

Training is our top priority, says crown prince

Mohammed bin Naif inspects ship training Border Guards personnel



Crown Prince Mohammed bin Naif at the control room and tower of a Border Guards trainer ship on Thursday. (SPA)

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JEDDAH: Crown Prince Mohammed bin Naif, deputy premier and minister of interior, said the Ministry of Interior accords top priority to the training of personnel.

He said the ministry focuses on continuous training and

development, noting that the role of equipment and machinery comes after training.

During the inspection of a trainer ship on Wednesday evening, which recently arrived in the Kingdom after being launched by the prince several months ago in Germany, the crown prince praised the efforts of the Border Guards in training personnel to the highest level during work at sea.

He expressed his pride in Saudi technicians working on the ship, praising their high skills and capabilities due to the excel-

lent training they received recently. He said Saudi youth are capable of working in all fields due to their high skills and qualifications.

The crown prince toured the ship, including the command room and tower, teaching classrooms and educational methods used. He also attended a detailed presentation about the ship's modern training tools and facilities to provide high-quality training to meet the needs of the Border Guards.

The director general of the Border Guards, Awad Al-Balawi,

said the ship, along with the other vessels, provides strong support to the Border Guard's fleet in protecting the country's territorial waters, economic zones and the nation's resources.

He said the focus is on improving maritime capabilities in order to protect the Kingdom's eastern and western coasts, as well as secure its maritime interests.

The crown prince was accompanied during the tour by Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif, adviser to the minister of interior, as well as a number of other senior officials.

Saudi aid program targets 3,185 Syrians in Mafraq, Jordan



Saudi aid bags containing winter clothing arrive at a camp for distribution to Syrian refugees in Mafraq governorate in Jordan. (SPA)

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DAMMAN: The Saudi National Campaign to support Syrian refugees has readied a package of humanitarian relief aid to be distributed in 2016-2017.

Slated to receive the aid are 3,185 Syrians in the Mafraq governorate, in northern Jordan, as part of the 24th and 25th phases of two aid programs.

The aid package includes a winter bag containing blankets, jackets, sweaters and winter caps, as well as other items to cover the needs of families, as well as a personal care bag containing items and toiletries to meet basic individual needs.

The winter clothing, household utensils and personal care bags will be delivered to Syrian refugee families in host countries like Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon, as well as to refugee families inside Syria, said the regional director of the campaign, Badr bin Abdulrahman Al-Samhan, who added that it is an ongoing initiative.

"The campaign gives considerable attention and focus to relief projects, which are considered among the most important due to their wide-scale positive impact and ability to meet needs of Syrians and their children," said Al-Samhan, who stressed the fact that the government of King Salman is keen on securing the basic needs of the displaced Syrian people from medical and household to social, food, seasonal and educational needs.

Meanwhile, the Saudi specialized clinics continued to provide humanitarian aid and total medical care to 2,797 Syrian refugees at the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan last week.

The medical care provided included primary clinical tests and disbursing the medications needed. The records showed that the pediatric clinic provided comprehensive treatment for 981 children last week, while the general medicine clinic treated 346 Syrians. Over 180 patients visited the dermatology clinic.

MiSK Foundation launches talent-mining festival

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DAMMAM: Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's MiSK Foundation launched Wednesday the third edition of the "Hakaya MiSK" Festival at Dhahran Exhibition Center in the Eastern Province, an event that will witness many activities through which the foundation seeks to disseminate knowledge and encourage creativity.

The event will last through Saturday.

The activities include educational and cultural workshops, performances and video production.

Yusuf Al-Hamadi, head of the MiSK Foundation media committee, said that the festival is one of MiSK Foundation's initiatives that seeks to disseminate knowledge and encourage creativity by creating interactive platforms that adopt young, talented youth and enable them to give free rein to their creativity, having a positive impact on visitors to the festival.

"The secret of the success of the festival lies in the fact that it is a quality initiative that provides a broad platform to accommodate the creations of the young people in the areas of writing, drawing, animation, narrative arts and visual production, in addition to the use of modern technologies in the field of knowledge and cultural production, and offer all this in an innovative way that has the maximum impact especially on youth and children," Al-Hamadi said.

He said more than 150 public schools and three universities are participating in the events.



Young men narrate their experiences at a workshop at the "Hakaya MiSK" Festival at Dhahran Exhibition Center on Thursday.

The events include the budding author section, which would culturally and cognitively inspire children through the use of applications that help them write a story, from the idea through to its publication; Hakaya Market, which includes stories, novels, drawing tools, animation techniques, photographs and paintings available for display and selling; Hakaya Tech, which presents the latest digital technology in writing stories.

About 100 participants, including talented individuals in the fields of education, culture and information, are taking part in the activities of "Hakaya Market" Festival.

In parallel with these events, Hakaya festival hosts daily a media figure who covers the events on the southern border of the Kingdom and who talks about his experience and about the sacrifices of the soldiers stationed there.

The festival includes a studio

production section that is attended by about 14 visual production companies and professional trainers who hold workshops and present ideas in direction, production and photography.

At the same time, 11 short films and three plays are being shown, delivering meaningful and valued messages, and Hakaya Market will give young participants the opportunity to develop their business by presenting books, technology and crafts that help creativity in the

fields of writing, drawing, animation or production.

Three entities are taking part in the Hakaya Tech section, which is a gallery of the latest digital technologies and modern appliances in the areas of displaying and making stories.

The exhibition includes everything relevant to devices, digital solutions and electronic applications that help make or develop stories and presents them in a modern shape.