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Broad support for Kuwait mediation

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CAIRO, June 13, (Agencies): The Arab League said Monday it supported His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's mediation between some Arab countries and Qatar.

Secretary General Ahmad Abul Gheit expressed his support to the Kuwaiti leader's mediation efforts during a phone call with First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, who briefed the Arab League chief on His Highness the Amir's good offices to end the current dispute, the league

said in a statement.

Abul Gheit appreciated the Kuwaiti mediation and said "what His Highness the Amir of Kuwait is doing represents all Arabs not just the GCC," it said.

He hoped the mediation efforts be successful and all parties reach a common ground to solve their differences "and establish sound relations based on non-interference in internal affairs of any party." Abul Gheit hoped principles of good neighborliness, respecting political choices of all countries, abiding by Arab League Charter and resolutions on counter-terrorism and extremism be respected.

After Iftar Bilingual better?

By Khadeejah Buabbas

Many children around the world are growing up exposed to two languages from an early age. That means we are seeing more and more bilingual children around us; bilingualism being defined as the ability to use two languages in everyday life - and known as multilingualism if it involves more than two languages.

The rise in bilingualism has raised many questions and concerns, especially amongst parents of bilingual children. The truth is that there are contradicting views about raising a child in a bilingual environment, yet the majority of arguments championing against bilingualism are often based on misperceptions and outright myths.

So let us take a look at some of the key concerns people have regarding bilingualism, and examine what the truth actually is.

Bilingualism does not confuse children

One of the biggest concerns parents have regarding bilingualism is whether it will cause confusion for the child, and most signs point to no. Research has found that children are able to distinguish between two languages, and are capable of developing two separate linguistic systems. Bilingual children can easily switch from one language to another, and are able to mix words from both languages in the same sentence or in a single conversation, much the same as bilingual adults. This is known as codeswitching.

There are many reasons that lead to codeswitching in bilingual children. One reason is that these children are exposed to codeswitching frequently in their environment. Another reason is that bilinguals may use words from the other language when

they are unable to find the word they need in the language they are speaking.

Keeping both languages separate is not necessarily successful

Parents who are teaching their children two languages are usually told that each parent should use one language, to avoid confusion. Unfortunately, there is no evidence to support this oft-touted piece of advice, simply because there is no evidence that bilingualism confuses children, as mentioned above. It has actually been found that children who hear two languages from both parents learn both languages successfully.

Also, it is important to consider the strategies used by parents to endorse bilingualism. Ensuring balanced exposure to the two languages will most likely lead to effective acquisition of both languages.

Bilingualism does not delay language development

There is a misperception that bilingualism causes language delay in children. When children learn two languages at the same time, the rate of development in each language is expected to be slightly slower than monolingual children. This is not surprising; however, evidence suggests that bilingual children catch up to monolingual children as they grow older.

Research has also shown that although bilingual children develop a more limited vocabulary in each language, their overall vocabulary in both languages will be similar to monolingual children. It is common that bilingual children produce their first words later than monolinguals, but still within the typical range.

Therefore, bilingual children may be delayed compared to monolingual children, yet they are often within the typical range of development. However, if your bilingual child is showing significant delays in language development, it might be a good idea to pay a visit to a speech-language pathologist.

Bilingualism can enhance literacy

Bilingual children who are exposed to two different written languages show high levels of reading and writing abilities. Their perception of the association between written and spoken words is known to be better than monolinguals.

Codeswitching is normal!

Codeswitching - mixing words from two languages within the

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NewsWatch

KUWAIT CITY: There is no backing down from the decision to hike the electricity tariffs for the investment sector, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources close to the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

The hike is expected to become effective from Aug 22, 2017 as had been announced earlier.

The ministry has called on all consumers to settle their old bills prior to the implementation of the new tariff.

In the meantime, the Fatwa and Legislation Department of the National Assembly has not submitted any recommendation to the Council of Ministers to increase traffic fines either against expatriates or citizens.

CHITTAGONG: Heavy monsoon rains and landslides have killed at least 92 people

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Jordan King Abdullah II and an accompanying delegation arrived in Kuwait on Tuesday on a brotherly visit to offer congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on the fasting month of Ramadan.

On arrival, the Jordanian monarch was received by His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Deputy National Guard Chief Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign

Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Al-Saleh. The delegation accompanying King Abdullah II includes Prime Minister Hani Al-Mulki, Chief of Staff of the Royal Court Dr Fayez Al-Tarawneh and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Ayman Al-Safadi.



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His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace Tuesday Moroccan Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita. Bourita delivered a verbal message to His Highness the Amir from the King of Morocco Mohammed VI. The Moroccan monarch expressed his full support to

His Highness the Amir's efforts in defusing tension amongst Gulf countries. The meeting was attended by First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and Deputy Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah.

Insurance solution eyed to open residency

KUWAIT CITY, June 13: Assistant Undersecretary for Citizenship and Passports Affairs at the Ministry of the Interior Major-General Sheikh Mazen Al-Jarrah held a high-level meeting yesterday morning, to discuss ways to codify family residency for expats other than the wife and children, reports Al-Anba daily.

The meeting was attended by the Acting Director-General of the General Department of Residence Affairs, Major-General Abdullah Al-Hajri and directors of the departments.

A security source said one of the proposals discussed at the meeting is that the Ministry of Interior will give the insurance companies the right to estimate the cost of

health insurance annually for persons other than the wife and children.

This will be done by taking into account the cost of insurance per elderly person which can be up to KD 3,000 annually. On this basis the insurance companies will determine the insurance cost which may reach an average of KD 300 per year per person, in addition to the annual residence fees estimated at KD 200.

The source confirmed once a contract is signed, the ministry will open the door for those wishing to bring in their relatives to live with them.

In the meantime, the department said those holding residence permit under

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Tehran urges Gulf peace mechanism

LOSBY GODS, Norway, June 13, (AFP): Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Tuesday called for a permanent mechanism in the Gulf to resolve crises like the blockade against Qatar by Saudi Arabia and its allies.

Speaking at a news conference on the sidelines of an annual peace mediation in Oslo, Zarif also said Saudi Arabia supported militants inside Iran.

"It is absolutely imperative for our region not to only to resolve this particular conflict or dispute between

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His Highness the Amir has pledged to continue his mediation efforts to reconcile GCC member states.

His Highness the Amir made the pledge in remarks during reception, in Kuwait Monday, of Chairman of the Arab and International Relations Council Mohammad Al-Sager at Bayan Palace. The remarks will be published by Al-Jarida daily tomorrow (Tuesday) His Highness the Amir pledged that he would not be hampered by fatigue or any difficulties in his quest to re-establish the bonds and tackle the differences among the GCC States.

"It is very difficult for us, we the generation that established the GCC 34 years ago, to see some members engage in disputes that may lead to dire consequences," His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad said.

"This is a duty that I will not abandon," he stressed, pledging to continue the efforts to tackle inter-GCC differences.

Efforts

King of Morocco Mohammed VI on Tuesday applauded the efforts of His Highness the Amir to find a solution to the Gulf crisis.

This came in a statement issued by the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation following a meeting in Kuwait between Moroccan Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita and His Highness the Amir.

The Moroccan King voiced full support to His Highness the Amir's efforts to heal the Gulf rift and to contain the inter-Gulf crisis through dialogue among the GCC countries, according to the statement.

During his visit to Kuwait, the Moroccan foreign minister delivered a verbal message to His Highness the Amir from the Moroccan King.

The Moroccan foreign minister is visiting Kuwait as part of a Gulf tour aiming at easing out Gulf tensions.

France, meanwhile, affirmed on Tuesday its support to Kuwait's efforts in defusing tension amongst Gulf countries.

A statement by the French Foreign Ministry stated that France has close relations with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states and all other partners in the region.

It stressed that it is necessary to deescalate Gulf tensions and to meet hopes and expectations of the Gulf people.

His Highness the Amir discussed with France's President Emmanuel Macron earlier on Monday by phone bilateral ties, issues of common interest and latest regional developments.

Aviation

Qatar has asked the United Nations' aviation agency to intervene in an airspace rights' dispute with three Gulf states following an escalating diplomatic row and trade blockade, two sources familiar with the matter said on Monday.

Qatar has sent a letter to the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) governing council in an effort to resolve the dispute after Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain closed their airspace to Qatari flights.

The Gulf state has indicated that it will ask the council to resolve the conflict, one of the sources said, using a dispute resolution mechanism under the 1944 Chicago Convention which is overseen by ICAO. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity because council

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