



KUWAIT: Worshippers perform the 'Qiyam' prayer on the 27th day of Ramadan. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat and KUNA



Minister of Justice and Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Yaqoub Al-Sane attends the prayer.

40,000 MARK RAMADAN 27TH EVE AT GRAND MOSQUE

SECURITY BEEFED UP AT MOSQUES THROUGHOUT KUWAIT

KUWAIT: With some 40,000 worshippers attending the 'Qiyam' late night prayers on the eve of the 27th of Ramadan at the Grand Mosque in Kuwait, security at around 1,500 Mosques had been beefed up to protect worshippers from any kind of threat, said Minister of Justice and Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Yaqoub Al-Sane late Monday.

The Ministry had been working with other state entities for quite some time to make sure that the last ten days of the holy month of Ramadan would go smoothly and without any disturbance, Sane said. Regarding the preparations at Grand Mosque, Sane said that all procedures were undertaken to accommodate the large number of worshippers attending the prayers.

Meanwhile, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior Major General Mahmoud Al-Dosiri said that the ministry had intensified its presence at Mosques throughout Kuwait especially after the terrorist attack on the Imam Al-Sadiq Mosque which killed 26 people and injured over 200 others. In the Grand Mosque, security personnel were deployed at the gates to inspect worshippers going in, said Dosiri, noting that such procedure was carried out as a precaution.

During one of the odd evenings of the last ten days of Ramadan, Muslims seek a special evening called 'Laylat Al-Qadr' (Night of Power). According to Islamic traditions, Laylat Al-Qadr, or the night of destiny, is believed to be the evening when Allah Almighty would forgive sins and answer prayers. It was also believed to be the night when the first verses of the Quran were revealed to Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). — KUNA



Tightened security measures outside the Grand Mosque.



Women are searched before they enter Al-Rashid Mosque.



Worshippers pray outside Al-Rashid Mosque in Adailiya.



Worshippers perform the prayer inside Al-Rashid Mosque.



Worshippers flock to the Grand Mosque for prayer.