

# MPs urge 'peace-loving countries to stop Israeli colonization policy'

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**KUWAIT:** The Kuwaiti Parliament has called on "peace-loving countries" and international organizations to play an effective and earnest role to stop the Israel's aggressions, violation of international laws and attempts to Judaize Arab and Islamic holy sites.

"The National Assembly in the State of Kuwait, which is the representative of the Kuwaiti people, condemns the irresponsible measure announced by the Zionist entity to incorporate Abraham (Ibrahim) and Belal Mosque to the alleged Israeli heritage list in its attempt to Judaize them and wipe out their Islamic identity," the assembly said in a news release.

"While condemning this irresponsible behavior that is a fresh addition to the criminal acts of the Zionist entity, which seeks to Judaize the characteristics of Arab and Islamic heritage, the National Assembly urges all Arab and Muslim countries, international organizations and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to live up to their responsibilities by standing against this aggression and working to abort continuing attempts by the Zionist entity to Judaize Islamic and cultural heritage in Jerusalem," the assembly added.

On the recent murder of Hamas leader Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh in Dubai, the statement read, "The assembly also denounces the heinous crime in which the Palestinian Mujahed Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh was murdered by a little group of agents of the Zionist entity, with a view to liquidating Palestinian Mujahedeen cadres."

"This terrorist act runs counter to the teachings of all heavenly religions, and is part of the series of crimes committed against those who are defending their legitimate rights, and stands as a new testimony to barbarism and inhumanity that should not be allowed to get away with impunity and criminals should be brought to accountability," the statement added.

"What the Zionist entity is doing at Al-Aqsa Mosque and its crimes of killing and assassination expose its efforts to scuffle every effort exerted to achieve just and total peace in the region," it said.

"Therefore, peace-loving world countries and international organizations should play an effective and earnest



FILE - National Assembly Speaker Jassem Al-Kharafi (center) welcoming Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri (left) during his visit to Kuwait, March 7, 2010. (Al Watan)

role to prevent the Zionist entity from continuously breaching international laws and norms and renouncing its irresponsible actions," the statement concluded.

In a parliamentary statement, MPs asked the Palestinian factions to bury their disputes, and highlighted the importance of the role that should be played by the international organizations in protecting Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem and Palestine. They asserted that jihad is the only language that the Zionists understand, and that it is required to stop

the Zionists from committing their rampant atrocities in Al-Aqsa mosque and Palestine.

National Assembly Speaker Jassem Al-Kharafi said he hoped to show the Palestinians that the Kuwaitis commiserate with their sufferings. He stated that the Zionists are criminals who were never punished for their misdeeds. "The assaults that occurred against the Islamic holy sites and other Muslims are a result of lack of deterring taken against those who commit such horrendous deeds," he added.

He renewed his call for the unity of the Palestinians, since their inner disputes have resulted in negative reactions. MP Jamaan Al-Harbash said that the statement was part of a parliamentary attempt to protect Al-Aqsa Mosque against the unprecedented assaults committed.

"This is a message to the Palestinian brothers to continue fighting the Zionists," he added.

He asserted that all Kuwaitis are united in their support for the jihadists who have the honor of defending the Islamic nation in Jerusalem. However, he criticized some Arabs for their humiliating connivance, and criticized the Palestinian Authority for leaning toward restarting the negotiations at a time the Fatah Leader Abu Mazen is doing nothing to stop such crimes. He sent a message to the Palestinian jihadists saying that all the Kuwaitis support them and are waiting for the divine pledge to make the Muslims triumphant.

MP Mohammed Hayef thanked the Development Bloc for taking the initiative to support Al-Aqsa Mosque, which is considered to be one of the most important holy sites for the Muslims. He added that they have gathered to salute the Palestinian heroes for their heroic resistance against the Zionists who do not follow any international regulations or treaties. He mentioned that the Zionists only believe in power, which should inspire the Muslims to unite and prepare themselves to wage war against them.

MP Khaled Al-Sultan criticized the Zionists for the barbarian acts they are committing in Al-Aqsa Mosque, and expressed his bewilderment at their use of official travelling documents of several countries to commit terrorism. He asked the Palestinians to unite and to continue their jihad until they are victorious.

MP Adnan Abdulsamad said that the negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis are futile, and criticized those who call for the continuation of such talks. He added that the supporters of the Zionists have started to realize that Israel will perish eventually.

MP Ali Al-Diqbasi stated that the Kuwaitis cannot accept the humiliating acts being carried out in Al-Aqsa Mosque, and called for the international organizations to stop the Israeli rampage, and appealed to the Palestinians jihadists to unite. Other MPs shared similar sentiments on the topic, asserting their support of Palestine and the Palestinian struggle.

## Lack of legislation protecting children's rights intolerable: Al-Awadhi

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**KUWAIT:** MP Aseel Al-Awadhi has expressed concern over the lack of a legal structure that guarantees the protection of children in the country. She said that the lack of legislation that protects children's rights is "intolerable, especially since there are many cases of violence and sexual assaults against children and there are no laws that protect children and penalize the attackers."

She said that she has submitted a bill on the protection of children's civil and social rights and that she is about to propose further amendments in order to guard children's rights.

In a press statement made on Tuesday, Al-Awadhi said that she is holding a series of meetings with specialists in family and children affairs and psychologists who have spoken about instances of terrifying violence against children and lack of accountability due to the absence of laws against attacks on children.

She stressed that protecting children means protecting the future of the country.

Dr. Al-Awadhi urged various MPs and the government to prioritize the issue since the family is the main foundation of the society and no economic development can be achieved without caring of the family. She noted that the amendments, which she intends to propose on the children's civil and social rights bill, will be followed by a bill dealing with violence against women, which has become a serious phenomenon.

## Kuwait seeks to lead regionally in liver, pancreas transplants: Dr. Hayati

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**KUWAIT:** Undersecretary for General Health Affairs at the Ministry of Health Dr. Yousef Al-Nisf stated Monday that there is a definite need to exchange expertise in the realm of surgery and transplanting organs so that Kuwait can excel in the diagnostic process.

Al-Nisf's statement came during Kuwait's first Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary conference (Conference on liver, pancreas and cystic duct surgery and transplantation).

Al-Nisf, representing Minister of Health Dr. Hilal Al-Sayer, said that the conference is part of the ministry's strategy to upgrade and update its methodology by encouraging workshops, conferences and medical agreements and the

exchange of specialists in all fields as well as endorsing scholarships to ensure diversity in all majors.

Al-Nisf said that there is a need to have periodic conferences, especially when it comes to the field of surgery and the transplantation of livers, pancreas and cystic ducts.

He added that with the presence of many challenges in the medicine and surgery, there is more need to get familiarized with the latest technologies so that more and more people get the correct treatment for medical problems.

"We are fully aware of the necessity to continuously update ourselves with the accurate presentations on such kinds of surgeries. This will raise hope of the patients who suffer from diseases of the liver, pancreas, cystic duct as well as bile duct. These diseases are increasingly on

the rise in all different countries of the world and are closely linked to our modern life style," he explained.

Al-Nisf mentioned that the conference was organized after many centers, in different fields of health and medicine, coordinated to ensure that it would materialize with the participation of nine specialists in the field of liver, pancreas, cystic duct and bile duct from Korea, China, France, Canada and the US.

On his part, Conference President Dr. Hussein Hayati said that there is a Kuwait-American venture to open up a new liver and pancreas transplantation center which would be beneficial to people with diabetes. He went on to say that a medical center in Miami University is in the process of making all the necessary arrangements so that the new center would see the light of day soon.

"The new center will in most probability be affiliated with the Amiri Hospital," he added.

As for the cooperation with Americans, Hayati said that for the first year there will be close cooperation with the American team and then afterwards only it will be invited if and when situation demands. He added that the center would cater to both the expats and citizens and that it would be cost-effective.

"The ministry has been paying huge amounts of money for operations abroad each year," Hayati noted.

Hayati expressed his optimism about the new venture saying that there are many types of surgeries carried out here in Kuwait. He cited figures from the Hamed Al-Essa Medical Center and said Kuwait is classified as number six worldwide in terms of liver transplantation.

## Environment authority launching awareness center together with UNESCO

**KUWAIT:** The State of Kuwait's Environment Public Authority (EPA) said on Tuesday that a center for environment awareness is set to be launched soon in cooperation between the Education Ministry and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

EPA Director General Dr. Salah Al-Medhi told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) the center would focus on interaction with kinder garden, primary, and high school students and would be receiving students daily.

The announcement was on the sidelines of a lecture held at Khawla School for Girls on "A Clean Environment." The official said the center project would be completed by next school year and hopes to yield fruit as it interacts with the young to instill awareness and values of environment preservation at a young age.

"The center is a step in the right direction" and the

project seeks to interact with people at the right point in their lives to make an impression and bring result. "Preserving our environment is a strategic objective on which the ministry and the authority agreed and sought to stress." Headmistress of the school, Samirah Al-Shatti, on her part said the school formed a team of students to work on increasing and spreading awareness among their peers. "Preservation of the environment and related values are not innate, at least in effective sense, and thus require care and attention so that the new generation grow with a sense of responsibility and accountability in this respect," she remarked.

The EPA official had at the end of the lecture urged the students to try and contribute to efforts to protect the environment and said countering littering and improper waste disposal was an easy step to start with. -KUNA



The citizen with dried marijuana in front of him and marijuana plants behind him. The citizen was busted by the Interior Ministry personnel in the Mubarak Al-Kabeer area on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. (KUNA)

## Interior Ministry makes largest ever marijuana bust

**KUWAIT:** Interior Ministry personnel busted a citizen cultivating one of the largest ever marijuana farms found in Kuwait in his private garden in Mubarak Al-Kabeer area, the ministry reported on Tuesday. A ministry statement said the bust was made after the receipt of intelligence and after a secret source verified the accuracy of the tip. Evidence was collected and proper procedures were taken to make the arrest. The team assigned to the case included junior and senior officers as well as administrative staff to prepare for the bust, and all those who visited the house, in Al-Qesoor, were tailed and their identities investigated, in addition to those living in the house.

The raid was made late Monday night after securing the required warrants, and the owner of the house was arrested under the influence and in the possession of a number of Marijuana plants, both in the garden and in dried form. Different planting pots were also found with seedlings and a large quantity of freshly picked buds were also found at the house. The arrestee is now undergoing interrogations by the concerned authorities, the statement said. -KUNA

## Kuwait Embassy in DC holds gala dinner for building schools in Afghanistan

**WASHINGTON:** The Embassy of Kuwait in Washington, with the cooperation of the Kuwait-America Foundation, held recently its annual gala dinner titled "Journey for Hope."

2.1 million US dollars were raised for the benefit of the Central Asia Institute (CAI) and its founder Greg Mortenson to build schools, especially for girls, in the remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In an exclusive statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), Kuwait's Ambassador to the US, Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Sabah said, "The charity efforts of the embassy are a completion of the goodness of the Kuwaiti Government and people that extend worldwide."

He added that the Kuwaiti official and popular aid have reached across the world and in many domains, such as the "health, development and especially the educational fields."

He affirmed that the major American corporations were "keen on participating in this annual gala dinner due to the status this event enjoys among the American circles and also due the money that has been gathered in the previous galas as important aid and contributed in elevating the suffering of many persons worldwide."

Sheikh Salem stressed that the participation of prominent political, economic, media figures and artists in this gala highlighted the "credibility and major importance" the Kuwaiti humanitarian and charity efforts enjoy among the various American circles.

He indicated that the participation of a number of officials from the Obama administration and chairmen of major American corporations in this gala is a clear indication of Kuwait's "important



Senator John Kerry (left), author Greg Mortenson (center) and Kuwaiti Ambassador to the US Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Sabah at the annual gala dinner. (KUNA)

status" to the US, "especially since the two countries share strategic vital relations," and which contribute in maintaining security and peace in the region. The Kuwaiti Ambassador added that Kuwait and the US also constantly coordinate and hold consultations over important security and international issues.

During the Gala, Mortenson, who is 2009 Nobel Peace Prize nominee and author of the international best-seller, *Three Cups of Tea*, received the 2010 Humanitarian Award.

Mortenson expressed appreciation in his speech for Ambassador Sheikh Salem and his wife, saying he is "touched by the support" they have offered for his cause, which he adopted 17 years ago.

In an exclusive statement to KUNA, Mortenson, who has helped to build over 135 educational institutions for over 38,000 children in Central Asia, said he finds it "very important we have our schools" in Pakistan and Afghanistan and have the different subjects those children are taught, and also "teach the children five languages by fifth grade, including English and Arabic."

Mortenson praised the great efforts exerted by Kuwait's Ambassador to the US, saying his work shows how he understands about relationship building and his ability to bring "such a diverse group together" in Washington, where "everybody here today is celebrating education." -KUNA