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His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah is pictured with the National Union of Kuwait Students' (NUKS) delegation.

AMIR RECEIVES GCC OFFICIALS

CROWN PRINCE MEETS STUDENTS' UNION MEMBERS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Seif Palace yesterday members of the consultative committee of the Supreme GCC Council Dr Abdullah Yaqoub Bashara and Suleiman Majid Al-Shaheen. HH the Amir also received HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received the Chairman of National Union of Kuwait Students' (NUKS) Executive Authority as well as heads and members of the administrative authorities of the Union in Kuwait, UAE, Egypt, Canada, United States, United

Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia.

His Highness the Crown Prince called on the students to exert more efforts in their educational attainment in order to achieve the highest grades to best serve their country in the near future. His Highness also stressed on abiding by the values of national unity under the

wise leadership of His Highness the Amir.

His Highness the Crown Prince also advised the students to offer a positive model about the Kuwaiti youth abroad, respecting their religion and culture, wishing them success and progress. Chairman of NUKS Executive Authority expressed his thanks and apprecia-

tion to His Highness the Crown Prince for the support and care offered by the political leadership. Separately, HH the Crown Prince received HH Sheikh Nasser, Sheikh Dr Ibrahim Al-Duaij Al-Sabah and former Dean of Faculty of Shariah and Islamic Studies Dr. Mohammad Abdul Razaq Al-Tabtabae. —KUNA

KUWAIT EAGER TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

KUWAIT: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Planning and Development Affairs Hind Al-Subaih has stressed that Kuwait fully supports international development and is willing to cooperate to resolve all issues facing such process.

The Minister's remarks came in a statement released by the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development yesterday, upon her participation in the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from July 13 to 16.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development has always been supporting different projects mainly infrastructure in developing and less developed countries, by providing easy loans, said Subaih. Kuwait had provided developmental financial aid worth about 1.4 percent of its GDP in the past few years, which is double the international percentage of 0.7 percent, she added.

Meanwhile, the official noted that Kuwait is among the top countries in facing global

warming, aiding people in conflict-struck countries, supporting sustainable development and cooperating to achieve the goals of the UN's Millennium Development goals by 2015. Moreover, the country is fully supporting the post-2015 development agenda aiming to end poverty by 2030 and create a better world for all people.

Subaih also mentioned the effects of big debts imposed on developing countries, noting that Kuwait had previously called on the international community to consider that these countries could use their money to develop projects rather than pay it for their creditors.

The Minister said she was looking forward for the upcoming international summit to be held in the UN's headquarters in New York next September, where the post-2015 agenda would be approved. She also noted that the UN will hold the 2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP21) by the end of the year to reach an agreement on reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. —KUNA



A group of chief executives and employees from Ahli United Bank are pictured with Dr Sheikh Khaled Al-Mathkour.

AHLI UNITED BANK ORGANIZES RELIGIOUS SEMINAR TO STAFF

KUWAIT: In line with its prominent social role, Ahli United Bank held a religious seminar at the head office of the bank in which Dr Sheikh Khaled Al-Mathkour, Chairman of Shariah Board, enlightened employees on the virtues of the last ten days of the Month of Ramadan.

The seminar enumerated the key virtues of the last ten days of Ramadan's headquarters in Switzerland, Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the UN Office at Geneva (UNOG) and other international organizations there, Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim handed the documents over to ICDO's Secretary-General Vladimir Kuvshinov.

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Salaah (Muslim prayers) and its far-reaching effect in making subsistence and time more abundant. He demonstrated how the duty of fasting, fasting goals, objectives and rationale were perfectly depicted in Qur'an, and how fasting would become spiritually fulfilling to fasting Muslims. The concept of Zakat-ul-Fitr (fast-breaking alms) and its importance in helping the needy and having them cheer up in Eid Al-Fitr (the Festival of Fast-Breaking) was broadly underlined.

The seminar attracted a large turnout of employees who would love to listen attentively to Mathkour's sermon amidst high spiritually

fulfilling atmosphere inspired by the holy month of Ramadan.

In a press release on this occasion, Ahli United Bank, pointed out that "we are truly delighted that this valuable seminar marked the conclusion of our eventful program in Ramadan. The program featured a Qur'an memorization and recitation competition for the bank's employees and dependents, distribution of girgean to employees, and set-up of charity tents in proximity of the bank's head office to cater fast-breaking banquets for the huge turnout of fasting people passing by everyday during the month of Ramadan".



ADDIS ABABA: Minister Hind Al-Subaih is seen during her participation in the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development. —KUNA

KUWAIT TO JOIN INTERNATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION

GENEVA: Kuwait submitted documents yesterday to join the International Civil Defense Organization (ICDO). During a ceremony held at the organization's headquarters in Switzerland, Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the UN Office at Geneva (UNOG) and other international organizations there, Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim handed the documents over to ICDO's Secretary-General Vladimir Kuvshinov.

Kuwait is looking forward to closer

cooperation with the ICDO, making utmost use of its expertise in the field of civil defense, Ghunaim said. Kuvshinov meanwhile congratulated Kuwait for joining the ICDO, saying the move is likely to enrich the organization's activities, pointing to remarkable steps the country has achieved in civil defense. He noted that the ICDO seeks to intensify international development efforts and coordinate them to avoid repercussions of catastrophes. —KUNA



GENEVA: Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim (right) is pictured with ICDO's Secretary-General Vladimir Kuvshinov. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Defense ministry officials in a group photo with the honored media personnel. —KUNA

DEFENSE MINISTRY HONORS MEDIA

KUWAIT: Defense Ministry's Directorate of Moral Guidance and Public Relations held a reception for media personnel recently in recognition of their efforts in highlighting activities of the Kuwaiti army. Among the honorees were KUNA's Deputy Director General for Editorial Affairs Saad Al-Ali, security and military correspondent

Hammad Al-Mutairi and photographer Jaber Abdulkhalik. In a speech on the occasion, chief of the Directorate Rear Admiral Mohammad Ghanim Al-Theyab underlined the ministry's keenness to always be in contact with media outlets due to their significant role in serving the public good. —KUNA

MOON SIGHTING AUTHORITY MEETS TOMORROW 80 OPEN SPACES ALLOCATED FOR EID PRAYERS

KUWAIT: Kuwait's crescent sighting authority will meet tomorrow evening at the new headquarters of the Kuwait Institute for Judicial and Legal Studies to sight the crescent of Shawwal so as to announce the first day of Eid Al-Fitr, the Ministry of Justice said yesterday. The authority will meet under the chairmanship of Vice-President of the Court of Cassation and President of the constitutional court Judge Yousef Al-Mutawa, deputies of the Court of Cassation Justices Ishaq Malak and Saleh Al-Rakdan and other judges, the ministry added in a press statement. The ministry urged people who sight the crescent to come to

the authority to report it. On this occasion, the ministry expressed its sincere congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, wishing their Highnesses good health.

Eid prayer
Meanwhile, the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs prepared some 80 open spaces for performing Eid Al-Fitr prayers in the six governorates of Kuwait, Assistant Undersecretary for mosques affairs Walid Issa Shuaib said yesterday. There will be about 17 open spaces in the

Capital City (Al-Asimah), 14 in Hawalli Governorate, 12 in Jahra Governorate, 12 in Farwaniya Governorate, 17 in Ahmadi Governorate and eight in Mubarak al-Kabeer Governorate, Shuaib added in a statement. Locations and names of the open spaces have been specified, Shuaib noted. He congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti people and expats as well as the Muslim nation on Eid al-Fitr. —KUNA