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KUWAIT: A picture taken on September 19, 2017 outside the headquarters of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society in Shuwaikh shows a large banner for a fundraising campaign for the relief of Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims. — Photo Yasser Al-Zayyat

Kuwait's educational reform on right track: World Bank official

KUWAIT: Safaa El-Kogali, the Education Practice Manager for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) at the World Bank Group, said Thursday the educational reforms in Kuwait proceed according to a correct methodology. The modernization of education contributes to Kuwait's economic development and helps bring about a better future for the country, she told reporters at the World Bank Kuwait Office at the conclusion of her visit to the country. The visit, part

Ultimate goal

The ultimate goal of Kuwait's modern education is to tap into the role of education in economic development in the future, she went on. The World Bank is working with 188 countries to modernize their educational systems and build the capacity of teachers, she said, adding that training courses of teachers in the elementary and middle schools constituted a correct beginning towards unconventional education.

Meanwhile, Director of the World Bank Kuwait Office Dr Feras Raad said the new curricula were developed by Kuwaiti experts in collaboration with the World Bank. Educational cooperation between Kuwait and the World Bank started two years ago, he said, adding that the World Bank is committed to providing the Kuwaiti Ministry of Education with the latest technologies in order to back up the country's economic development plan.

Civil Service

In other news, the decision to unify currency on financial allowances is exclusively for Civil Service employees abroad, not students sent by the higher education ministry, the ministry of Higher Education said Friday. Such a decision is only for Civil Service employees who are working for the state and living abroad, said Fatima Sinan, the Assistant Undersecretary for Scholarship and Culture Relations Affairs in the Ministry. Sinan added that no changes would happen to students' monthly allowances, which will be deposited during regular times of the month as usual.



KUWAIT: Education Practice Manager for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) at the World Bank Group Safaa El-Kogali (left) is seen with Director of the World Bank Kuwait Office Dr Feras Raad. — KUNA

Cultural efforts

Separately, newly-elected Kuwaiti General Director of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) said the new position represents Kuwait's educational and cultural efforts in the region. Kuwait won 16 votes out of 21 in the first round, Undersecretary for research and curriculums at the Ministry of Education and ALECSO's General Director Saud Al-Harbi said in a press statement yesterday.

During his discussions with other Arab officials, Harbi noted that they had all praised the wise Kuwaiti leadership in dealing with conflicts and tensions in the Arab World. Harbi added that he is eager to resolve different issues facing ALECSO and spread awareness on the importance of Arab identity among youth. The Kuwaiti official also spoke on developing the use and teaching of Arabic language and promoting values of peace, freedom and respect away from extremism and terrorism. — KUNA



“The goal is to tap into the role of education in development”

of a tour of countries in the region, aimed to review with education policymakers the latest developments in their plans for modernization, Kogali pointed out.

During her stay in Kuwait, she discussed the country's education program in relation to the development report 2018 that gauges the level of education based on the ability of a country to reach the desired targets of educational process. She pointed out that there has been a great development in a number of government schools since her last visits to the same schools two years ago. Kogali applauded as excellent and innovative the curricula developed by Kuwaiti experts, saying that these curricula instigate creativity in schoolchildren and integrate them into school atmosphere.

International Student Network holds education fair in Kuwait

KUWAIT: The International Student Network (ISN) will return to Kuwait tomorrow for an educational fair at the Regency Hotel from 6-9 pm. US Cultural Attache Zennia Paganini will provide opening remarks. The fair will include representatives from seven US Colleges and universities who will provide information about their schools and answer questions from students and parents about educational opportunities in the United States. The three-hour educational fair is organized by ISN in cooperation with the US Embassy. The following universities will attend the event: Jackson College, Grand Valley State University, Adelphi University, West Virginia University, Bradley University, Snow College and Drury University.

Kuwaiti aid continues to help people in hardship

KUWAIT: Kuwait maintained its unwavering approach of aiding nations ravaged by natural and man-made disasters across the globe throughout the past week. On Monday, Kuwait's International Islamic Charity Organization (IICO) provided aid and shelter to 8,212 displaced Rohingya Muslim families in Bangladesh.

The aid is part of an urgent humanitarian program launched by the organization to help Muslims who fled the violence in Myanmar, said IICO Chairman, Amiri Diwan Advisor and consultant of UN Secretary General Abdullah Al-Matouq in a statement. The program involved distributing 7,700 food packages and building 512 houses, he said. IICO also aims to fund a project to shelter

250 families, with a cost of KD 200 per house. Moreover, the organization will launch another project to deliver 2,000 food packages worth KD 25 per package, said Matouq, adding that one package contains supplies that will last for two months.

On Tuesday, Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) launched a new phase of aid for Syrian displaced people through its various projects in Lebanon. Head of KRCS' mission in Lebanon, Dr Mousaed Al-Anzi, said that the society launched the ninth phase of its dialysis project for the sixth year in the Orange Nassau Hospital in Tripoli to treat patients suffering from kidney diseases. He pointed out that the KRCS will distribute bread through the



bread project to 500 displaced Syrian families in northern Lebanon, as well as to 500 Palestinian refugee families in Beddawi camp in the north.

Meanwhile, in Jordan, Kuwait provided a Jordanian state university with financial aid worth \$33,000 meant to prop up the Hashemite Kingdom's education sector. After handing Hashemite University president (HU) Dr Kamaleldin Hani the monetary sum, given by Kuwait's Zakat House, Kuwait's ambassador to Amman Dr Hamad Al-Duaij

said that the aid aims to support students in obtaining a college education. On Tuesday as well, Kuwait provided a donation worth 467,000 euro (KD 167,000) for the expansion of an Islamic high school in the capital Podgorica. Kuwaiti Ambassador to Serbia and non-resident ambassador to Montenegro Yosif Abdulsamad met with Montenegrin Islamic officials to deliver the donation of Kuwait's Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Kuwait Embassy in Serbia said in a statement. — KUNA