

Other Voices

Christians and Muslims: Sharing joys and sorrows

Message For The Month Of Ramadan And 'Id Al-Fitr' 1443 A.H. / 2022 A.D. —

Pontifical Council For Interreligious Dialogue

Dear Muslim brothers and sisters,

All of us know, the pandemic caused by COVID-19 has taken away the lives of millions of persons around the world, including members of our families. Others fell sick and were healed, yet they experienced much long-lasting pain and suffering from the consequences of the virus. As you celebrate the month of Ramadan that concludes with 'Id al-Fitr, our thoughts turn in gratitude to Almighty God who has protected all of us in His Providence. We also pray for the dead and the sick with

sorrow and hope. The pandemic and its tragic effects on every aspect of our way of life have drawn attention anew to one of those important elements: sharing. For this reason we thought it opportune to address this issue in the Message we are pleased to send to each and all of you.

We all share God's gifts: air, water, life, food, shelter, the fruits of medical and pharmaceutical advances, the results of the progress of science and technology in diverse fields and their application, the ongoing discovery of the universe's mysteries... The awareness of God's bounty and generosity fills our hearts with gratitude towards Him and, at the same time, encourages us to share His gifts with our brothers and sisters who are in any kind of need. The poverty and precarious situations in

which many people find themselves because of the loss of employment and the economic and social problems related to the pandemic make our duty of sharing ever more urgent.

Sharing finds its most profound motivation in the awareness that all we are and all we have are gifts from God and that, in consequence, we have to put our talents at the service of all our brothers and sisters, sharing what we have with them.

The best form of sharing springs from genuine empathy and effective compassion towards others. In this regard, we find a meaningful challenge in the New Testament: "If any one is well-off in worldly possessions and sees his brother in need but closes his heart to him, how can the love of God abide in him? Children, our love must be

not just words or mere talk, but something active and genuine" (1 John 3, 17-18).

However, sharing is not limited to material goods. Above all, it involves sharing one another's joys and sorrows, which are part of every human life. Saint Paul invited the Christians of Rome to "rejoice with others when they rejoice, and be sad with those in sorrow" (Romans 12.15). Pope Francis, for his part, affirmed that a shared pain is halved and a shared joy is doubled (cf. Meeting with the pupils of Scholas Occurrentes, 11 May 2018).

From empathy comes that sharing of attitudes and sentiments on the occasion of important events, both joyful and sad, in the lives of our relatives, friends and neighbours, including those from other religions: their joys become ours,

their sorrows become ours as well.

Among shared joys are the birth of a child, healing from a sickness, success in studies, at work or in business, safe return from a journey, and certainly other occasions. There is also a particular joy from believers: the celebration of major religious feasts. When we visit or congratulate our friends and neighbours of other religions for those occasions, we share their joy for the celebration of their feast without having to adopt the religious dimension of the celebrated occasion as our own.

Among shared sorrows are, first of all, the death of a person close to us, the sickness of a member of the family, the loss of a job, the failure of a project or of a business, a crisis in the family that sometimes results in its division. It is obvious that we need the proximity and solidarity of

our friends more in times of crisis and sorrow than in times of joy and peace.

Our hope, dear Muslim brothers and sisters, is that we continue sharing the joys and sorrows of all our neighbours and friends, because God's love embraces every person and the entire universe.

As a sign of our shared humanity and the fraternity that flows from it, we wish you a peaceful and fruitful Ramadan and a joyful celebration of 'Id al-Fitr.

From the Vatican, 18 February 2022

Miguel Angel Cardinal Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ

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KUNA photos Kuwait Red Crescent Society distributes food parcels to needy families in and outside Kuwait.

Aid to relocated Yemenis

KRCS hands out 4,500 food packages to families in need

KUWAIT CITY, April 18, (KUNA): Kuwait Red Crescent Society declared on Monday that it distributed 4,500 food parcels to families in need.

The society secretary general Maha al-Barjas affirmed in a statement to KUNA keenness on aiding low-income families, particularly during the fasting month of Ramadan.

Each parcel, containing rice, sugar, dates, cooking oil, chicken and canned food, is sufficient for a family for a month.

The KRCS has also dispatched aid to the poor in Yemen, the Comoros, Syrian refugees, Bosnia, Pakistan, Ma-

lawi, Senegal and Palestine.

Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) has distributed food to relocated Yemenis in provinces of Maarib, Aden, Abyan and Lahj during the current fasting month of Ramadan.

KRCS Director General Abdulrahman Al-Aoun told KUNA on Sunday that the society distributed 7,500 cartons packed with dates to the Yemenis in these regions.

The society has been providing various forms of assistance for the Yemenis to help them cope with the difficult conditions in their country.

Twenty millimeters

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Dr. Merfaq al-Farra, a pediatrician who saw Fatma several times at his clinic, said the hole in her heart had caused pulmonary hypertension, putting her at risk of stroke.

"If the hole is 4 millimeters, we can treat it in Gaza, but the hole in her heart was large, 20 millimeters, and this requires specialized child open-heart surgery that is unavailable in Gaza," he said. "That's why the hospital issued her at least four urgent referrals."

Dr. Abraham Lorber, the former head of pediatric cardiology at Israel's Rambam Health Care Campus, said ASD alone is rarely fatal. Doctors often recommend elective surgery later in life to prevent symptoms from emerging. Sometimes they discover the congenital defect in adults.

That might have led the Israeli officers weighing Fatma's course of treatment to conclude her life was not in danger.

But Lorber, who did not treat Fatma, said ASD can aggravate other heart and lung conditions. In that case, it must be treated quickly, especially if the patient has trouble breathing.

"It wouldn't just be a matter of correcting ASD. The patient would have likely needed other interventions, not just surgery," he said. "This patient most probably had underlying conditions."

Regardless of the diagnosis, he said, her chances of survival would have much been better at the hospital in Jerusalem.

That day at the emergency room in Gaza, Jalal would have tried anything. "I told the doctor, take my heart and put it in her," he said. "I felt like it was me who died, not her."

Ten days after his daughter's death, he received another text message from Israel. The application was still pending.

Syrians set

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"The Russians are looking for experienced fighters. They don't want anyone who was not trained by the Russians," Abdurrahman said.

Britain's defense ministry says the continuing siege of Mariupol is tying up Russian forces and slowing its advance ahead of a planned major offensive in eastern Ukraine.

In a daily intelligence update, Britain's military says "concerted Ukrainian resistance has severely tested Russian forces and diverted men and materiel, slowing Russia's advance elsewhere."

Strikes kill at least 7

Russian forces launched missile attacks on the western city of Lviv and pounded a multitude of other targets across Ukraine on Monday in what appeared to be an intensified bid to grind down the country's defenses ahead of an all-out assault on the east.

At least seven people were reported killed in Lviv, where plumes of thick black smoke rose over a city that has seen only sporadic attacks during almost two months of war and has become a haven for large numbers of civilians fleeing intense fighting elsewhere. To the Kremlin's increasing anger, Lviv has also become a major conduit for NATO-supplied weapons and for foreign fighters joining the Ukrainian cause.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, meanwhile, vowed to "fight absolutely to the end" in strategically vital Mariupol, where the last known pocket of resistance in the seven-week siege consisted of Ukrainian fighters holed up in a sprawling steel plant. The holdouts ignored a surrender-or-die ultimatum from the Russians on Sunday.

The governor of the Lviv region, Maksym Koztyshky, said the Russian missile strikes hit three military infrastructure facilities and an auto mechanic shop. He said the wounded included a child, and emergency teams battled fires caused by the attack.

Subbiya power station 'ready' to withstand brunt of summer

National workforce praised for dedicated work

KUWAIT CITY, April 18: The Minister of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy Ali Al-Moussa speaking about the preparations of the Ministry of Electricity and Water for the upcoming summer season, stressing this year will be better because of the tight maintenance operations carried out by the Ministry for all stations during this period, and no technical problems will occur, reports Al-Rai daily.

Al-Moussa said this during his inspection visit to see the progress of work at the Subbiya power station and water distillation plant, accompanied by the Undersecretary of the Ministry, Khalifa Al-Farij and the chief engineer for the operation and maintenance of the stations, Engineer Haitham Al-Ali and a number of officials of the stations sector.

Addressing the workers, Al-Moussa said, "Our national workforce is a source of pride for the ministry and the power stations sector is the backbone of the ministry through which the state's needs of electricity and water are secured." In his praise of the Kuwaiti youth working at the station, he said, "It is no secret to everyone that they are unknown soldiers, who continue day and night over twenty-four hours to maintain the security of electricity and water at this station."

He stressed the importance of developing and rehabilitating the human element to be able to face any challenges to the electrical or water network, indicating that this station is similar in its work to the Doha station.

In the context of his conversation with the station's employees, Al-Moussa said: "During my period of work at the West Doha station, I was working under the turbines, but God decreed for me to change the field. I did not expect the magnitude of the change in the station, and this change has been made with your help, and God willing, I will be of assistance to you, and the investment is not in machinery or contracts, but the real investment is in the youth of Kuwait."

He pointed out that "there is coordination between the ministry and parliamentary committees in the National Assembly, regarding granting all employees their full rights and allowances."

In turn, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Electricity and Water, Khalifa Al-Farij, praised the visit of Minister Al-Moussa to the station, explaining that the preparations for the summer period,



KUNA photo Kuwait's Minister of Health Dr. Khaled Al-Saeed receives GCC Director-General of the Health Council Suleiman Al-Dakheel

GCC Director-General of Health Council in Kuwait

Minister Al-Saeed hails GCC health cooperation

KUWAIT CITY, April 18, (KUNA): Kuwait Minister of Health, Dr. Khaled Al-Saeed, praised the level of health cooperation between the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the pivotal role played by the council's Executive

Office.

During his reception to the GCC Director-General of the Health Council Sunday, Suleiman Al-Dakheel, Dr. Al-Saeed discussed exchanging experiences to address the COVID-19 epidemic, and the plan to establish the

Gulf Center for Prevention and Control of Diseases.

The Kuwaiti minister also shed light on the joint Gulf health programs and the axes of the Gulf plan for the prevention, development, awareness, and health support.

which take great interest from all sectors of the ministry, were reviewed.

He said, "We have made great strides in electrical maintenance operations and water desalination units, and we have completed 70 percent of the preparations for next summer, and we are continuing maintenance operations, and by the end of May we will have finished most of the maintenance at the various stations of the ministry."

He added: "Our engineering and technical cadres, thankfully, enjoy a very high spirit of work, and continue to perform their duties to the fullest. Minister Al-Moussa was briefed on the progress of work at the station, and visited more than one control unit."

Regarding upcoming projects, he said: "We have two projects that will be completed to generate 1,150 megawatts, and they are complementary to the station's work."

Al-Moussa inspected the ECR (electrical control room), where he was briefed on the workflow and the procedures followed to ensure the readiness of the electric power and water distillation plants for the summer of 2022.

The director of the Subbiya station, Talal Al-Shammari, gave a detailed ex-

planation to Minister Al-Moussa about the mechanism of the electrical control system at the station, which has a production capacity of 7100 megawatts and represents 35% of the total electrical energy produced by the State of Kuwait, and the production capacity of water is 100 million imperial gallons per day.

During a visit to the TCR (Thermal Control Room), Al-Shammari explained that the station was established in 1998, indicating that projects are being continuously updated and developed, explaining that there is a tender for the fourth phase of the station to increase the production capacity of electricity, and that work is stable at the station, and there is no Delays in periodic and continuous maintenance.

Also:

KUWAIT CITY: Sources from the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy highlighted the dangers of continuing to delay in closing the tender for the modernization and development of Doha West boilers, especially after the Board of Directors of the Central Tenders Agency decided to extend the closing date to April 24, in light of expectations to extend the closing date again

Plastic collection & recycling competition seek to protect environment: Kuwait EPA

KUWAIT CITY, April 18, (Agencies): The Environment Public Authority (EPA) said, Sunday, that the plastic collection and recycling competition recently launched aimed to protect the environment from harmful waste and raise community awareness of environmental affairs.

EPA director of public relations and media Sheikha Al-Ibrahim, told KUNA that the competition would be an annual event held in different areas of the country.

Within the framework of this competition, the authority organized events in the Mishrif area in which more than 150 participants participated, as about 650 kilograms of plastic was collected for recycling, she said.

The first three winners were awarded with KD 500, 200 and 100, she added. Pointing that the plastic waste will be transported to recycling plants as soon as possible to be disposed of in safe ways.

The focus was on plastic, as it is one of the pollutants most affecting the environment, and in the coming years, the focus will be on other wastes such as oils, paper waste and other waste that have a negative impact on the environment,

Al-Ibrahim said.

The recycling will be done in Al-Salmi area, and there is a step to convert waste into energy, she said, stressing Kuwait continues support to waste recycling.

Also:

KUWAIT CITY: The Environment Public Authority is following up the situation in Kuwait Bay through monitoring programs for areas where red tide and fish deaths are frequent, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The daily quoting EPA sources said the authority is currently conducting surveys in the area, collecting samples and analyzing them periodically in view of the recent rise in temperature and stagnant water, in addition to some activities such as (directing untreated water in rainwater networks) that contribute to reducing sea water quality, which helps phytoplankton to flourish, causing the phenomenon of red tides, which may be accompanied by the death of fish.

The EPA said it will follow-up the environmental conditions in Kuwait Bay in over the next few days.

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1.	SAP Accountant	2 - 5 years' experience for working as an accountant using SAP System محاسب خبرة 2-5 سنوات يجيد استخدام برنامج سابي
2.	Secretary	2 - 5 years' experience for secretary works سكرتيرة خبرة 2-5 سنوات في شركات العقارات
3.	Mechanical Engineer	2 - 5 years' experience in swimming pool & water operations. مهندس ميكانيك خبرة 2-5 سنوات يقفط بالمياه وخدمات السياحة
4.	Electrical Engineer	2 - 5 years' experience in swimming pool & Water Operations. مهندس كهرباء خبرة 2-5 سنوات يقفط بالمياه وخدمات السياحة
5.	Sales Engineer	2 - 5 years' experience in swimming pool & Water Operations مهندس مبيعات خبرة 2-5 سنوات يقفط بالمياه وخدمات السياحة
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8.	Electrical Foreman	5 - 10 years' experience in swimming pool & Water Operations. فني كهرباء خبرة 5-10 سنوات يقفط بالمياه وخدمات السياحة
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