

HAJJ MISSION'S TEAMS ATTEND TO PILGRIMS AT MOUNT ARAFAT

MECCA: The Kuwaiti Hajj mission's teams started on carrying out their tasks at Mount Arafat since dawn yesterday as they took their locations designated to them by the Saudi authorities. The medical teams began assisting those in need through two separate clinics. Members of the Public Authority for Youth and Sport were seen at the entrances and exits of the mission's headquarters organizing work.

Kuwaiti pilgrims had arrived to Mount Arafat from Mina safely and in good conditions, Head of the Kuwaiti Hajj Mission Khulaf Al-Utheinah said, adding that all services rendered to the

Kuwaiti pilgrims were completed. He added that all teams of the Kuwaiti mission have taken their positions at Mount Arafat and were ready to serve the Kuwaiti pilgrims. He praised the excellent services extended by the government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to all pilgrims.

Muslims around the globe yesterday commemorate the Day of Arafat, considered the most important day of Hajj during which pilgrims gather on the desert planes of Arafat, near Makkah, to pray to their Lord.

The day falls on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah, the

12th month of the Islamic calendar, and is an integral part of the pilgrimage of Hajj, the fifth pillar of Islam.

Hajj officially began on Tuesday, on the 8th day of Dhul Hijjah, when pilgrims from all over the world began travelling from the holy city of Makkah to Mina, which is roughly eight kilometers away.

Yesterday, after the dawn prayers in Mina, the pilgrims started their journey to Arafat, about 14 kilometers away. Muslims believe that the Day of Arafat is a day when ones' sins can be forgiven. —KUNA

CROWN PRINCE RECEIVES EID AL-ADHA GREETINGS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday a cable from National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem congratulating him on the advent of Eid Al-Adha.

In his cable, Ghanem expressed his sincere best wishes, good health, and prosperity to His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince and to the people of Kuwait under the wisdom of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. His Highness sent a reply cable to National Assembly Speaker in which he expressed congratulations and best wishes and more prosperity for Kuwait, its people, Arab and Islamic nations.

Meanwhile, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf sent a cable to the President of the Kuwait National Guard His Highness Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah and Sheikh Mubarak Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah congratulating them on the advent of Eid Al-Adha, asking Allah Almighty to have many returns of this occasion and to bless the Kuwaiti people, wishing more prosperity to the State of Kuwait under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. In turn, His Highness Sheikh Salem Al-Ali sent a cable to His Highness Sheikh Nawaf thanking him and congratulating him on Eid Al-Adha.

His Highness Sheikh Nawaf also received cables from senior Sheikhs, Deputy President of the National Guard Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Ahmad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-



His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah who congratulated His Highness on the advent of Eid Al-Adha expressing appreciation to His Highness' efforts throughout the years and his support in serving the country.

His Highness the Deputy Amir also received congratulatory cables from ministers, governors and senior state officials inside and outside Kuwait. In turn, His Highness the Deputy Amir thanked them all for their sincere wishes and sentiments. —KUNA



The Kuwaiti Hajj mission's headquarters.



KUWAIT: Twenty-one officers from various Interior Ministry departments are performing hajj in trips paid by the ministry in appreciation to their hard work and dedication, the ministry's Relations and Security Media Department announced in a statement.

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of the day



KUWAIT: A man checks on a sheep loaded on the bed of his pickup truck moments after he bought it from the livestock market in Rai ahead of Eid Al-Adha or 'Feast of Sacrifice'. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat