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Kuwait calls on nations to ensure civilians' safety during armed conflict

Preventing people's disappearance important: Kuwait's envoy

KUWAIT: Kuwait expressed hope that warring nations bear the responsibility for ensuring the safety of civilians and preventing their disappearance during armed conflicts, urging the prevention of conflicts. This came as Kuwait's permanent UN representative Mansour Al-Otaibi attended, as a keynote speaker, a virtual meeting discussing Security Council resolution 2474 on missing persons in armed conflicts. Security Council Resolution 2474, submitted by Kuwait during its non-permanent 2018-2019 membership status, was adopted for the first time during Kuwait's presidency of the Council in June 2019.

Otaibi said he wanted opposing sides in any armed conflict to also respect and guarantee human rights for all individuals within their territories in line with international law. It is important to prevent the disappearance of people, he added, urging the sides to enact legisla-

tion that ensures the registration of detainees and the appropriate training of soldiers in handling detainees. He called for adequate identification and search methods, including for soldiers, through



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registration offices that monitor fatalities and ensure accountability for any wrongdoing. The Kuwaiti diplomat also urged the adoption of forensics, DNA analysis and satellite imagery to locate the whereabouts of missing persons, say-

ing these helped Kuwait in finding some of its own missing nationals after the 1991 Gulf War.

Speaking of the resolution's significance, he explained it promotes respect for international humanitarian law and addresses the root causes of armed conflicts. It aims to achieve sustainable peace and security through dialogue, mediation, consultation and political negotiation in order to resolve disputes and end conflicts, he added. Otaibi said Kuwait worked hard and long for the resolution to come into place, despite the matter continuously being brought up at numerous Security Council talks and not being granted the rightful attention it deserves. Kuwait's ongoing search for its missing POWs began after the founding of a tripartite committee in 1991, led by the International Committee of the Red Cross, including Kuwait, Iraq and four Allies (US, UK, France and Saudi Arabia). — KUNA



KUWAIT: Kuwait's permanent UN representative Mansour Al-Otaibi attends a video-conference discussing the Security Council resolution 2474 on missing persons in armed conflicts. — KUNA

Kuwait's Army concludes joint training remotely



KUWAIT: Kuwait's Army, on Thursday, concluded the final joint training 2020 for the session of Command and Joint Staff No 24 remotely, under the patronage of the Army's Chief of the General Staff Lt Gen Mohammad Al-Khudher. In a press statement issued by the Directorate of Moral Guidance and Public Relations of the Kuwaiti Army, Khud-

her expressed his pride in the efficiency and high level he witnessed. Khudher and the Deputy Chief of the General Staff Lt Gen Khaled Saleh Al-Sabah, and in the presence of a number of members of the Military Defense Council and senior officers, were briefed to a detailed summary of the training stages. — KUNA



Kuwait opens interim camp for IDPs in Yemen

KUWAIT: Kuwait relief society opened an interim camp for the internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Yemeni governorate of Maareb, part of the 'Kuwait by Your Side' campaign which was launched six years ago. The Humanitarian and Relief Society, which executed the project, said in a statement Friday that the camp included 200 tents equipped with beds, blankets, toilets, drain system and water supplies. The camp, which was opened last Tuesday, would also provide meals, drinking water and health care for a whole month. The camp is part of Kuwait Relief Society's many projects to alleviate suffering of the Yemeni people. — KUNA



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May Allah Almighty bestow His Mercy on him.