

## Local

# Kuwaiti Prime Minister congratulates Sudanese counterpart on new govt

## Kuwaiti volunteers distribute aid to flood victims in Sudan



**KHARTOUM:** Relief aid is unloaded from a Kuwaiti plane which landed in Sudan on Friday. —KUNA photos



**Kuwaiti and Sudanese officials pose for a group picture after the Kuwaiti relief plane's arrival in Khartoum.**

**KUWAIT/KHARTOUM:** His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent a cable to Sudan's Prime Minister Dr Abdullah Hamdok, congratulating him on the formation of the new Sudanese government. In the cable, Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak wished Prime Minister Hamdok success in achieving the aspirations of the Sudanese people. His Highness also praised the close brotherly relations between Kuwait and Sudan, affirming Kuwait's keenness to enhance these bilateral relations and fields of cooperation.

In other news, volunteers from Kuwait associations distributed humanitarian aid throughout the past week to victims of floods in Sudan. The activity coincided with arrival of three aircraft laden with 110 tons of supplies, as part of the Kuwaiti 'air bridge' to help the nation in the aftermath of recent devastating floods. Among the workers were volunteers from Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS). The head of the society team, Dr Yousef Mesaad Al-Enezi, said that the KRCS teams were deployed in five regions for distributing 50 tons of food and other necessities. Meanwhile, convoys of relief supplies dispatched from the Kuwaiti Direct Aid arrived at the most hit province of the Nile, delivering 200 tons of assistance supplies for 4,000 families. Authorities said 78 people died, 98 were injured and 64,000 houses were demolished in the raging waters. The UN says an additional sum of \$150 million is needed from concerned donors to cope with the floods, in addition to \$1.1 billion for coping with the emerging tragic humanitarian conditions.

A third plane of Kuwait's humanitarian 'air bridge' carrying humanitarian aid meant for the victims of flash floods across Sudan had landed on Friday. KRCS

Secretary General Maha Al-Barjas said that the Kuwaiti plane is laden with food sent from Direct Aid Society to be delivered to the people of Sudan. This initiative comes from His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's instructions for aiding "our brothers abroad to ease their suffering," she said. She pointed out that the third aid plane was carrying a number of volunteers from the Kuwait Air Force. She praised the efforts of First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in speeding up the provision of aircraft to transport humanitarian aid to the affected people of Sudan. Barjas affirmed Kuwait's keenness on supporting the Sudanese people in their humanitarian crisis and alleviating their suffering.

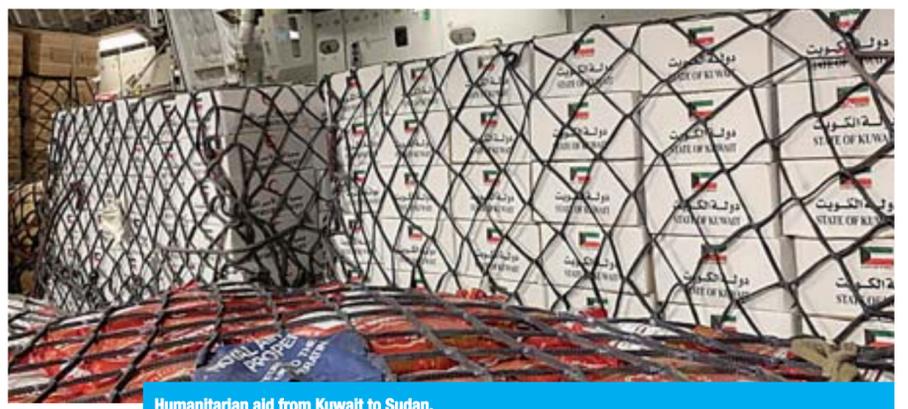
Kuwait's deputy chief of mission in Khartoum Abdulkarim Al-Majim said meanwhile that the plane carried humanitarian aid sent by Direct Aid Society with 20 tons of food and KRCS with 10 tons to those affected by flash floods. Sudanese Chairman of the Support Committee of the Sovereign Council Musa Omar hailed Kuwait's leadership and government for aiding Sudan, adding that the humanitarian aid will be sent immediately to those affected. Direct Aid Office Fahad Abdulaziz said the plan is to provide about 270 tons of food and aid to those most affected in White Nile and Sennar and Al Jazirah states. In addition, the aid comes through two routes, through the 'air bridge' and buying from the local markets. The President of the Sudanese-Kuwaiti Friendship Society Mamoun Ibrahim expressed gratitude to Kuwaiti leadership and Kuwaiti people and humanitarian organizations. Two Kuwaiti airplanes carrying 80 tons of humanitarian aid had arrived earlier to Sudan.



### Third 'air bridge' aid plane lands in Sudan



**Kuwait Red Crescent Society volunteers distribute aid to flood victims in Sudan.**



**Humanitarian aid from Kuwait to Sudan.**



**People gather for an event in Yemen to show gratitude for Kuwait's relief programs in the war-stricken country.**



**Kuwaiti Dr Faisal Al-Hajri performs surgery on a Syrian refugee in Turkey.**



**Kuwaiti relief aid distribution in Iraq.**

## Kuwait continues local, global humanitarian aid

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's humanitarian aid activities continued to cover several areas locally and internationally to help those in need in all fields. Supporting the nations in need for assistance is a pillar in Kuwait's status as a 'Humanitarian Center,' thanks to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, designated by the United Nations as 'the Leader of Humanitarian Action.' As part of local charities, the Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) announced last week that it will continue its "donate to educate" campaign at the Avenues Mall which aims to benefit the students from needy families in Kuwait for the sixth consecutive year. The chairman of KRCS Dr Hilal Al-Sayer said in a press statement that increasing needs of families to educate their children necessitated organizing a fundraising campaign from Kuwaiti people and residents in order to provide underprivileged children an education that will be a foundation for their economic and social empowerment.

### Kuwait's role

Kuwait strives to help people in other countries around the world, the Chairman of the United Iraqi Medical Society for

Relief and Development (UIMS) Dr Ahmad Al-Hayti said, praising Kuwait's role in providing humanitarian aid to displaced people all over Iraqi provinces, adding that the Kuwait Red Crescent Society extend a helping hand to needy people in various countries all over the world. He expressed his gratitude to Kuwait and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for his continuous support and guidance to Kuwaiti charities. In a statement after meeting the Chairman of KRCS, Hayti said that medical, relief and development projects presented to the displaced Iraqis were reviewed, adding that these activities aim to alleviate their suffering, improve their living conditions and rehabilitate them to return to their towns, villages and their normal lives. He appreciated coordination with the KRCS in financing a project of operating and equipping three mobile medical hospitals, noting that the number of patients admitted per day exceeds 200. Dr Sayer mentioned that Kuwaiti assistance included relief, medical, developmental and other fields, pointing to the campaign "Kuwait beside you" which distributed food aid and adopted construction of schools and health centers for the displaced Iraqis in various governorates of Iraq.

In the meantime, the Consulate General of Kuwait in Irbil Omar Al-Kanderi issued a brochure about humanitarian aid provided by Kuwait to the displaced Iraqis since 2015 on the occasion of the International Charity Day on September 5th. Kanderi said that the number of beneficiaries of the relief program 'Kuwait by Your Side' reached 2,367,000 through the distribution of 377,500 food baskets, 38,000 heaters, 66,735 blankets. Moreover, 13,000 vouchers, each worth \$50, were

distributed in addition to 270,000 liters of kerosene. As for the support of Syrian refugees in Kurdistan region, many projects were provided to develop the infrastructure of the Syrian refugee camps in the Republic of Iraq which aims to improve shelter, water and sanitation conditions for more than 73,000 Syrian refugees. Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti Office for Charitable Projects in Cairo has donated 13 million Egyptian pounds (\$785,000) to the Egyptian Orman Charitable Society to execute a number of humanitarian and charitable projects for low-income people. The director of the Kuwaiti Office Awatif Al-Yetamah said in a statement that the financial donation is from Al-Najat Charity association in Kuwait to help the poor families in Egypt by providing small booths for low-income people as small development projects, build houses for poor families and provide assistance to orphans as well as conduct heart operations for needy patients. Chairman of the Orman Charitable Society, Major General Mamdouh Shaaban, thanked the generous people of Kuwait and the Kuwaiti Office for Charitable Projects in Cairo for their charitable and humanitarian support.

### Medical relief

Separately, a Kuwaiti medical team, which also included Dr Azzam Al-Zeer and Dr Abdullah Al-Nuaimi from Qatar, examined 20 Syrian patients of different ages in Sevgi hospital in Reyhanli town of Hatay, southern Turkey. Dr Faisal Al-Hajri, a urologist at Al-Farwaniya Hospital said. He added that each operation lasted three hours during which a urinary urethra was repaired for a Syrian young man and a urinary valve was

planted for another Syrian man suffering from complete urinary incontinence. Other surgeries were carried out on a 17-year-old Syrian man and two Syrian children who were injured in the war. Dr Hajri had performed several surgeries during his previous voluntary visits, which began in November 2015.

Moreover, the Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Al-Haj Amadou Sy praised Kuwait's efforts and its positive impact on the international humanitarian sector. This came after Amadou and his accompanying delegation met with Sayer to discuss challenges facing the humanitarian arena, adding that it was agreed to enhance aspects of joint work through memorandums of understanding signed between the two sides. Amadou added that KRCS is one of the effective national societies in the region and the world. It strongly adopts directives of the International Federation and works to achieve goals and principles of the international movement by seeking to support those affected and needy by natural or man-made disasters. He expressed his deep thanks to the association for its support to the Union to combat the spread of Ebola virus in new areas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo resulting from repeated humanitarian crises, noting that the danger to other cities and regions in the Congo and neighboring countries remains. Dr Sayer stressed meanwhile the association's keenness to work and coordinate with humanitarian organizations, adding that efforts should be increased due to the great needs, especially for the most affected countries such as Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and Congo. —KUNA