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'September 9, 2014 landmark in history of the nation'

HH the Crown Prince congratulates Amir on humanitarian title anniversary

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 7, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Thursday received a congratulatory letter from His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on the

occasion of the third anniversary of the UN naming His Highness the Amir as Humanitarian Leader and the State of Kuwait as Humanitarian Center.

His Highness the Deputy Amir said the Kuwaiti people are proud of this unique achievement which crowned

the Amir's great efforts, contributions and initiatives in the humanitarian field.

He also wished His Highness the Amir wellbeing and good health and the dear nation more security, progress and prosperity under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir.

In return, His Highness the Amir sent His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince a reply letter, voicing sincere thanks and appreciating to His Highness for these noble sentiments.

His Highness the Amir affirmed that this exceptional UN honoring reflected Kuwait's international status and pioneering role in the adoption of humani-

Al-Roudhan to lure Chinese investments on Beijing visit

Both countries keen to boost bilateral relations

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 7, (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan arrived in Beijing on Wednesday for talks focused on attracting Chinese investments in Kuwait.

Al-Roudhan, who doubles as State Youth Minister, is expected to

meet CEOs of China's biggest state-owned and private firms on his second stop in China having attended the China-Arab States Expo in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

Both countries are keen to boost bilateral relations, as China seeks to carry out giant projects in Kuwait in the wake of His Highness the Amir's strategic 2035 vision and President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road project, Kuwait

Ambassador to China Jawaher Hayat said KUNA.

Kuwaiti officials headed by Minister of Commerce and Industry, Acting Minister of State for Youth Affairs Khaled Al-Roudhan, discussed with Hu Dongchong, Vice president of the Chinese Development Bank, means of cementing cooperation for developing local industries and the infrastructure in China.

Talks have also dealt with examining the Chinese experience in industrial zones and incentives provided by Kuwait to lure entrepreneurs in industries.

The delegation has also held discussions with a Chinese communication and construction company and Salsab drilling company.

Kuwait's plans to transform itself into a financial hub and to build an international port, mirroring its trade history as a transit stop for goods, go hand in hand with China's plans to revive the ancient Silk Road.

Kuwait was also the first Arab country to sign an agreement linking it to the Belt and Road project.

These plans aim to diversify Kuwait's dependence on oil as a sole financial resource, he explained.

In May, Amir Dwan Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah took part in the Silk Summit held in Beijing where he signed a joint declaration with Vice President Li Yuanchao.

The visit did much to improve relations between both countries and boost Kuwait's standing as a regional and international financial and trade hub.

Later in August, Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gouli, during a visit to Kuwait, said that both nations saw eye-to-eye in regards to Kuwait's Vision 2030 and China's Belt and Road project.

The ambassador also pointed out an earlier visit of Chinese strategic experts to Kuwait in July whereby they discussed with officials forms of cooperation across several fields.

Meanwhile, he said Minister Al-Roudhan's visit to China comes at a "critical time" and is a statement of intent in regards to high-level visits on the matter, on the one hand, and His Highness the Amir's commitment to Kuwait's strategic development goals on the other.



KUNA photo: Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan meets with Hu Dongchong the vice-president of Chinese Development Bank.

Fingerprint attendance from Oct 1, no exceptions

Al-Harbi refers number of employees for investigation

By Marwa Al-Bahrani
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KUWAIT CITY, Sept 7: Following his return from Hajj pilgrimage, Minister of Health Dr. Jamal Al-Harbi visited a number of hospitals and health centers across the country.

His tour resulted in referral of a number of administrators and other employees for investigations due to non-compliance with the official working hours.

During his surprise visits to the Sinaa Hospital and Sabwa Health Center to inspect the workflow in a number of departments, Dr. Al-Harbi referred a number of employees for investigations due to their absence at their supposed workplaces during official working hours.

The inspection visits is part of upcoming inspection tours in different facilities of Ministry of Health's hospitals and health centers to verify the workflow and explore shortcomings in the medical services offered by the ministry.

Dr. Al-Harbi also visited a Kuwaiti patient who was flown by a private plane from the United States of America to complete his treatment at Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, Director of Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital Dr. Badrya Nadia Al-Jumai explained that the hospital received the Kuwaiti patient after several attempts made by his family to have him admitted in the Sheikhha Badrya Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Oncology Center.

However, the patient was referred to Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital due to shortage of hospital beds.

She affirmed that the hospital has taken all necessary medical procedures to stabilize the condition of the patient, adding that the patient's family had sent a message to Dr. Al-Harbi through Twitter, and that the minister visited the hospital to check on the patient's condition and the latest developments.

Meanwhile, Dr. Al-Harbi has nominated Dr. Mohammad Al-Khasbi for the position of the ministry's under-secretary and has referred his name to

the Cabinet, reports Amman daily quoting informed sources.

They revealed that the announcement of the names of candidates for other vacant senior positions has been postponed to a later date.

Meanwhile, the ministry has agreed to implement the fingerprint attendance system from Oct 1, 2017.

According to sources, it will be applied on all employees including directors, supervisors and heads of departments.

They indicated that the employees are expected to scan their fingers at 7:30 am and then at 1:45 pm.

The sources said the ministry has defined the rights and duties of the employees including the right to take permission to leave but without exceeding 12 hours per month, allocation of 15 days as sick leaves per year as well as four days of unpaid leaves per year.

They stressed that an employee can have delays of up to 105 minutes per year, adding that emergency leaves must not exceed 14 days per year.

Other Voices

Let our voice reach Rohingya

By Harun Yahya
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San Suu Kyi, who came to power as the first civilian administration after the junta regime in Myanmar was considered a great hope for the Rohingya Muslims.

The promises she made before the election were hopeful and peaceful. The Rohingya believed that things would change for the better for the first time in years. But the expectations of the Rohingya, who have been subjected to genocide for years, resulted in disappointment.

The Rohingya people have made the headlines with reports of massacres, genocides and rapes for a long time, and new reports on August 28th showed that the situation has become even more critical for Rohingya Muslims.

The European Rohingya Council (ERC) reported on August 28th that between two and three thousand Muslims were martyred within three days during attacks by the members of the army in Rakhine province of Myanmar. Some human rights organizations situated in the region state that this number is somewhere around 20,000.

The violence ongoing since August 25th has reached nearly 125,000 and that the majority of them had not eaten anything for days.

While stating that there had already been massacres in 20 villages until now, Rohingya writer Habib Rahman continued saying: "Many people are hiding in jungles near their houses because they are being shot dead if they try to travel to another place."

Rahman also said: "Rohingya people are systematically locked up, and there are 42 concentration camps in the Rakhine state, which were condemned for the world. Nobody can visit these places."

How these people lived in these camps and what kind of tortures they suffered were hidden from the eyes of the world until now. Regrettably, by the time the world heard it many innocent Muslims had already been martyred.

Habib Rahman says that these acts of brutality involved attacks on Muslims who escaped from their homes with tanks and rocket launchers.

It is about time that the Muslim world should take a stand to wait for a solution from the West. Providence that they stay united, the world's 1.7 billion Muslims would have a tremendous potential and enormous power.

Indeed, sensible and mindful leaders are carrying out a shuttle diplomacy on the subject. But there have to be quick.

The president of the Turkish Republic, Mr. Erdogan, stated that the negotiations about helping the Rohingya people are going on with leaders of Muslim countries. Turkey has informed the Bangladesh government that in exchange for accepting Muslims arriving at their border, all expenses will be covered by Turkey. This will at least ensure that poor people who escape from that region can take refuge in a safe place.

The telephone conversation President Erdogan had with San Suu Kyi has also proven to be productive; foreign deliveries of aid were approved after that telephone conversation on Tuesday.

But of course, the policy to annihilate the Muslim population needs to be exposed and be loudly condemned. For the sake of millions of people attended also by some Muslim leaders should be organized if necessary. It is clear that small meetings and condemnations will not make enough noise. A nation collectively condemning this brutality will be effective in a real sense. It is now time for Muslims to come together and make their voices heard. Our voice must reach to the Rohingya people who experience this brutality.



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How these people lived in these camps and what kind of tortures they suffered were hidden from the eyes of the world until now. But the terrible brutality towards these poor people can no longer be hidden. Regrettably, by the time the world heard it, many innocent Muslims had died. Rahman said these acts of brutality included tank and rocket attacks on Muslims who escaped from their homes. According to Rahman, this is a "silent genocide".

Even while these words are being written, massacres and genocide continue to take place in the region. The policy of driving Muslims in the region out of Myanmar is part of the policy of de-identification that began during the years when the country was under British colonial control.

The British administration of the period, which divided those lands into India-Pakistan and Bangladesh when they withdrew from India, left behind civil wars that killed tens of thousands of innocent people. Rakhine, which they attached to Buddhist Burma, was handed over to General Aung San in 1948, who had acted alongside the Japanese who occupied Burma during World War 2.

Therefore, the path for a policy in which they were continuously alienated by the aforementioned administration was paved.

Indeed, this policy was part of a plan. As a matter of fact, the energy routes that will pass through the homeland of Rohingya Muslims has long been the focal point.

The policy to annihilate the Muslim population on these valuable lands would be left to the Myanmar government. Consequently, Suu Kyi is just one of the leaders chosen to carry out this policy right now.

In the face of these facts, it is not realistic to expect a solution from Western powers or the UN for this tragedy. Even though certain powers in the West say the Rohingya need to be helped, they will be powerless against those who included the region in their deep plans.

Those who will benefit the most from the proposed energy routes will always be in favour of destroying the Muslim population there. Even though the meetings held to raise humanitarian aid are a demonstration of goodwill, the Muslim world should know that they will not produce any results.

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A Red Cross volunteer carrying an elderly person at the Sitwew port in Sitwew, Rakhine state, Myanmar, on Saturday. The brutality towards the minority can no longer be hidden. EPA PIC

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