

KUWAIT OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OKAYS ALL SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Direct flights to London set to resume

Opinion

Egyptian-Saudi achievements stifle 'Brotherhood's' squawk

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KUWAIT CITY, June 10, (Agencies): In line with the recent decision of the Cabinet on the resumption of direct flights to Britain -- one flight for each licensed airline -- starting from June 13, Jazeera Airways announced that its direct flight to London will resume on June 18 with one flight per week (every Friday), reports Al-Qabas daily quoting sources.

Sources added Kuwait Airways Corporation intend to resume its direct flight to London on June 17, affirming that the agencies operating at Kuwait International Airport have laid down a plan for the resumption of flights to a number of travel destinations this summer.

Sources pointed out that Kuwaitis, who travel abroad for studies and medical treatment, will benefit a lot from the decision. Sources said if British airlines decides to request for the resumption of flights, it will be granted an operating license as per the decision of the Council of Ministers.

Sources clarified that the resumption of commercial flights to London does not mean the expatriates are now allowed to enter the country, as the circular of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on preventing non-Kuwaitis from entering the country remains in effect.

Approval

On the other hand, sources confirmed that DGCA granted operational approval to a number of airlines to resume flights to several destinations including Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Sarajevo and Uzbekistan among others.

Kuwait Olympic Committee announced resumption, as of Thursday, of all sport activities for all ages in local clubs in sport association after a halt for more than 15 months due to the coronavirus pandemic.

However, sport clubs and associations must comply with Ministry of Health's measures to ensure safety of players, the committee said in a statement.

The committee urged the clubs and association to ensure wellbeing of players of all ages in order to make sure smooth preparations for the next season.

The Ministry of Health announced it has adopted measures to possibly evaluate the antibodies of the emerging coronavirus (Covid-19) within a specific data that has been approved and not to evaluate or measure the number of antibodies after vaccination.

The ministry said in a press statement some of these analyses detect different types of IgG-IgM antibodies, so they do not have the ability to detect special antibodies resulting from vaccination.

In a related context, the ministry said the Oxford vaccine, which is produced in Russia, is licensed and approved by the AstraZeneca company and that the manufacturing process and all procedures are under its supervision because it is the licensing company.

With regard to the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, the ministry stated that it has received the third batch of the vaccine after the results of its samples matched the technical specifications and ensured that they were stored in accordance with the approved temperatures and storage conditions.

The sources confirmed the effectiveness of the first dose of the Oxford vaccine increases with the extended period of the second dose to more than 12 weeks, as indicated by scientific studies and realistic statistics.

IS the Muslim Brotherhood Group, along with other political groups of its kind, still betting on breaking Egypt and weakening the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia? Or is it convinced about the impossibility of implementing its project after the slap of the international variables that forced Turkey to retreat from its inflammatory stance and sympathize with Riyadh and Cairo, thereby resulting in the loss of this group's political cover and media shelter?

Foolish is he who does not realize the indicators before falling into the forbidden. Stupid is he who assumes that he can force millions to submit to his idea just because he launched a slogan that tickled the feelings of some people in his country for a while, but he ended up failing in the first test. An idiot is he who repeats the same experiment despite its previous failures.

It is fortunate for the Egyptians that all these aforementioned synonyms of foolishness are found in the members of the Muslim Brotherhood Group who openly broadcasted misinformation through their media that is based in Turkey. At the first turn, it threw such media into the trash because its interests are higher than a few slogans.

Turkey's battles with the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council and Egypt have been an attempt to strengthen its regional role, but it eventually realized that influence is not measured by terrorism, sabotage and media campaigns, but by the ability to consolidate stability, advance the economy and further development.

There are Brotherhood media outlets that did not catch the signals due to which they are still practicing their political wantonness either from Turkey or some other countries. However, they are not influential even for ordinary people who are emotionally taken because of what they saw in terms of the amazing development that Egypt achieved during the eight-year rule of President Abdul-Fattah Al-Sisi, and the significant improvement in its financial and economic indicators, as described by reputable international institutions.

The same applies to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which has been subjected throughout those years to a massive misleading campaign from those mouthpieces. They focused their attack directly on Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and broadcasted fabricated stories and news against him at a time when Saudi Arabia and the young prince were walking the path of achievement, development and openness, as witnessed by the whole world.

Misinformation cannot change reality. As the proverb goes, the bullet that does not kill you strengthens you.

Egypt, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, after liberating themselves from the bondage of the Muslim Brotherhood Group during the past decade, have realized many great achievements. They would not have reached this level if this group was active in the institutions and corridors of governance in the Gulf capitals or Cairo.

All this progress was achieved by Egypt and Saudi Arabia due to the belief of their people in the propriety of the choices of the ruling institutions in the two countries, which these mouthpieces were unable to break. There have been indications from the beginning that it would fall into the evil of its actions, which is what we are witnessing today.

I wish it would serve as an example to others who scream about regional devastation, because the people of the region have managed to figure out their evil plots.

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Ambassador 'hails' Kuwait reconstruction aid for Gaza

CAIRO, June 10, (KUNA): The Palestinian ambassador to Egypt on Thursday said he was grateful for Kuwait's support to push reconstruction efforts in the Gaza Strip, after Israeli bombardments caused large-scale damage across the coastal enclave.

Aid from the wider Arab region has flowed into Gaza since the end of the worst violence there in years, Diab Al-Lawah said amid Cairo-hosted talks over reconstruction plans in Gaza, which bore the brunt of "Israel's systematic acts of destruction."

Much of the city's infrastructure now lies in tatters, the diplomat emphasized, saying it would take years to rebuild the damage and restore conditions in place before the latest violence broke out.

The aid Gaza is set to receive would spark positive ripple effects on living conditions in the city, helping lower soaring unemployment rates which reached over 50 percent, added the Palestinian envoy.

On the talks involving Palestinian leaders and Egyptian officials in the capital Cairo that aim to solidify a truce with Israel, he said an end to Israel's "abusive practices" is the proviso needed to push for constructive dialogue.



In this photo released June 10, by the Iranian army, an Iranian warship moves in the Atlantic Ocean. Iran has dispatched two warships to the Atlantic Ocean, a rare mission to demonstrate the country's maritime power, state TV reported Thursday, without specifying the vessels' final destination. (AP)

Iran sends warships to Atlantic

An Iranian destroyer and support vessel are now sailing in the Atlantic Ocean in a rare mission far from the Islamic Republic, Iran's state TV reported on Thursday, without offering the vessels' final destination.

The trip by the new domestically built destroyer Sahand and the intelligence-gathering vessel Makran comes amid U.S. media reports, citing anonymous American officials, saying the ships were bound for Venezuela. The Associated Press could not immediately confirm the ships' destination.

The vessels departed last month from Iran's southern port of Bandar Abbas, said Adm. Habibollah Sayyari, Iran's deputy army chief.

He described their mission as the Iranian navy's longest and most challenging voyage yet, without elaborating.

Iranian state TV released a short clip of the destroyer cruising through the Atlantic's rough seas. The video likely was shot from the Makran, a converted commercial oil tanker with a mobile launch platform for helicopters.

"The Navy is improving its seafaring capacity and proving its long-term durability in unfavorable seas and the Atlantic's unfavorable weather conditions," Sayyari said, adding that the warships would not call at any country's port during the mission. (AP)

Push for Abraham Accords

Biden embraces Arab-Israeli deals

Newswatch

Lawmaker messages Amir

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BAGHDAD: An Iraqi militia commander whose arrest last month sparked a standoff between the government and paramilitary groups was freed Wednesday after a judge ordered his release.

The release of **Qassim Mahmoud Musleh** came as Iranian Gen **Esmail Ghaani**, head of the expeditionary Quds Force, arrived in Baghdad to meet with militia and political leaders, two Shiite political officials said.

The officials said the meeting was to address ongoing tensions between the government and some militia groups linked to **Iran** following Musleh's arrest. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media. (AP)

TEHRAN: Iran's leading presidential candidate staged a mass rally in the country's southeast that drew thousands of supporters, sparking controversy Thursday as the first such gathering amid the raging coronavirus pandemic that has largely halted traditional election campaigning.

Ebrahim Raisi, Iran's hard-line judiciary chief, toured the oil-rich southwestern **Khuzestan** province and addressed some 5,000 supporters at a sprawling football stadium in the city of **Ahvaz** late on Wednesday. Despite the rising infection count and scorching temperatures of 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit), roaring crowds mobbed the stadium to hear Raisi speak. (AP)

CAIRO: Sudan and Egypt renewed calls Wednesday for the international community to help in resolving their decade-long dispute with **Ethiopia** over a giant dam that **Addis Ababa** is building on the Blue Nile, the main tributary of the Nile River.

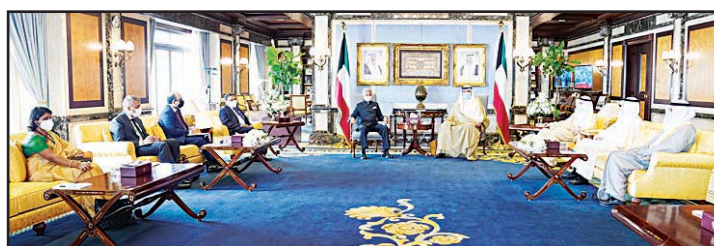
Egyptian foreign and irrigation ministers flew to Sudan's capital, **Khartoum**, for talks with Sudanese counterparts focusing on Ethiopia's dam project. (AP)

agenda of the first session; but he did not fulfill his promise.

"Your Highness, we are witnessing a political crisis and it is unacceptable to allow certain people to transform the Assembly into a formal institution. There will be no reform in dealing with vital issues like health, education and economy without implementing political reform. The alliance between HH the Prime Minister and Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim has totally disrupted the work of the legislative authority. The future generation will condemn us if we allow or participate in the transformation of the Assembly into a formal institution.

"Not even one MP aims to dissolve the Assembly. On the contrary, MPs are keen on working hard and be a reflection of the citizens' views. Your Highness, whether we stay in the Assembly now or later, we will not allow anyone to use us as dolls to attack the Assembly.

"Your Highness, Kuwait has been witnessing an unprecedented era of stability and political calmness since 2013; but this led to stealing of public funds, deterioration of performance in all institutions, and squandering of the State budget. More than KD47 billion vanished from the Public Reserve Fund."



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received at Seif Palace on Thursday India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who delivered a letter from his Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The encounter was held with the attendance of Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad

Al-Sabah, amongst other Kuwaiti officials. Kuwait's foreign minister hailed the 'depth' of his country's ties with India, saying bilateral relations remain on an upward trajectory. Against the backdrop of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties, the Kuwaiti foreign minister, amid talks with his Indian counterpart S. Jaishankar, said relations have made tremendous progress across numerous fields. (AP)

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