

Destiny of missing in Syria a concern

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'End conflict'

GENEVA, July 11, (KUNA): Kuwait expressed its grave concern over the destiny of those who have gone missing in the ongoing conflict in Syria.

This came in a speech delivered by Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim in the 47th regular session of the UN Human Rights Council.

Al-Ghunaim pointed to the independent commission's reports on the large-scale enforced disappearances, including tens of thousands of women, boys and girls, over the past decade in Syria.

He called on all the parties to the conflict to take measures so as to stop this act due, release immediately those individuals, provide support to the victims and uncover the destiny of all missing people.

He stressed the importance for the parties to the conflict to take all required measures to pay much attention to the missing children and search for them, urging the parties to facilitate humanitarian aid access to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the besieged areas without discrimination.

Al-Ghunaim reiterated that Kuwait believes that the political solution is the only way to end the Syrian crisis and meet aspirations of Syrian people, in line with the 2012 Geneva statement and US Security Council 2254.

Kuwait condemned strongly all human rights violations against the Syrian people and called for ending this conflict which enters its second decade with no clear hope for a fair and comprehensive solution to meet aspirations of all Syrian segments, he made clear.

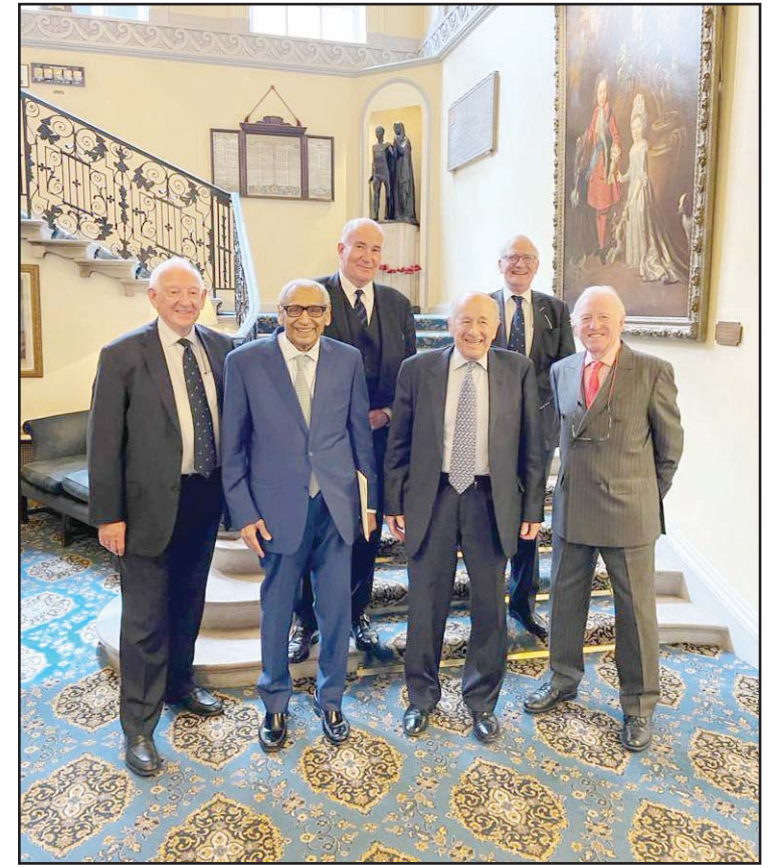
The Kuwaiti representative called on all parties to abide by all relevant international charters, allow the safe and sustainable entry of humanitarian aid, end besieging of residential areas and stop using of starvation as a warfare method.

Also:

BRUSSELS: The European Union Saturday welcomed the unanimous adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2585 on Friday that will allow the UN to use the crossing point of Bab Al-Hawa from Turkey to Syria for one more year.

"It means a considerable relief for millions of Syrians who rely on the humanitarian assistance delivered through this mechanism for their survival," said EU High Representative Josep Borrell and EU Commissioner for Crisis Management Jance Lenaric in a joint statement today.

"The renewal of the UNSC Resolution on cross-border assistance is vital since there is no adequate alternative to meet the growing humanitarian needs in Syria," it said.



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Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the United Kingdom Khaled Abdulaziz Al-Duwaisan, with members of the Society.

Al-Duwaisan honored

Kuwait & Britain relations strategic, 'exceptional': dean of ambassadors

LONDON, July 11, (KUNA): Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the United Kingdom Khaled Al-Duwaisan has affirmed that the deep-rooted Kuwaiti-British relations are strategic and exceptional.

The two countries' officials are keen on boosting the bilateral ties at diverse levels and hold regular coordination for serving interests of the two friendly nations, said Al-Duwaisan in a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) after he was honored at the

Caledonian Club in his capacity as the number-one diplomat in the nation.

Al-Duwaisan affirmed that the Kuwaiti-British Guidance Committee, established in 2012, holds a meeting every six months, rotatingly in Kuwait or London, for coordination on issues of joint concern.

The Caledonian Club is an association founded in London in 1981.

In the beginning, the club comprised eminent Scottish personalities and later the membership included prominent figures linked to Scotland.

ALSHAYA AND DISNEY OPEN THE MENA REGION'S FIRST-EVER DISNEY STORE SHOP-IN-SHOPS IN KUWAIT, ABU DHABI, AND DUBAI



The Walt Disney Company Middle East and Alshaya Group are bringing magic to the region, with the opening of the Middle East's first-ever Disney Store shop-in-shops. With six stores now officially open for business, the highly-anticipated shop-in-shops in Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai will transport visitors to the wonderful world of Disney.

John Hadden, Alshaya Group CEO, said: "We all grew up with Disney and we all have a favourite character. We are delighted that Alshaya Group has been able to collaborate with The Walt Disney Company Middle East to bring the magic of Disney, not only to a new generation, but also to life-long fans. We look forward to introducing these

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An additional 26 locations to open across the region over the next month

exciting new shop-in-shops to the region and hope to welcome customers back time after time.”

Vice President and General Manager, Disney Consumer Products Southeast Asia, India & MENA, Dan Dossa, commented: "We are thrilled to see our Disney Store shop-in-shop concepts in the Middle East come to life and for the first time outside the Americas. At Disney, we are always looking for new ways to be closer to our fans, while delivering unforgettable retail experiences. With the help of Alshaya Group, these stores will connect children and families in

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The shop-in-shops carry a curated selection of Disney Store merchandise from the USA

the Middle East with their favorite Disney characters and stories, while allowing them to create new and long-lasting memories”.

In Kuwait, a new flagship Disney Store shop-in-shop is open at The Avenues, inside the Alshaya-operated Debenhams. The flagship is joined by two more shop-in-shops, now open inside Mothercare stores at Fashion Way, Salmiya, and Souk Sharq.

Featuring a brand new store design unique to Disney Stores, each shop-in-shop includes a wide-range of products from your favorite Disney, Pixar,

Marvel and Star Wars characters and movies, all carefully curated for the region - including apparel, costumes, toys, and home goods. Whether it's the perfect gown for a special ball, or bare necessities for back-to-school, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

In the UAE, three Disney Store shop-in-shops have opened their doors. The stores are located inside Debenhams at Dubai's City Centre Mirdif and Abu Dhabi's The Galleria Al Maryah Island, and inside Mothercare at Yas Mall, Abu Dhabi. Residents also have a flagship store to look forward to which is set to open this summer inside Debenhams at Dubai's Mall of the Emirates.

Over the next four weeks, an additional 26 locations are set to open across the region - in Kuwait and the UAE, as well as in Saudi Arabia and Qatar.



12 mln increase

KD 55.2 million collected in donations during Ramadan

By Faris Al-Abdan
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KUWAIT CITY, July 11: The Assistant Undersecretary for Social Development at the Ministry of Social Affairs, Hana Al-Hajri, announced the eighteenth project to collect donations which was implemented by the ministry last Ramadan has collected more than 55,258 dinars, an increase of more than 12 million dinars over the "Ramadan 2020 project", which was 43.21 million dinars despite the repercussions associated with the "Corona" pandemic and the package of precautionary measures taken by the state to prevent the spread of infection with the virus.

Al-Hajri said in a press statement the field inspection teams formed by the ministry to monitor collection of donations during Ramadan conducted 2,259 field visits throughout the holy month which resulted in detecting 185 'booths' some of which were collecting clothes and were removed in coordination with the Kuwait Municipality officials and the Ministry of Interior.

She stated, 253 unlicensed advertisements of charity societies and organizations were also removed and the owners made to sign a pledge not to repeat the offence.

This is in addition to 167 advertisements of restaurants who called for collecting money under the pretext of preparing meals for 'iftar', and informing the Ministry of Commerce to take legal measures against the violators.

Al-Hajri indicated 6 institutions working in the field of publishing and distribution were also penalized for calling on citizens and residents to donate money towards charity in violation of the standing rules and regulations.

She indicated, the inspection teams for monitoring various social media sites Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, Facebook also discovered unlicensed and illegal methods used by them to collect money - whether individuals or entities.

News in Brief

Blast in Mali condemned: Kuwait condemns and denounces the explosion that targeted members of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Mali, MINUSMA, injuring a number of them, the foreign ministry said on Saturday.

In a statement, the ministry underlined Kuwait's firm and principled stance in opposition to violence and terrorism, expressing its wishes for a swift recovery for those wounded in the blast. (KUNA)

Kuwait condemns Mogadishu attack: Kuwait condemns and denounces the suicide attack that targeted the Banadir region police chief in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, which killed and wounded several policemen, the foreign ministry said on Saturday. (KUNA)