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Speaker of the Kuwaiti National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim during the session of the Parliament of the (Legislative Chapter VI).

## 'Transparency Society role vital to raise 'anti-graft' awareness'

Bring new laws to create jobs: KTUF



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The emerging winners of the Abdulaziz Al Babbain Cultural Foundation in poetry competition held in Kuwait in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.

### 'Red Tide' strikes again

#### KG teachers seek early holidays

KUWAIT CITY, April 15: Some female kindergarten teachers have requested the Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Hamed Al-Azmi to move back the end of academic year holiday for teachers, because the kids would have finished their exams in early May, reports Al-Anba daily.

The teachers made it clear that there will be no work for them in school after the graduation of students on May 2 before the beginning of Ramadan, indicating all kindergartens will be closed except the schools' departments and teachers' room in the absence of students. Therefore, it's unreasonable to continue working until Eid Al-Fitr amid campaign to conserve electricity, they added.

**Red Tide is back:** The Red Tide phenomenon has 'struck' once again the shores of Kuwait Bay, and there are increasing fears that fish will die with the increasing heat of the summer season, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The Qabas daily yesterday observed this phenomenon rising above the surface of the sea extending from the Kuwait Oil Company to the village of Youm al-Bahar (Sailor's Day) in front of the National Assembly.

Sources say the coming days will witness fish death if the tide continues.

**Moderate weather seen:** The Meteorological Department predicted that the country will be dominated by a relatively hot weather, accompanied by shifting winds from southeasterly to moderate speed at a 60 to 26 kilometers per hour, with some scattered clouds, reports Al-Rai daily.

The department also forecast that Kuwait will witness moderate weather with the gradual accumulation of clouds accompanied by southeasterly winds at night at a speed ranging from 8 to 30 kilometers per hour.

The maximum expected temperature is 35 degrees and a minimum of 15.

**KUWAIT CITY, April 15, (KUNA): Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Muhammad Al-Jabri Sunday underlined role of Kuwait Transparency Society in raising awareness against corruption.**

Al-Jabri made the statement after the information ministry and the society signed a cooperation protocol, and said the document was the foundation of national media policies on transparency.

This protocol, he added, would spread principles of transparency among the public and was a translation of instructions of the His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister in boosting cooperation with civil society groups.

The protocol stipulates organization of workshops and seminars, as well as holding a training program for presenters.

Al-Jabri said the ministry had already signed a cooperation protocol with the Anti-Corruption Authority.

Kuwait Trade Union Federation's (KTUF) president Salem Al-Ajmi called Sunday for new legislations that would serve interests of employees and create jobs in the Arab countries.

He was speaking to KUNA on fringes of the Arab Labor Organization's (ALO) conference.

Al-Ajmi said there was an agreement among laborers on need of free movement among Arab countries, linking Arab market with the European one, and applications for the disabled.

The ALO conference featured participation of representatives of governments, employers and employees.

Kuwait is represented by Maryam Al-Aqeel, Minister of State for Economic Affairs.

#### Also:

Kuwait's National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim on Monday met a number of students who had participated in a debate in the national parliament.

Amid a lavish ceremony attended by education ministry officials, Kuwait's top lawmaker awarded the students with certificates and plaques for their impressive performances, according to the parliament's "Al-Dostor" news service.

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### 'World marks humanitarian efforts'

## 'Amir gains respect for Kuwait'

"THE honoring of my Master His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, we pray to Almighty Allah to protect him, by the Washington-based World Bank, is a well-deserved honor bestowed on this prominent Arab and world personality who remains always distinguished with his great humanitarian works at all international levels," columnist and the head of Kuwait University's Sociology Department professor Dr. Ali Al-Zuabi wrote for *Al-Shahed* daily.

"These great works have come in for praise by the entire world which has proclaimed its love and admiration for the humanitarian efforts led by His Highness the Amir, we pray to Almighty Allah to protect him. These humanitarian works could be deemed as the most distinguished and unique – one of its kind.

"In this context, we say that what has been done by His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad in the humanitarian field has gone beyond everyone's imagination – imagination of those who are working in the field of the humanitarian work and this has made His Highness a universal icon who has gained the appreciation of everyone on our planet – foreigners before the Arabs.

"Once, I had written an article in which I mentioned that we at the moment are witnessing a historical phenomenon that will not be repeated. In other words, this phenomenon has never been witnessed before and never will be – the 'Sabah Al-Ahmad' phenomenon.

"In this connection, we say His Highness the Amir since his young age was always busy tackling the problems of the Kuwaitis. In other words, when he was appointed as one of the officials of the State, he played a significant role in boosting the cultural, literary, educational and medical activities in the State of Kuwait.

"Not only that, His Highness during his tenure as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait, actually shouldered the responsibility of Arabs by making them his top international priority.

"Apart from the above, His Highness after becoming the Amir of the country shouldered his responsibility towards various humanitarian issues without any discrimination throughout the world and his footprints can be followed everywhere among all communities.

"Given the above, we have observed how the Amir has never strayed away from this humanitarian work or entrusted this work to anybody else, but he personally follows up everything in this connection.

"In other words, he has personally shouldered and carried the torch of this responsibility and managed it in every possible manner, concern, efficiency and the spirit of giving.

"Such being the case, the entire world is determined to celebrate the honoring of the award bestowed on him for his humanitarian activities – the celebration that is overdue.

"Not only that His Highness the Amir has made the State of Kuwait a humanitarian minaret that enjoys the respect and the appreciation of all peoples of the world.

"We pray to Almighty Allah, to protect our Amir. In the meantime, we hope that he will live long for the sake of our country as well as for the sake of the people everywhere."

#### Also:

"The 'selection that suits the chosen personality' – this is a brief and appropriate description for the honoring of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad by the World Bank in view of his role on both the regional and global levels in terms of supporting the social and economic development and in terms of his involvement in peacemaking efforts," columnist *Abdurrahman Al-Awwad* wrote for *Al-Sabah* daily.

"Of course in the meantime, the honoring of the Amir was long overdue and expected in view of the significant role played by him on the local, Arab and international levels. This is in addition to the tremendous efforts exerted by him in the services of humanity by assisting the needy and rescuing people affected by man-made and natural calamities.

"In this context, we also look at the efforts exerted by His Highness to ingrain the values of tolerance, justice and solidarity throughout the world.

"Consequently and in light of the above, Kuwaitis reserve the right to be proud of their leader, 'the Leader of Humanitarian Action'. The good reputation of His Highness covers the entire universe, the leader that has made the position of this 'small State' great in terms of effectiveness, impact and position among the nations.

"The honoring of the Amir by the World Bank is an exceptional appreciation that has been bestowed upon an exceptional leader. In other words, this honoring is not strange, particularly under the current events and policies which confirm the position of His Highness the Amir in the entire world.

"However, the honoring is a new addition to his humanitarian record. His march of charity is full of giving and assisting people all over the world. The State of Kuwait and the Kuwaitis shall always remain proud of this honor that has been bestowed on their Amir.

"So we want to congratulate ourselves and the entire Kuwaiti nation as we mark this occasion that shall remain dear for our hearts as we hope that our country will be always showered by joys and celebrations – God willing."

"The president appeared in broad daylight collecting garbage in front of the presidential residence in the capital Dar es Salaam after he ordered the cancellation of Independence Day celebration and made it a national hygiene day," columnist *Ahmad Al-Dawas* wrote for *Al-Seyassah* daily.

"He is the President of Tanzania John Magufuli, the reformist 'Bulldozer of Corruption and Bribery' in his country. He obtained a PhD in Chemistry and started as a secondary school teacher. Following his election in October 2015, he sacked several senior officials, including the head of anti-corruption, head of Tax Authority and a senior official of the Railway Corporation. Magufuli dismissed 10,000 employees over cases of forgery and stopped all festivities associated with the Independence Day to prevent the state from incurring expenses.

"He converted the money allocated for the independence day celebration to eradicate cholera epidemic that ravaged the country at that time, and reduced the number of ministers from 30 ministers to 19. All ministers were required to disclose their assets and bank deposits. He threatened to dismiss any minister who did not disclose his account or hesitated to sign a pledge of integrity.

"The president prevented traveling of officials without a direct authorization and felt it's their duty to take care of the internal problems. He also prevented government officials from traveling in first class during their flights, and again prevented governmental meetings and seminars held in hotels.

"In the (Commonwealth Independent States) CIS meeting, only four officials were sent to represent

the country instead of 50 people who were ready to travel. On a surprise visit to the state's main hospital, he found patients cleaning the floor and faulty medical equipment, so all hospital officials were removed. The new administration repaired everything within just 3 days.

"Magufuli worked to cut the budget of the opening ceremony of the new parliament from \$100,000 to \$7,000 and converted those sums to supplement shortages of health equipment and bought beds for the main hospital in the country after he had found patients sleeping on the floor. He sent his prime minister on a surprise inspection of Dar es Salaam Port and discovered tax excesses and misappropriations amounting to 40 million dollars. He ordered arrest of the Bureau Chief with five of his top aides and began a criminal investigation with them.

"The president ordered all luxury cars of the state and sold them at public auction, while he replaced them with modest-sized Toyota cars. The president was nicknamed the bulldozer or corruption bulldozer, and his main concern was to root out and fight corruption in Tanzania from his first day in office as promised in the election campaign. He did not say 'God has forgiven the past'.

"We have mentioned more than once that New York City was full of crime, corruption and unemployment, and then one of its officials, Lagodia, took the post of mayor. He was a man of great honesty and sincerity in his work. He succeeded in reforming his actions and with the help of President Franklin Roosevelt defeated corruption. He reformed the situation of farmers, poor people and those who were out of job, and ordered the construction of low cost houses, public parks and airports. He reorganized the police, developed New York, built highways, bridges and tunnels, and worked hard as a seasoned, hard-to-see mayor. Next, New York was calm and free of crimes to the level that people were able to walk safely, as crime disappeared in all its forms.

"After Lagodia, the President of Tanzania is taking similar reform measures. We wonder: Is there any official in the Arab countries to saves us from our embarrassing situation in order to eliminate chaos in our society? We are in dire need of an official who moves to enforce the law by force. Integrity is lost in the Arab countries, while violence and corruption spread like wild fire. The country has failed at all levels with the damage done to education".

"I recently watched a 2007 American film titled 'Charlie Wilson's War' based on the book under same title written by George Krell who died in 2006", *Adel Fahad Al-Meshal* wrote for *Al-Rai* daily.

"The film tells an interesting story extending a large era in history, especially the role played by America in financing Afghan Mujahideen to fight the Soviet Union.

"The film is directed by Mike Nichols, and the script was professionally written by Aaron Sorkin. The film stars Hollywood stars such as Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, Philip Seymour and the Indian actor Om Puri, who played the role of Pakistan's former prime minister.

"What is important in the film is that it documents what happened during that important period. The event is regarded as an important step in the collapse of the Soviet Union in the future. Some secrets and certain details of what happened have been revealed for the current generations including the process of using and exploiting religion to achieve political and economic objectives, among other things.

"The film deals with the role of coordination among various countries of the world to achieve more than one goal, in international accounts, which led to the United States becoming the only power in the world for decades.

"If we go back to the Arab cinema, we will notice the weakness – or the backwardness – of the film industry, because it lacks key factors in the film industry such as freedom of speech and freedom of digging deep into issues as well as financing. Making movies is expensive, and the product is expected to be problematic, especially since there are a series of religious, political and social prohibitions, even though Arab countries have creative cinematic competencies in all fields.

"A special mention must be made of Egypt, which has all the elements of real cinema. Cooperating with it can make it possible to produce world standard Arab films in standard Arabic language, which can be translated or dubbed into English and French.

"There will then be a real development in Arab cinema, which has a great cultural heritage. There are many stories of Islamic and Arab heritage that we can be portrayed in movies in the Arab and Muslim world, and to the other world.

"We will also be able to change the negative stereotype that the world sees in us because of the huge offenses launched against us by well-known bodies. It is not enough to protest or scream; we must introduce ourselves through a series of human literary and artistic creations. It is a language sought by many ordinary people, as well as intellectuals, through which we can present our religion as a religion of peace, and introduce our Arab civilization as still alive through a series of diving into the Arab heritage. An appropriate choice must be made to be presented in the form of a film. As there is cinematic development in Egypt, there is a similar development in some Maghreb countries.

"The Gulf cinema still needs to be revived, and the concepts of the film industry must be re-established in order to achieve additional steps to what has already been achieved."

"Some members of the National Assembly did well when they requested for discussion of the issue of referring current and former lawmakers to the Public Prosecution in the general debate in the next session based on Article 112 of the Constitution and Article 146 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. This is in a bid to clarify the government's policy, especially since the inflation of the accounts of lawmakers is one of the serious issues that cannot be tolerated and since this inflation is accompanied by illegal gain and circumventing laws while forgetting their basic duties," columnist *Ali Al-Fayrouz* wrote for *Al-Rai* daily.

"There are financial, legal and administrative irregularities. There are financial transfers, commissions, conflict of interests, abuse of authority, hiding behind parliamentary immunity and the exploitation of these unknown gifts in laundering money. There are suspicious thousands and millions of dinars and citizens have the right to know the sources, especially the voters.

"It was not only inflation, but establishment of huge investment companies and giant real estate funds. MP Al-Adani threatened the competent ministers – particularly the ministers of finance and interior – to transfer the file of accounts inflation to the relevant authorities. In case of no response to this request, he will be forced to use the interrogation tool and he demanded that the Prime Minister should oversee this matter and coordination between various ministries of the State."

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