

Envoy values great potential at hand for more work

# Reconnaissance Research honors Australian Ambassador Gilbert

KUWAIT CITY, July 2: Abdulaziz Al-Anjari, Founder and CEO of Reconnaissance Research, held a fare-

well meeting in honor of His Excellency Jonathan Gilbert, Ambassador of Australia to the State of Kuwait, on

the occasion of the end of his tenure as Ambassador to his country after spending four and a half years in Ku-

wait. The meeting was attended by a number of selected invitees.

"I would like to thank Reconnaissance Research and Abdulaziz for this opportunity, which marks the

end of my journey in this beautiful country, Kuwait, rich in its culture, diversity and ideas," said the Australian ambassador.

The ambassador added, "I was happy with the many friendships I made in Kuwait. I was fortunate to work with Reconnaissance Research since its start in 2019 and value the great potential at hand for more work with them. I am sure the next ambassador will too appreciate the value of Reconnaissance Research as an independent Kuwaiti think-tank."

**Strong bridges**

For his part, Abdulaziz Al-Anjari said: "The Australian ambassador made strong bridges of communication with Kuwait. He worked tirelessly to advance common interests and maximize mutual benefit between Australia and Kuwait."

Al-Anjari added: "He left a lasting positive impact on many Kuwaitis, especially the youth, whom he always welcomed participating with us in discussion sessions concerned with their affairs. Also, the ambassador has accumulated experiences from his previous work in several countries, such as Iraq and the Philippines, which formed an added value of knowledge for him outside the borders of Australia."



Abdulaziz Al-Anjari, Founder and CEO of Reconnaissance Research with Jonathan Gilbert, Ambassador of Australia.

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# 'No solution' in sight for shortage of cancer drugs

Russian-Ukrainian war contributes to problem

**KUWAIT CITY, July 2: The cancer patients continue to suffer due to the non-availability of some medicines and say the concerned officials must pay attention to their requests and work to alleviate their suffering because "It is not logical that cancer drugs are not available since Kuwait does not lack financial capabilities," reports Al-Qabas daily.**

Scores of Kuwaiti cancer patients are said to have complained that more than once they have visited the Hussein Makki Juma Center to collect their medicines but had to return empty handed.

While the patients recounted the setbacks they experienced due to their discontinuation of the medication prescribed to them, they indicated that immunodeficiency is a common factor between them, and no other medications are suitable for them.

These patients pointed out that some officials of the Ministry of Health explained to them that the Russian-Ukrainian war contributed to creating the problem of drug shortages, and despite their promise to solve the problem soon, this did not happen.

These patients expressed their dissatisfaction with the deterioration of their health, noting that some of them were admitted to the intensive care wards due to lack of immunity, and they cannot live with this situation, and that the lack of chemotherapy drugs continues without solutions.

An official source revealed that more than 2,200 cancer cases are discovered annually in Kuwait, which requires updating health care plans and providing the necessary medicines.

Over 12 years Kuwait reportedly has 29,645 cases of cancer 14,313 of these are Kuwaitis. This is in addition to 15,323 non-Kuwaitis diagnosed with cancer between 2006 and 2018.

**Patients improve**

Meanwhile, the cure rates for prostate cancer is believed to 85% and 90 percent of the patients improve with medication and a good life style.

In response to what was published by Al-Qabas in its issue issued on Tuesday, 28 June last, about the shortage of cancer drugs in the centers affiliated with the Hussein Makki Juma Center for Specialized Surgery, Faisal Al-Moajel, head of the Federation of Drug Importers and Pharmacies, confirmed that the Corona pandemic negatively affected the production, shipment and distribution of medicines, and everyone without exception has been affected by this situation.

Al-Moajel explained to Al-Qabas that the Ministry of Health officials met with the Federation of Drug Importers and Pharmacies, at the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, in order to coordinate and cooperate to ensure the availability of medicines and maintain the strategic stock, as it was explained to the Ministry that the situation is exceptional and must be dealt with on this basis, but unfortunately, this has not happened, adding that the government documentary cycle is slow and complicated and does not keep pace with developments, indicating that the Ministry of Health is not an exception, but it is concerned with human health, especially if it is concerned with medicines for cancer and incurable diseases.

Al-Moajel pointed out that the decisions issued by the ministry may encounter obstacles at the time of implementation, for example, but not limited to, "the decision to import unregistered medicines", as there are medicines needed by patients that are not registered for an administrative or commercial reason, and when they are requested, they are faced with routine procedures that delay or impede obtaining them through the authorized agent of the manufacturer, and accordingly, to avoid delays in obtaining this drug for the patient, the Ministry will bring it through special requests that have a higher cost.

Al-Moajel pointed out to the importance of the ministry's coordination with the Union, to achieve a qualitative leap in terms of the arrival and continued availability of vital medicines, especially those designated for cancer, chronic diseases, nervous system and others, pointing out that there are other difficulties related to shipping and transport conditions in light of the continuing repercussions of the Russian-Ukrainian war, and its impact in a number of sectors.

## Kuwaiti charity 'distributes' 50 tricycle rickshaws in Taiz

ADEN, July 2, (KUNA): The Kuwait Relief Society has doled out 50 tricycle rickshaws to needy families in the Western Yemeni Governorate of Taiz, the last batch of 150 rickshaws it distributed across the war-ravaged country.

In statements to KUNA on Friday, Abdulrahman Shamsan, head of the local Alhekma society which handed the rickshaws to the targeted families on behalf of the Kuwaiti society, stated that the move is meant to provide poor families with stable work and consequently a source of income.

For the same purpose, the Kuwait Relief Society had recently donated 100 fishing boats for 100 Yemeni families, Shamsan added, expressing appreciation to Kuwait's leadership and people for their support to Yemeni people.

## Kuwaiti envoy named diplomatic personality

BEIRUT, July 2, (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to Cyprus Waleed Al-Kandari was declared the winner of the prize of the diplomatic personality of 2022 in Cyprus.

Al-Kandari was handed the prize at a ceremony held at the Presidential Palace and organized by the Cypriot Chamber of Commerce and Industry in cooperation with the Cypriot Foreign Ministry, the Kuwaiti Embassy in Nicosia announced in a press statement on Friday.

The ceremony was attended by Cypriot Parliament Speaker and Acting President Annita Demetriou, several ministers and a large number of foreign diplomats, added the statement.

Addressing the audience, Permanent Secretary of the Cypriot Foreign Ministry Kornelios S. Korneliou spoke highly about the great efforts exerted by Ambassador Al-Kandari in the past few years to bolster bilateral relations.

For his part, Ambassador Al-Kandari affirmed that relations between Kuwait and Cyprus were rapidly developing in the past years. He noted that the two countries had recently signed several agreements and memoranda of understanding for cooperation in a variety of domains.

He suggested that Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah's visit to Cyprus early this year had ushered in a new era of mutually-beneficial cooperation between the two friendly countries.



Al-Kandari



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Joint Operations (Saudi Arabian Chevron Inc. / Kuwait Gulf Oil Company), announces the under-mentioned Public Tenders for procurement of materials.

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Tender Fees to be deposited in the National bank of Kuwait (NBK) Account No. 1001132057. Saudi Suppliers can collect the tender documents from Saudi Arabian Chevron office in Al-Khobar Telephone No.: (013) 8645104 - Fax No.: (013) 8985436

The closing date for the following Tender will be on **Monday, 8 AUG 2022 @ 09:00 AM.**

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2	2789810-R1	S/F BYRON JACKSON PUMP, FLOWSERVE & BW/IP	50
3	27807535	MARINE HOSE BREAKAWAY COUPLINGS, GALL THOMSON OR EQUIVALENT	25
4	2807739	RECIRCULATION VALVE, SCHROEDAHL OR EQUIVALENT	5
5	2807741	THERMAL MASS FLOWMETER, FOX THERMAL OR EQUIVALENT	5

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