

Anti-rebel forces in south take over Aden airport



NBK reports KD163.4 million profits



Heavens open as Liverpool thump Thai All Stars 4-0



Ramadan Kareem

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IRAN, WORLD POWERS SEAL NUKE DEAL; ISRAEL FUMES

'GOD HAS ACCEPTED IRAN'S PRAYERS': ROUHANI • UAE CONGRATULATES IRAN



VIENNA: (From left to right) Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, German Foreign Minister Frank Walter Steinmeier, European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, Head of the Iranian Atomic Energy Organization Ali Akbar Salehi, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, US Secretary of State John Kerry and US Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz pose for a group picture at the United Nations building in Vienna, Austria yesterday. — AP

VIENNA: Iran and six major world powers reached a nuclear deal yesterday, capping more than a decade of negotiations with an agreement that could transform the Middle East. US President Barack Obama hailed a step towards a "more hopeful world" and Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said it proved that "constructive engagement works".

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said in a live televised address yesterday that "God has accepted the nation's prayers", hailing a nuclear deal with world powers that will lift sanctions. Rouhani spoke minutes after US President Barack Obama's comments on the agreement struck in Vienna were also broadcast live on state television. But Israel pledged to do what it could to halt what it called an "historic surrender".

The agreement will now be debated in the US Congress, but Obama said he would veto any measure to block it. "This deal offers an opportunity to move in a new direction," Obama said. "We should seize it." Under the deal, sanctions imposed by the United States, European Union and United Nations will be lifted in return for Iran agreeing long-term curbs on a nuclear program that the West has suspected was aimed at creating a nuclear bomb.

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RESPECTING GOD

Ramadan Kareem

By Teresa Leshner

The Quran says, "It was the month of Ramadan in which the Quran was [first] bestowed from on high as a guidance unto man and a self-evident proof of that guidance, and as the standard by which to discern the true from the false. Hence, whoever of you lives to see this month shall fast ... [God desires] that you complete the number [of days required], and that you praise God for His having guided you aright, and that you render your thanks [unto Him]. (2:185) Praising and thanking God for His blessings is a form of respect, and Ramadan is the perfect time to contemplate the ways in which we respect our Creator.

Respect is comprised of both an attitude of appreciation toward another as well as specific conduct that honors the other. We would be exemplary citizens if we respected all the things we are expected to respect. And we would know what to do because we know the universal adage "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." But how would we express the ultimate respect - respect for God? Unfortunately, applying the "do unto others" rule doesn't apply to our relationship with God because He is unlike us - He is God.

It is my guess that many people who practice respect for all others often overlook God. If there was a group that promoted and protected the rights of God for our respect, what would they teach us?

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7 WOMEN AMONG 29 CHARGED OVER SHIITE MOSQUE BOMBING

7 KUWAITIS, 5 SAUDIS, 3 PAKISTANIS, 13 BEDOONS FACE TRIAL

By B Izzak

KUWAIT: The Public Prosecution yesterday pressed official charges against 29 people including seven women in connection with the suicide bombing of the Shiite mosque last month that left 26 people killed and 227 others wounded. The attack, carried out by a Saudi, was the worst in Kuwait's history. Those charged included seven Kuwaitis, five Saudis, three Pakistanis, 13 stateless people known as Bedoons and another person at large, whose identity is still unknown, a statement by the public prosecution said yesterday.

Besides the suspect with unknown identity, four suspects will be tried in absentia including the two Saudi brothers who transported the explosives into Kuwait and handed them to the driver who took the bomber to the mosque. The decision to press charges came after almost 20 days of interrogations and after the security agencies questioned dozens with suspected links to the attack.

The prosecution said two of the suspects have been charged with premeditated murder of the 26 victims and the attempted murder of all the wounded men. Legal action against the bomber was dropped because he was killed in the attack. Two suspects have been charged with training on explosives with the aim to use them to achieve an illegal purpose. Nine suspects are charged with taking part in the attack through instigation, conspiracy and assistance in committing the murders.

It charged some of the suspects with undermining national unity and joining a banned group adopting an extremist ideology. The prosecution charged all

other suspects of having prior knowledge of the attack and failing to inform the authorities and assisting some criminals to escape from the authorities and hiding materials used in the crime. The prosecution said the case has been sent to the Criminal Court to set a date for the start of trial. Twenty-four of the suspects remain in custody pending the start of the trial.

In another case, the Public Prosecution was scheduled to have questioned the former state security chief Sheikh Athbi Al-Fahad Al-Sabah in connection with the so-called Fintas Group whose 13 members are accused of spreading false news about Kuwait and insulting the Amir. The prosecution has already questioned six alleged members and freed them on a KD10,000 bail each except one member whose bail was just KD2,000.

The alleged members are being questioned on the accusation of establishing a group on What's App in which they used to spread the false news against Kuwait and insult the Amir. The Criminal Court meanwhile yesterday released Sheikh Abdullah Salem Abdullah Al-Sabah after six weeks detention for writing comments on Twitter deemed offensive to the Amir. Sheikh Abdullah, a member of the ruling family, was asked to pay KD500 as a bail. The court set July 28 as the date for his trial. Sheikh Abdullah was detained for a few days about two years ago on similar charges. The Cassation Court yesterday overturned a one-year jail term against editor of Al-Seyassah newspaper and acquitted him. Jarallah was handed the sentence for allegedly insulting the prophet (PBUH).



LAUREL: Tara Kedia poses wearing a New Horizons probe hat at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland. The unmanned NASA spacecraft whizzed by Pluto yesterday, making its closest approach in the climax of a decade-long journey to explore the dwarf planet for the first time, the US space agency said. — AFP

NASA SPACECRAFT WHIZZES BY PLUTO IN HISTORIC FLYBY

LAUREL: An unmanned NASA spacecraft whizzed by Pluto yesterday, making its closest approach in the climax of a decade-long journey to explore the dwarf planet for the first time, the US space agency said. Moving faster than any spacecraft ever built-at a speed of about 30,800 miles per hour (49,570 kph) - the flyby happened at 7:49 am, with the probe running on autopilot. It was to pass by Pluto at a distance of 7,767 miles.

"The New Horizons spacecraft passes its closest approach mark at Pluto after a three-billion-mile journey," a NASA commentator said as spectators waved flags in a crowded room at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Center outside the US capital, Washington. "I have to pinch myself. Look what we accomplished," mission operations manager Alice Bowman said. "It is truly amazing that humankind can go out and explore these worlds and to see Pluto be revealed just before our eyes. It is just fantastic."

New Horizons principal investigator Alan Stern described what he called "a moment of celebration," with the promise of a "16-month data waterfall" ahead that will help scientists write whole new textbooks about Pluto. "We have completed the initial reconnaissance of the solar system, an endeavor started under President (John F) Kennedy more than 50 years ago, continuing today under President (Barack) Obama," Stern told reporters.

Never before has a spacecraft ventured into the Kuiper Belt, and New Horizons has been on its way there for more than nine years. The spacecraft launched in 2006, the same year that Pluto was downgraded to "dwarf planet" status due to the celestial body's small size.

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AMIR RECEIVES OPPN FIGURES

By Staff Reporter

KUWAIT: The Amir yesterday received a seven-member delegation from the opposition for the first time in almost three years after the late 2012 change of the Electoral Law. Former Housing Minister Shuaib Al-Muwaizri said in a statement that the meeting took place at the Sief Palace and included former members of the scrapped February 2012 Assembly Mohammad Al-Dallal, Osama Al-Shaheen, Hamad Matar, Abdulrahman Al-Anjari, Ammar Al-Ajmi, Osama Al-Munawer, in addition to Munawer Al-Azemi.

In a statement after the meeting Muwaizri (also a former MP) said the meeting was very cordial, frank and held in a family atmosphere and was an opportunity to hail the Amir's keenness to strengthen national unity. He said the delegation praised the Amir's brave and wise position in confronting terrorism and to be with his people in the first few minutes after the terrorist bombing of Imam Al-Sadeq Mosque. Muwaizri said the meeting was also an opportunity to raise a number of issues that concern the Kuwaiti people, adding that at the end of the meeting, the importance of more contacts was stressed. Other members who attended the meeting did not make any comment on their Twitter accounts.

At least three of the members belong to the Islamic Constitutional Movement (ICM), the political wing of the Muslim Brotherhood. Kuwaiti opposition groups boycotted the elections held in December 2012 and July 2013 in protest against the government amendment of the Electoral Law, saying the amendment allowed the government to manipulate the election results in its favor.

Muwaizri however did not clarify whether the members of the delegation attended the meeting on personal capacity or represented opposition groups.



KUWAIT: Around 40,000 worshippers attended the 'Qiyam' late night prayers on the eve of the 27th of Ramadan at the Grand Mosque in Kuwait City, seeking to observe the 'Laylat Al-Qadr' (Night of Power). — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat (See Page 5)