

Altruism remarkable trait of Kuwaitis, says Sabeeh

Workshop held on co-op between UNHCR and local charities

KUWAIT CITY, April 15, (KUNA): Assistant Foreign Minister for Development and International Cooperation Nasser Al-Sabeeh said that Kuwaitis were penchant for philanthropic work.

Altruism has become a lifestyle for Kuwaitis and a remarkable trait of their personality, Al-Sabeeh said in his inaugural speech of a workshop on cooperation between the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and local charities organized by the UNHCR in Kuwait Sunday.

He emphasized that the Foreign Ministry's support for cooperation between Kuwaiti philanthropists and the UN humanitarian organizations, particularly the UN refugee agency.

The ministry backed cooperation with the UNHCR to help local charities reach needy people in any part of the world, to ensure sustainability of projects, put in world-class performance, and increase beneficiaries, Al-Sabeeh explained.

He hailed the fruitful cooperation with UNHCR as a model of integration between a UN agency on one hand and the Kuwaiti government and non-government philanthropic organizations on the other hand.

He shed lights on the role played by the Foreign Ministry to streamline charity work abroad and collaboration with international agencies.

The ministry was a main partner in different stages of humanitarian action, starting from establishing a liaison between UN organizations and local charities, studying and approving the proposed projects, signing of the cooperation agreement and then following the implementation, he clarified.

Important

Al-Sabeeh argued that the relief work was important and necessary "but its still impact is short-lived," thus he called for focusing on financing development projects to achieve sustainability and help needy people achieve self-sufficient and dispense with aid.

For his part, head of the UNHCR office in Kuwait Samer Haddadin said that since its inception, the UN refugee agency had been working to protect and find permanent solutions to the refugees and displaced persons around the world.

Over six decades, the UNHCR helped over 50 million people to re-establish their normal lives.

He regretted that the conflicts and persecution had forced more than 70 million people, including 25 refugees and nearly half of them are children, to flee their homes.

The UN official stated that today's workshop was more important than ever.

The importance of this workshop was to lay the groundwork for the cooperation of the UNHCR with the leading Kuwaiti charities in humanitarian work, especially those who had had a good influence all over the globe, he pointed out.

This was not strange for a country that is hub for humanitarian action and led by a leader of humanitarian action His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, he added.

Haddadin praised Kuwait's pioneering role in humanitarian work, its sincere efforts to prevent conflicts and disputes and its rapid response to humanitarian appeals to help victims of disasters and wars worldwide.

Since the outbreak of the Syrian refugee crisis in 2013, the largest in kind since World War II, Kuwait had rushed to offer help to more than seven million refugees as well as to support their host countries.

Three nominated for post of Awqaf undersecretary

Govt provides decent living for all Kuwaitis

KUWAIT CITY, April 15: The government does not hesitate to provide a decent living for all Kuwaitis in the framework of its keenness to provide all the requirements including special subsidies for them to help alleviate the burdens on families and individuals, reports Al-Anba daily.

Sources close to the issue told the daily, that the government is keen on achieving stability and safety for all Kuwaiti, who constitute the mainstay of the state and society.

The sources said that the law gives the government the right to provide special benefits in case there are certain burdens in terms of support for families or individuals to alleviate these burdens.

The sources added the law stipulates that "any allowances or special allowances for Kuwaiti families and individuals may be determined."

The grant of marriage and housing allowance has been determined to alleviate certain burdens or for social purposes other than those mentioned in the provisions of the Assistance Law."

The sources said, "This is done in accordance with the terms and conditions and rules set by the Council of Ministers."

Article 19 bis 1, which was added to the Decree No. 22 of 1978, makes a mention of "a marriage grant or housing allowance (or allowances or special allowances for Kuwaiti families and individuals to meet certain burdens) or for social purposes other than those mentioned in the preceding articles of the decree in accordance with the conditions and rules and regulations established by the

Council of Ministers."

The Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Saad Al-Kharraz has nominated three people for the position of undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting sources.

According to official sources, the three people are Assistant Undersecretary for Social Development Hana'a Al-Hajri, who is acting Undersecretary; Undersecretary of Cooperative Sector Abdul Aziz Shuaib and Legal Affairs Undersecretary Musallam Al-Subaie. The same sources said the three candidates last week appeared for the test at the Civil Service Commission and that a decision is expected soon appointing one of them for the post within two weeks.

The new undersecretary is waiting for a number of decisions, the first of which is to nominate people to fill the positions of assistant undersecretaries and a set of laws related to the ministry submitted to the National Assembly.



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Top and above: some photos from the symposium.

330 dentists participate in 2 day event

IDAK successfully organizes third scientific symposium

KUWAIT CITY, April 15: The Indian Dentists' Alliance in Kuwait or IDAK in association with Kuwait Dental Association successfully organized the Third edition of IDAK scientific symposium on 12th and 13th of April at Hotel Movenpick, Al Bidaa.

More than 330 practicing dentists in Kuwait participated in the two day event, accredited for 12 CME points with Kuwait institute of Medical Specialization.

The symposium titled, 'New Frontiers in Clinical Dentistry', featured four eminent faculties from India and one from Kuwait.

Dr Gurkeerat Singh presented papers on Orthodontics, while Dr Sunil Richardson delivered lectures on Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery. Dr Sai Kalyan, shared his expertise in Bleaching and Endodontics, Dr Chandrashekar Yavagal presented topics on Pedodontics and Uses of Lasers in dentistry.

The lone speaker from Kuwait, Dr Mariam Baghdady from the Faculty of Dentistry in Kuwait University, spoke on the 'Role of CBCT in day to day practice'.

The second day of the symposium was arranged as 'limited seat courses' on Lasers & Malocclusion and delegates had a thorough personal interaction with the learned faculty.

The delegates expressed happiness over the high standard of the symposium.

The scientific sessions were chaired by eminent dentists from Kuwait in the respective fields from the Ministry of Health, Kuwait Dental Association, Kuwait University and private clinics.

The valedictory function on 12th evening was the highlight of the symposium with presence of President of Kuwait Red Crescent Society and former minister of health, Dr Hilal Al-Sayer as Chief Guest, Assistant Undersecretary of Dental Affairs Ministry of Health, Dr Yousef Al Duwairy, Chairman

of Kuwait Dental Association, Dr Sami Al-Manea, Dean of Faculty of Dentistry, Kuwait University, Dr Adel Asfour and CEO of Al Sayafe Medical Company, Ghassan Homsy as 'Guests of Honor'.

Dr Hilal Al-Sayer appreciated IDAK and KDA for coming together and conducting such magnanimous events to upgrade the quality of dental treatment in Kuwait. He also spoke about his close links with India and Indian colleagues during his address.

IDAK President Dr Shaheer Malik welcomed the audience and outlined IDAK's achievements, while Scientific Committee Chairman Dr Srikanth Reddy introduced the faculty.

IDAK Membership Secretary Dr Roshila George who spearheaded the compilation of E-directory, handed over the front cover, to be released during the event.

Mementos were distributed to all dignitaries, sponsors, chairpersons and speakers. General Secretary, Dr George P Alex proposed the Vote of Thanks and thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the symposium.

The valedictory function, which was ably compered by Community Welfare Chairman, Dr Prathap Unnithan was followed by a sumptuous dinner.

The event also featured a trade fair for the first time. The Platinum Sponsor was Al Sayafe Medical Company and Co Sponsors were CBK, Al Mulla Exchange, Alpha Medicals, Catalyst Medical Company, Pierre Fabre Medicaments, Byju's App, Ashraf & Co and Naseej Medical Database. IDAK's Scientific Committee led by Chairman Dr Srikanth Reddy organized the event in close coordination with IDAK Council and support of Event Management Committee headed by Dr Sudhin K. Thomas, Finance Committee headed by Dr Asheel Mohammed and Membership Committee headed by Dr Deendayal Mittapilli.

MP hits

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alone its name which implies the inclusion of expatriates who violated the Residency Law.

In a press conference at the National Assembly Media Center, the MP affirmed the issue has security, social and political implications. He pointed out that the lack of action in terms of addressing the issue led to an even bigger problem which now requires the direct intervention of HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah since it affects five generations of Bedouns who have been residing in Kuwait for 50 years and more.

He said some Bedouns are serving the country in sensitive positions in various governmental bodies such as the National Guard, Ministry of Interior and Kuwait Army; "yet they are considered illegal residents. This is illogical."

On the employment of Bedouns, he confirmed a large number of Bedouns are integrated in the Kuwaiti society. He believes Bedouns are capable enough to be employed like teachers and nurses, indicating this step will bolster national security as the appointment of Bedouns to such positions will lessen the number of expatriates in these fields, in addition to reducing State expenditures.

He clarified the problem is not the naturalization of Bedouns, but the failure to grant their most basic human rights. He said this is supposed to be the task of CSRSIR, wondering what the agency has done since its establishment considering the number of issues

and scandals it has caused.

He disclosed the Cabinet decree on the establishment of CSRSIR stipulates that the agency should develop services provided to Bedouns, but it has not taken such a step.

The agency claimed that it succeeded in decreasing the number of Bedouns from 220,000 to 110,000 but the MP refuted this as the number of Bedouns during the establishment of CSRSIR was already 110,000.

Representatives of the agency also claimed that they have provided housing for Bedouns which, once again, was proven false as the ministries of Interior and Defense have been providing this service to Bedouns affiliated to them even before the establishment of CSRSIR. Therefore, the lawmaker stressed the need to intensify efforts in this regard as some households have more than 40 members.

The decree also instructed the board chairman of CSRSIR to submit periodic reports to the Cabinet, but the MP said no report has been submitted while the chairman claimed that reports were presented verbally.

CSRSIR had earlier revealed that it requested KD 24 million from Zakat House for the benefit of Bedouns. The MP said this raises a lot of questions as the agency is not supposed to be affiliated with Zakat House, let alone request for funding from the latter.

Although the lawmakers proposed KD 6 million for the education of Bedouns, the parliamentary Budgets and Final Accounts Committee approved a budget of KD 4 million for the education of 120,000 Bedouns and their children; in addi-

tion to the employment of Bedoun reporters and nurses.

On Bedouns with fraudulent paperwork, the MP asserted those found guilty of fraud should be prosecuted, "but we must never assume that all Bedouns are involved in fraudulent activities and that they are hiding their real nationality; especially since some governmental officials are known to have directed Bedouns to offices which sell fake passports in order to grant them residency in the country."

Consequently, the MP invites anyone who has objections or reservations to familiarize themselves with the bill first and they will realize that it provides the most basic human rights and a simple but dignified lifestyle for Bedouns who are part of the Kuwaiti society.

KNPC obtains approval to change order

KUWAIT CITY, April 15: Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) has obtained approval to change the order for the second time; thereby, increasing the cost to KD4.3 million (11.1 percent) for the machine maintenance works contract of Mina Abdullah Refinery with Heavy Engineering Industries Company in order to cover the cost of transferring 50 Kuwaiti employees from the Mina Al-Shuaiba contract to that of Mina Abdullah, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.