

PM CONVEYS AMIR'S EID GREETINGS TO PILGRIMS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah yesterday conveyed His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's congratulations to Kuwaiti pilgrims in Makkah on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha. In a phone call with head of Kuwaiti Hajj mission, Assistant undersecretary for public relations at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khulaif

Al-Uthaina, His Highness the Premier also conveyed the Eid congratulations of His Highness the Deputy Amir and the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. His Highness the Prime Minister checked on the safety and health of all Kuwaiti pilgrims and inquired about facilities offered by the Hajj mission in Makkah and other holy sites. — KUNA



A firefighter tackles flames at a water tanker in Mina Abdullah.

DANGERS OF FIREWORKS DURING EID HOLIDAYS

EUROPEAN MAN DIES IN ELEVATOR SHAFT FALL

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: The Director of Public Relations and Information at Kuwait Fire Service Directorate Colonel Khalil Al-Amir warned against accidents that occur and increase during the Eid holidays, especially due to children playing with fireworks, left unattended in hallways or other areas and using elevators by themselves.

Al-Amir warned that parents must make sure that gas cylinders in kitchens are secured after use and check the hoses periodically to make sure that there are no leaks. He said lifts must be maintained regularly to avoid malfunctions, and in new buildings only companies approved by the fire directorate should be hired. Al-Amir said all fire centers are working with full capacity during Eid time to protect the national security against accidents and fires.

In related incidents, a fire broke out in a water tanker in Mina Abdullah area prompting the fire center there to respond. The fire was contained and put out in a short time, due to the quick response. No injuries were reported. And in Midan Hawally, a European man fell inside the elevator shaft of a building. Salmiya fire center responded and found the victim fell from the sixth to first floor and died from the fall.

The body was recovered and handed to criminal evidence, after two hours of work.

Bootlegger caught

A non-Kuwaiti man was arrested in Jahra while selling 12 Red Label whiskey bottles to an undercover agent for KD 900, said security sources, noting that on searching a farmhouse he owns, narcotics detectives found 220 more bottles. The suspect confessed that he had intended selling the liquor during the Eid holiday, when demand is higher, and that he usually sold it for KD 100+ per bottle.



A bootlegger arrested with 220 liquor bottles in Jahra yesterday.

MORE THAN 100 DRUNKS ARRESTED

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Mubarak Al-Kabeer detectives recently launched a widespread inspection campaign raiding several suspicious spots in Sabah Al-Salem area, said security sources, noting that the raids resulted in arresting a hundred men and women under the influence of alcohol.

Construction permits

Kuwait Municipality's acting director Ahmed Al-Manfouhi said that the municipality started handing over construction permissions to 133 citizens who own land plots in Sabahiya. "The delay was due to some impediments such as private gardens and park shades," Manfouhi explained. Notably, the Public Authority for Housing Welfare had been blaming the municipality for the delay.

FOREIGN MINISTER CONGRATULATES SAUDI ARABIA ON NATIONAL DAY

NEW YORK/KUWAIT: Kuwait's First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah has congratulated Saudi Arabia on the occasion of its National Day, wishing the Kingdom lasting prosperity.

"I would like to congratulate the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, the Crown Prince and the Deputy Crown Prince, the Saudi government and people on the occasion of this joyful day, and also on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha," Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled said in press remarks. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, in New York for the UN General Assembly (UNGA) meetings, was speaking on the sidelines of a reception held by the Saudi Permanent Mission to



Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah



Marzuq Al-Ghanem

the UN on the occasion of the Kingdom's national day late last night. He recalled how Saudi Arabia has been offering different kinds of facilities to pilgrims who were performing their rituals during the Hajj season.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled also commended Saudi Arabia's role at the regional, Arab, Islamic and international levels vis-a-vis the recent Israeli escalation against Al-Aqsa Mosque, citing contacts made by King Salman with world leaders to put an end to the Israeli practices.

Meanwhile, National Assembly Speaker Marzuq Al-Ghanem sent a cable of congratulations to Saudi Arabia's Speaker of Shura Council Dr Abdullah bin Mohammed Al-Sheikh on the occasion of his country's National Day. — KUNA

MEDICAL STAFF AT ALL MALLS DURING EID

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Health medical's emergencies manager Dr Tareq Al-Jassar stressed that the ministry was ready for the Eid vacation with a comprehensive plan to provide airborne ambulance services as well as special field clinics at all shopping malls and recreation locations around Kuwait. "Clinic will be deployed at the Grand Mosque, in various TEC facilities, the Avenues, Marina Mall, 360 Mall and all highways," he explained.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Municipality announced that emergency teams began tours at the main sheep market in Rai to maintain prices control and prevent 'random slaughter' of livestock on Eid Al-Adha. The municipality had allocated 18 temporary slaughterhouses around the country, to work alongside the main slaughterhouses on the first day of the Muslim holiday known as 'Feast of Sacrifice.'

Eclipse prayer

The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs recently called for performing the eclipse prayer in all its 52 mosques located in the six Kuwaiti governorates. In this regard, the ministry's assistant undersecretary for mosques' affairs, Waleed Al-Shuaib said that call for this prayer was part of traditions of the prophet (PBUH) when he urged Muslims to pray to Allah on such an occasion that manifests one of Allah's signs.

Al-Shuaib noted that the eclipse is forecast to take place in the period of 4:06 -4:41 am next Monday and that a directive had been already circulated to all mosques urging them to call worshippers to perform the prayer before Al-Fajr prayer.

Greater security

MP Saleh Ashour said that Kuwait is going through new political changes and that it was time for the government and parliament to expand security priorities that cope with the current developments and eliminate all attempts to create tumults amongst Kuwaitis. "The recent security and terrorist incidents such the bombing of the Imam Al-Sadeq mosque and the [discovery of the] Abdaly cell as well as traffic accidents and daily youth scuffles in various shopping malls that have been claiming lives for trivial reasons all made citizens feel insecure," he warned, urging the government to launch more awareness campaigns and impose stricter security and accountability measures.

Jaber University almost ready

Member of the parliamentary educational affairs committee MP Humoud Al-Hamdan stressed that the committee was about to finish discussing the Jaber University issue and had already found that its decree needed amendment. "Four ministers have been in office over the past two years and have been trying to solve the problem," he remarked, noting that though the decree was referred to the Fatwa and

Legislation committee, it was returned as it was after six months of discussion.

ICM calls to end Syrians suffering

The Islamic Constitutional Movement (ICM) yesterday congratulated HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and the Kuwaiti people on Eid Al-Adha. Speaking on the occasion, ICM secretary general, engineer Mohammed Al-Aleem stressed that the Hajj season was an occasion full of moral lessons such as the importance of fraternity, cooperation and communication amongst Muslims.

He also urged all world leaders to seriously work on putting an end to the sufferings of Muslims in Syria, Burma, Iraq, Yemen, Palestine and elsewhere.

MOH to reduce medical errors

The Ministry of Health (MOH) stressed that building a clinical simulation center in Kuwait would help reduce medical errors by six to seven times through constant extensive training. In this regard, MOH's assistant undersecretary for assisting medical services affairs Dr Jamal Al-Harbi said that the ministry formed a committee to study training courses and training assessment methods and made agreements with some specialized international centers to help build the center. "The ministry is currently working on training the center staff on operating the center," he added, pointing out that the center would mainly focus on training paramedics, medical emergency technicians and nurses working in various maternity or intensive care unit (ICU) departments.



KUWAIT: A team from the Interior Ministry's Relations and Security Media Department visited the Mulla Saud Al-Saqr Elementary School for boys recently as part of its ongoing campaign to spread road safety awareness among students.

ARAB PARLIAMENT CONDEMNS ISRAELI AGGRESSION



Ahmad Al-Jarwan

CAIRO: The Arab Parliament's President Ahmad Al-Jarwan condemned yesterday international silence towards Israeli aggressions against the Palestinians. The Arab Parliament will address all international bodies and organizations to act swiftly to end daily crimes committed by the Israelis, Jarwan said in a press statement.

The latest of these crimes was the killing of a young Palestinian male and female on Tuesday. Jarwan said the recent crime, which he described as "an ethnic cleansing," is another violation against humanity. Any Israeli justification to these crimes is only a flimsy excuse to allow the Israelis to continue their aggressions against the Palestinians in order to strip them out of their legitimate rights, he pointed out. — KUNA

ALBANIAN PRES SENDS AMIR EID GREETINGS

TIRANA: Albanian President Bujar Nishani sent the following letter to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha:

"Your Highness, I would like to wholeheartedly thank you for your wishes and greetings conveyed to me on the occasion of Eid Al Adha, which I reciprocate with a great deal of pleasure.

On the occasion of Eid Al Adha, I as well pray to the Almighty God to bestow upon Your Highness plenty of health and happiness and further prosperity and development to the friendly Kuwaiti people.

Please accept, Your Highness, the expression of my highest consideration."

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