Zubaydzoda Na-

jot, told KUNA that participating in the campaign is the best way to get rid of global environmental and climatic problems, which lies in adhering to initiatives aimed at protecting the environment, rationalizing the use of natural resources, giving priority to green energy and developing the green economy.

He said that in the interest of strengthening ties between Tajikistan and Kuwait, several seedlings of ornamental and fruitful trees were brought from Tajikistan.

Kuwait MP urges adoption of charter on 'safe immigration'

Al-Otaibi delivers speech at Rome MED

ROME, Dec 4, (KUNA): Representative of the Kuwaiti National Assembly Fares Al-Otaibi urged enhancing int'l parliamentary cooperation to tackle the immigration issues and approve the international charter on immigration.

The Mediterranean region and

the world at large experience the biggest wave of illegal immigration since the World War II, he said in a speech to the seventh edition of the Rome MED - Mediterranean Dialogues this evening.

Al-Otaibi, rapporteur of the Kuwaiti parliamentary foreign affairs committee, made the speech before quitting the session during the speech of Israel's representative.

He regretted that thousands of peo-

ple who were forced to immigrate illegally have lost their lives during their pursuit of hope.

"Illegal immigration, whatever its causes might be, has become a fait accompli which results in economic, security and demographical impacts on host countries," Al-Otaibi pointed out.

Millions of illegal immigrants continue to live in severe living conditions and suffer from various types of discrimination, he said, noting, that "this requires setting out on a well-

calculated process to facilitate the integration of immigrants into host communities."

"Otherwise, the world will definitely face the biggest humanitarian and economic disaster, which risks exacerbating the scarcity of natural resources, and jeopardizing the food and water security," he warned.

The Kuwaiti MP urged backing up the global charter on safe and orderly immigration as a way to protect the rights of immigrants and refugees and improve their living conditions.

He highlighted the need for the international community to share the responsibility for finding fairer and more effective solutions that could restore stability and security in the home countries of immigrants, thus creating the conditions for their voluntary return.

He also called for scaling up international support to the Arab and Muslim countries that bear the brunt of hosting the refugees who fled conflict in their countries.

Underlining the need to address the root causes of instabilities, foremost among which is the Question of Palestine, he said the Palestinian people are suffering the ordeal of the Israeli occupation with millions of them living in refugee camps over the past decades.

After reaffirming the supportive stance of the Kuwaiti leaders, government and people to the fair demands of the Palestinian people, Al-Otaibi left the hall of the meeting upon the start of a speech by Israeli representative via a video link.

The Italian capital witnessed on Thursday kickoff of a new session as part of the Rome MED - Mediterranean Dialogues 2021, with the participation of a Kuwaiti parliamentary delegation.

The session seventh edition discusses different topics including infrastructure and cooperating in building the Mediterranean future through education, as well as other topics on migration, issues facing women and youth and parliamentary dialogue.

Head of the foreign affairs committee at the National Assembly MP Fares Al-Otaibi is part of the Kuwaiti delegation, in the event organized by the Italian parliament.

The forum also focuses on the role of legislative authorities in covering the needs of providing sufficient amounts of coronavirus vaccines. Moreover, it discusses geopolitical issues such as the developments in Afghanistan and the Middle East, the situation in Libya before the presidential elections and the regional impact of climate change and migration.



The US ambassador to Kuwait plants a tree in the Al-Abdaliya Nature Reserve.



Extensive diplomatic participation in Kuwait's afforestation campaign.



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Kuwait Najat Society opens a 3-classroom school equipped in the countryside of Lahj Governorate, south of Yemen.

Al Najat opens 3-classroom school in Yemen

ADEN, Dec 4, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti Al-Najat Charitable Society inaugurated the Al-Amal Basic School with its various equipment in the Al-Qubaita district of the Lahj governorate in the south of the country.

The Yemeni Foundation Yanabe al-Khair, which is implementing the project, said in a press release on Thursday that the project included building and equipping three classrooms and toilets.

The statement added that the school had been provided with chairs, blackboards and a solar en-

ergy system, as well as bags, clothes and textbooks for all students, in addition to contracting with a teaching staff for a full year.

It explained that the project, which comes within the framework of the 'Kuwait by your side' campaign, which is continuing for the seventh year in a row, will benefit 80 male and female students from the areas Al-Aghdrah, Al-Sab, Al-Muqatla and Khalaf Al-Ara in the Al-Qubaita district, who were deprived of school due to the distance from the nearest schools.

It pointed out that the project was

accompanied by many activities and awareness sessions for students and teachers, in addition to the formation of a parents' council to monitor and support the progress of the educational process.

It is noteworthy that the Al-Najat Charitable Society opened last Tuesday a health center in the countryside of Taiz governorate, and next week it will open two schools and two water projects in two Yemeni governorates, coinciding with the visit of a delegation representing the Kuwaiti Relief Society to Yemen.



Ambassador Sheikh Azzam Al-Sabah with the Italian President's advisor on the sidelines of his participation in the Rome Forum for Mediterranean Dialogues (MED 2021).

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