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# Kuwait continues humanitarian work throughout the week

## Kuwait's assistance reaches people in need in Gaza, Yemen



**GENEVA:** Kuwait's Ambassador to the UN and International Organizations in Geneva Jamal Al-Ghunaim meets with Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross Gilles Carbonnier. — KUNA photos



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**KUWAIT:** The State of Kuwait continues to extend its humanitarian arm throughout the globe, helping those who are in dire need. Kuwait's humanitarian stance stemmed from the directives of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, a figure recognized as a world humanitarian leader by the UN. In the Gaza Strip, Kuwait's International Islamic Charity Organization (IICO) provided \$200 million funds to help irrigation projects in several areas. Head of Gaza's Makkah charitable society Dr Hazem Al-Seraj commended the Kuwaiti assistance, which will provide adequate water resources to the people of Gaza. Meanwhile, the official revealed that Kuwait also provided \$40,000 to help provide medical assistance and equipment to a hospital in the Gaza Strip.

In Geneva, the Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross Gilles Carbonnier lauded Kuwait's contribution to the committee's humanitarian programs and projects in Yemen. This praise came due to Kuwait's \$11 million-worth donation to efforts there. Kuwait's Ambassador to the UN and International

Organizations in Geneva Jamal Al-Ghunaim said that this donation is part of Kuwait's pledge made during the Donor Conference for Yemen, held in April 2018 in Geneva. He



### Int'l bodies recognize Kuwait efforts

expressed Kuwait's keenness to back the humanitarian situation in Yemen, and that his country contributes vitally in several ICRC's activities, especially since it is an active member in the ICRC Donor Support Group.

The Kuwaiti diplomat also mentioned that ICRC is currently making clear and tangible efforts in Yemen to secure humanitarian actions in that country, particularly in the general health field. Ghunaim affirmed his country's support of these efforts and commitment to honor its pledges made at the Donor Conference for Yemen. Also in Geneva, Representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Yemen Altaf Musani lauded the role played by Kuwait in supporting healthcare in Yemen. Musani's statement came after his meeting with Ghunaim. Kuwait is committed to its humanitarian role and continues to provide vital aids to Yemenis, affirmed the WHO official, indicating that the new batch of support will be directed towards supporting hospitals and health clinics in Yemen. The Kuwaiti aid will also address the shortage of medicine and the spread of contagious ailments such as Cholera, he revealed.

Ghunaim said that Kuwait, as a global center of humanitarian aid, would continue to provide much needed aid to the people of Yemen in accordance to the directives of Kuwaiti leadership. The new batch of support comes in

line with the pledge made by Kuwait in the UN donors' conference for Yemen this spring, he added. Ghunaim indicated that he was glad that the Kuwait hospital in Yemen was one of the major operational health facilities in the war torn country, hoping that the Kuwaiti-funded hospitals will attend to the needs of Yemenis.

Meanwhile, Director of the FAO Liaison Office with the UN at Geneva Carolyn Rodrigues Birkett lauded Kuwait's support to the organization. The remarks came after her meeting with Ghunaim, which discussed Kuwait's support and donations allocated to FAO's programs in Yemen, which would help in the rehabilitation of the agricultural and food services sector in Yemen, she said. Birkett expressed hope of this fruitful cooperation with Kuwait to continue. Meanwhile, Ghunaim said that cooperation between Kuwait and FAO aims at directing humanitarian support to those in need and affected in the first place. Kuwait's cooperation with FAO, whether in Yemen or Syria, is the only one of its kind in the region, he added. — KUNA

## Kuwaiti underlines interest in vital water conservation issues

**NEW DELHI:** A high level Kuwaiti official stressed yesterday Kuwait's keen interest in vital issues related to water conservation and sustainability as a delegation participated in the sixth annual India Water Week held in New Delhi. Assistant Undersecretary for Water Projects at Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water Humoud Al-Roudhan said that Kuwait is continuously seeking to improve and develop water strategies and plans within the framework of the New Kuwait 2035 Vision, which is based on several important projects including water preservation. Roudhan stressed that the goal behind participating in such a forum is to exchange experiences in the field of water resources and conservation with leading specialists and experts from different countries of the world.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Ambassador to India Jassim Al-Najem said that Kuwait's leadership attaches great importance to water and energy within the national development plan. Kuwait's participation in such meetings provides a great opportunity to communicate with world experts and helps improve strategic planning in raising the efficiency of the water sector and management of water facilities. The event, organized by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in cooperation with the European Union and Japan, brought together experts from many national and international organizations and institutions and research institutes specialized in the water resources, agriculture and energy sectors. — KUNA



**NEW DELHI:** Members of the Kuwaiti delegation participating in the sixth annual India Water Week held in New Delhi. — KUNA



**KUWAIT:** Envoy of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah headed yesterday to France to attend the funeral procession of late French President Jacques Chirac. — KUNA



**MONTREAL:** Kuwaiti and Nicaraguan officials pose for a group picture after signing the agreement. — KUNA photos

## Kuwait signs aviation agreement with Nicaragua

**MONTREAL:** Kuwait has signed a new agreement with Rwanda to regulate aviation services between the two countries. The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the 40th session of the General Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, Canada. Head of Air Transport Agreements department at The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Khalid Abdullah Al-Enezi said the agreement "comes in line with the modernized policy of the DGCA to open new horizons to encourage international airlines to increase their flights to Kuwait International Airport."

"It would also facilitate the movement of passengers, air cargo, and link Kuwait International Airport with more international airports," he added. It will promote air traffic between the two countries, encourage trade exchange, and provide new and varied options to serve passengers from both countries, he said. The agreement included "the rules of operation of the national airlines of both countries, the exchange of transport rights, and the strengthening of cooperation between them in the field of security and safety of civil aviation,"



**DGCA Sheikh Salman Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah (right) during the signing ceremony of an agreement with Rwanda.**

he explained. Kuwait is represented by The General Directorate of Civil Aviation DGCA at the (ICAO) meetings, chaired by the President of the Civil Aviation Sheikh Salman Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah, who was elected First Vice President of the General Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization. Sheikh Salman also held talks with Malaysian Transport Minister Anthony Fook, and discussed joint cooperation in the field of aviation, navigation, aviation safety, and airport management.

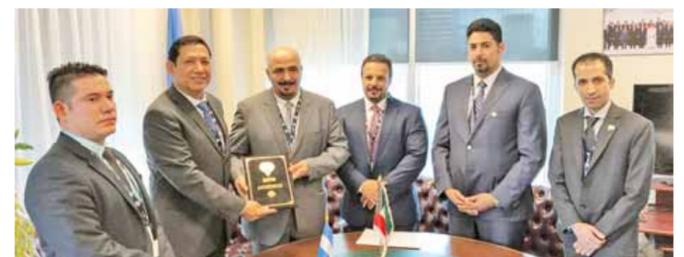
Kuwait had earlier signed an initial agreement with Nicaragua to regulate aviation services, the first of its kind between the two countries. Deputy Director General for Aviation Safety and Air Transport Affairs at the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Emad Al-Juluwi said the agreement "comes in line with the modernized policy of the DGCA to open new horizons to encourage international airlines to increase their flights to Kuwait International Airport."

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## Uzbekistan seeks closer cooperation with Kuwait

**BRUSSELS:** Uzbekistan is interested in developing its energy and economic cooperation with Kuwait, said Jurabek Mirzamukimov, First Deputy Minister of Energy in Uzbekistan and Director General of Uzatom (The Uzbek Agency for Nuclear Energy), in Brussels. "We are in close discussions with Kuwaiti companies. Our ambassador (in Kuwait) is active on this," he told a seminar on Uzbekistan in the Belgian capital. The Uzbek official was the keynote speaker at a seminar on 'The Future of Uzbekistan: Highlighting Energy

Potentials,' organized by the Brussels-based think-tank European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS). A few companies from Kuwait are also interested in renewable energy, said the Deputy Minister, adding, "We have negotiations with them. They have visited several plants." "We are looking for Kuwaiti investments not only in the energy sector, but in food processing and other areas," he noted. The Uzbek Deputy Minister, in his speech, explained the various strategies to develop the country's energy sector and encourage potential international cooperation. — KUNA



**BRUSSELS:** Uzbek First Deputy Minister of Energy Jurabek Mirzamukimov addresses the seminar. — KUNA