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## ► People with Disabilities: Bridges of Communication and Pillars of Society

Today, the world is living in an era of rapid technological and social development. Yet, people with disabilities continue to face significant challenges that hinder their full integration into society. These individuals are not merely a group in need of support; they are a fundamental pillar capable of actively contributing to building more inclusive and humane societies. Communicating with people with disabilities and enhancing their presence across various fields is the key to overcoming obstacles and amplifying their voices and achievements to the world.

### **The Importance of Communication for Achieving Inclusion**

Communication is not just a means of transferring information; it is a process of building bridges of understanding and acceptance. Through it, the psychological and social barriers that may hinder the inclusion of people with disabilities in society can be overcome. Effective communication requires the development of comprehensive programs aimed at involving people with disabilities in daily life—whether in education, work, culture, or sports—and providing platforms that allow them to express themselves and share their achievements and successes.

People with disabilities are not incapable of creativity or innovation. In fact, many of them have presented inspiring models in various fields. Enhancing communication between people with disabilities and the world means giving them the opportunity to showcase their remarkable abilities and breaking the stereotypes that may limit our perception of them as active individuals.

### **The Impact of Wars and Conflicts on People with Disabilities**

Unfortunately, discussing topics about people with disabilities cannot be done without addressing the devastating impact of wars and conflicts in our region and the world. Wars have led to an unprecedented rise in the number of people with disabilities due to the physical and psychological injuries they cause. With the lack of

adequate support in many affected areas, their suffering is compounded, making the need for comprehensive rehabilitation and humanitarian programs more urgent than ever.

This reality imposes a moral and humanitarian responsibility on us to treat people with disabilities as part of the solution, not merely as victims of conflicts. Empowering and fully integrating them strengthens the resilience of societies in the face of crises.

### **People with Disabilities: A Positive Social and Psychological Impact**

Beyond the challenges, people with disabilities represent an important social and psychological pillar. They possess immense potential capable of driving positive change in society. Their success stories and achievements are not only a source of inspiration but also living proof that challenges, no matter how difficult, can be overcome with determination and appropriate support. Their presence in various fields enhances human values such as tolerance, cooperation, and empathy.

The inclusion of people with disabilities in society requires working to remove the physical and intangible barriers that may limit their participation. This begins with changing societal perceptions of them, followed by providing legislation that protects their rights, and ultimately creating supportive environments that highlight their capabilities.

### **Conclusion**

People with disabilities are an integral part of the fabric of society, and their active presence enriches everyone on both social and psychological levels. Enhancing communication with them and with the world is a humanitarian message we must all carry, and supporting them is an investment in a more just and inclusive future. Let us all be part of this change, and join hands to build a world that leaves no one behind.





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## ► Obtuse Angle

### Dear Readers,

We return to you once again with our second issue, published in both Arabic and English, as well as in Braille. Additionally, our digital publications and services are available on our website, [www.jasour.net](http://www.jasour.net). Over the past few months, we have received messages of encouragement, support, suggestions, and advice from governmental and non-governmental institutions, individuals, and numerous partnerships we have established—both within Kuwait and abroad. These have strengthened our confidence in the work we do and the values we believe in.

As we mark the first days of the blessed month of Ramadan, we extend our warmest congratulations and greetings to all members of Kuwaiti society and the global human family. We renew our commitment and determination to continue our role in serving people with disabilities on all fronts, particularly in integrating them into the workforce.

Providing more opportunities for people with disabilities in the job market is one of the most critical issues that need to be highlighted. Many of them possess competencies and abilities that make them fully capable of performing various jobs with merit and distinction. However, they still face numerous challenges that hinder their employment opportunities, especially amid global economic crises.

Unemployment rates among people with disabilities in Kuwait, the Gulf, and the Arab world remain high compared to others, despite legal mandates requiring approximately 5% of the workforce to be composed of people with disabilities. Some practices have turned this legal obligation into a form of disguised unemployment! Amid global economic tensions and crises, employment opportunities for people with disabilities have significantly diminished, with fewer opportunities and increased competition for jobs. Additionally, people with disabilities in many parts of the world face discrimination in the job market, putting them at a disadvantage when applying for positions.

To address these challenges, and within the framework of the modern state-building model currently pursued by Kuwait and several Arab countries, we must adopt serious strategies to achieve genuine integration of people with disabilities into the workforce.

**In this context, we recommend the following five steps and measures:**

- 1. Awareness and Education:** Increase awareness of the importance of integrating people with disabilities into the workforce through media campaigns and educational programs targeting employers and society as a whole.
- 2. Laws and Legislation:** Develop and enforce laws that protect the rights of people with disabilities in the workplace and ensure equal opportunities for them.
- 3. Training and Rehabilitation:** Provide training and rehabilitation programs for people with disabilities to help them acquire the necessary skills for the job market and enhance their chances of securing suitable employment.
- 4. Employer Incentives:** Offer financial and tax incentives to companies that employ people with disabilities, encouraging them to hire more individuals with disabilities.
- 5. Support for Entrepreneurship:** Encourage people with disabilities to start their own projects by providing financial and advisory support, enabling them to achieve financial independence and contribute to the economy.

These five proposals are not just theoretical; they are part of the “bold” steps we are striving to implement on the ground, with the limited resources we have and boundless ambitions.

We must all work towards achieving genuine integration of people with disabilities into the workforce by providing a supportive and motivating work environment. Achieving this goal requires the collaboration of everyone—governments, institutions, companies, and civil society. We ask God to help us unite efforts and hearts around these noble goals during this blessed month.





## Al-Fagaan Praises the Sacrifices of Kuwaitis Across Generations

### ► “Kuwait Airways” Organizes “Pride and Honor” Operetta in Celebration of the National Holidays



#### Jasoor – Follow-ups

Kuwait Airways organized a musical operetta titled “Pride and Honor” to celebrate Kuwait’s national holidays, attended by its employees at the company’s headquarters. The event was graced by the presence of the Chairman of Kuwait Airways, Captain Abdulmohsen Salem Al-Fagaan, accompanied by the company’s CEO, Captain Ahmed Mohammed Al-Kharafi, and the Director-General of the General Administration of Civil Aviation, Sheikh Hamoud Mubarak Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah, as well as the Vice Chairman of Zain Group’s Board of Directors, Mr. Bader Nasser Al-Kharafi.

Several schools from the Farwaniya Educational District participated in the celebration, presenting various artistic and performance segments. The Brass Band of the Ministry of Defense also performed a special military display in honor of the national holidays. The Kuwaiti Artisans Association contributed with a number of artistic paintings and works, alongside a display of classic cars. The event also featured a strong presence from companies specializing in light snacks, beverages, and more.

On this occasion, Chairman Captain Abdulmohsen Al-Fagaan delivered a speech, stating: “I am delighted to welcome you all on this special day

as we gather to celebrate our national holidays. First and foremost, on this precious occasion, I extend my highest congratulations and warmest blessings to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, may God protect and bless him, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, may God protect and bless him, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, may God protect him and the wise government, on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of our beloved Kuwait’s independence and the 34th anniversary of Liberation Day.”

Al-Fagaan added: “The company has made it an annual tradition to organize these celebrations with its dear employees across various departments in honor of this cherished occasion, which embodies the meanings of pride and belonging. It reminds us of the journey of giving and sacrifice that the people of Kuwait have demonstrated generation after generation. We cannot help but recall with pride and honor the distinguished national role that Kuwait Airways has played over the years since 1954 in all occasions and circumstances, and its participation in the community at all levels as an essential part of this great nation and a supporter of it.”

He continued: “As the national

carrier of our beloved country, Kuwait Airways takes pride in its role in enhancing Kuwait’s position on the global aviation map and contributing to its economic and social development. The achievements of Kuwait Airways would not have been possible without the dedication and loyalty of its employees, who work diligently to provide the best services to our valued customers and achieve the company’s vision of leadership and excellence.”

Al-Fagaan expressed his deepest wishes for beloved Kuwait, the generous Kuwaiti people, and all residents, hoping for continued prosperity, happiness, and tranquility. He prayed that Kuwait remains eternally proud and that Almighty God preserves the country’s blessings of security, safety, and stability, protecting Kuwait from all harm.

The “Pride and Honor” operetta was attended by the Assistant Undersecretary for Port Security Affairs at the Ministry of Interior, Brigadier Atef Al-Habshi, the Assistant Undersecretary for Educational Development and Activities at the Ministry of Education, Ms. Mariam Al-Anezi, the Director-General of the General Administration of Airport Security at the Ministry of Interior, Brigadier Badr Al-Shaia, the Director-General of the General Administration of Customs, Mr. Muteb Al-Anezi, and a number of state and corporate leaders and officials.



## ► People with Disabilities: The Eyes and Heart of a Humanitarian State



Sheikh Faisal Al-Hamoud Al-Malik Al-Sabah

It brings me great joy to participate in this new issue of “Jasour” magazine, which specializes in disability affairs. I extend my sincere appreciation and best wishes to the magazine and its team. “Jasour” serves as a distinguished platform that supports the state’s efforts in achieving a better situation for people with disabilities, shedding light on their issues and contributing to raising awareness about their rights and needs.

Kuwait is one of the pioneering countries in the field of caring for people with disabilities, striving with all its efforts to provide the best services and care for this cherished segment of society. People with disabilities are an integral part of our social fabric, and we are working diligently to ensure their active participation in all aspects of life.

The State of Kuwait provides a comprehensive system of services and initiatives aimed at supporting people with disabilities and improving their lives. This includes a wide range of educational, rehabilitative, health, and social services to ensure they receive the necessary care. The Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor plays an active role in implementing many of these programs, in cooperation with various ministries and

government agencies, in addition to the significant efforts made by civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations.

People with special needs in Kuwait enjoy exceptional educational services in specialized schools and rehabilitation centers. The state works to provide a suitable educational environment and curricula tailored to their specific needs. Moreover, the state offers integrated health services, including physical and rehabilitative therapy, as well as psychological and social care programs.

Kuwait is moving towards developing and improving the services provided to people with disabilities by adopting strategies and policies focused on providing employment opportunities and supporting small and medium-sized projects for people with disabilities. These efforts aim to achieve greater independence for them and further integrate them into society.

I am pleased to emphasize our collective commitment to realizing Kuwait’s vision of ensuring a dignified life and a bright future for all its sons and daughters, including people with disabilities. We firmly believe in their ability to achieve accomplishments and actively contribute to building our beloved nation.

In conclusion, on the occasion of the blessed month of Ramadan, I would like to congratulate the great Kuwaiti family and its leader, His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the country. May God bring it back to us and to you with goodness, blessings, and prosperity.







## Ambassador Dr. Saleh bin Amer Al-Kharusi, the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Kuwait

► writes about the “Jasour Humanitarian Initiative” to support people with disabilities



Dr. Saleh bin Amer Al-Kharusi

It is my pleasure to contribute a message to “Jasour” magazine, congratulating the establishment of the Jasour Initiative. This vibrant initiative came to fruition thanks to the wise guidance and dedicated efforts of Hanan Al-Anezi, the founder and GM of Jasour Global Consultancy for Social Services. Its success is also attributed to the tremendous efforts of everyone involved in this initiative, aimed at developing rehabilitation and support services for people with disabilities.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and admiration for the Jasour Initiative, which aims to empower people of determination and highlight their achievements and contributions to society. I commend all aspects of this inspiring initiative, which aligns with the humanitarian goals that various governmental and private institutions in Kuwait have long sought to translate into action regionally and internationally. The attention given to this segment of society is one of the most prominent hallmarks of Kuwait’s humanitarian role over the decades.

Your shining role in improving the lives of people with disabilities and providing them with the tools and resources they need to achieve their full potential has been evident through this pioneering initiative. It focuses on offering the necessary support to this group in various aspects of life, including education, training,

healthcare, psychological and social care, and providing all essential services. What stands out most is that the initiative has facilitated the achievement of its goals through the launch of several projects, most notably the “Jasour” electronic platform and website, as well as Jasour magazine, Jasour Digital Radio, and Jasour Digital TV, which are the first of their kind in the world.

The importance of the projects launched through your valuable initiative is further emphasized by their efforts to elevate people of determination to a level where they can participate in regional and international conferences and seminars. These events discuss challenges, find solutions, and promote and market their products online. The fruit of this achievement lies in creating a social, educational, and health environment that enables people with disabilities to achieve true equality with the rest of society, and perhaps even surpass them through creativity.

It is no secret to those who follow and care about this active segment of society—whose abilities should not be underestimated despite the diversity of their disabilities—that the Sultanate of Oman has taken upon itself the responsibility of caring for people with disabilities and providing support to them and their families. The Omani government, represented by the Ministry of Social Development, has shown great interest in this group. It has established numerous centers and associations specialized in their education and rehabilitation, enacted laws and regulations, and partnered with international entities to achieve the active participation of people of determination in society.

Congratulations to all who have contributed and continue to contribute to supporting people of determination in Kuwait, the Sultanate of Oman, and around the world. We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their humanitarian efforts and positive engagement in providing moral and humanitarian support.





فاطمة الصباح  
Fatima Al-Sabah



## A Love Letter from Sheikha Fatima Mishaal Al-Sabah

**To the esteemed Mrs. Hanan Khalaf Al-Anezi  
Director General and Founder of the Jasour Initiative and Magazine,**

I would like to begin by expressing my admiration and appreciation for the pioneering role your distinguished initiative plays in serving people with disabilities and guiding society toward greater awareness and solidarity. Your continuous efforts open windows of hope and provide crucial moral support to every individual in our society, reflecting the human values we strive to promote through the “Qiyam” initiative.

At “Qiyam” initiative, we believe that a strong society is one that values the potential of all its members and grants them the opportunity to participate and make an impact. Just as you have distinguished yourselves by making “Jasour” a bridge for creative communication and awareness, we seek to work hand in hand with you to instill values of cooperation, respect, and responsibility in the smaller society—the family—ultimately achieving an influential and ideal social state in our beloved nation.

May Allah bless your efforts, and we pray that He grants us all success in serving people with disabilities and making a positive difference in their lives.

**With sincere thanks and appreciation,**

**Fatima Mishaal Al-Sabah  
Founder of the Qiyam Initiative**



By Nafila Askar Al-Harbash ▶ **Kuwait is Life**

In airports, the formality between travelers heading to different destinations fades away, as each has stepped out of their daily routine to enjoy the open horizons of experience and exploration. This truth becomes evident to me during travel when I notice the simplicity of interactions among passengers, regardless of their backgrounds or the corners of the world they come from.

“Malakum bil-Tawila” this phrase caught my attention during one of my trips at Kuwait Airport, just before entering the immigration gates. At the last moment, before taking my boarding pass, I remembered I needed a neck pillow and a lock for my suitcase after failing to recall the combination. I entered the shop at the end of the departures corridor, quickly grabbed what I needed, and stood in line behind a Gulf woman at the cashier.

I thanked God that the purchase wouldn't take long, allowing me to return quickly to the airline counter. I noticed the Gulf woman taking her time emptying her

bag, searching for the last bit of Kuwaiti currency she had left to buy something that would sweeten her final shopping experience in Kuwait. Every time she pulled out some money and the cashier told her she was close to completing the remaining amount, she would cheerfully repeat, “Wallah, fulooskom mabrooka” (By Allah, your money is blessed). Eventually, she was short by just 300 fils, and her bag, now completely emptied, had run dry of those precious fils!

At that point, she began refilling her bag with what she had previously taken out and prepared to pay with her credit card. I stepped in, pulled out the 300 fils from my wallet, and we exchanged heartfelt promises: “Wallah... wala wallah, until the cashier completed the sale without needing her credit card. She looked at me gratefully, her eyes still sparkling with joy: How lovely you are, how lovely your country is, how lovely everything in it is.

I smiled and replied, forgetting my rush: “Tabarak Allah, your country has become a distinguished

tourist destination and a hub for global companies, and...” She interrupted me before I could finish, saying, “We may have more goods, countless restaurants, tourist destinations in every corner, sprawling parks, and amusement places that are almost like cities, and... and... yet, in Kuwait, we experience true joy even in the simplest things. We live life... your country has a secret, your country is blessed, your country is life.”

Ifelt a pleasant that wiped away the accumulated negativity of hearing criticism about developmental conditions, reminders of pending hopes, and past glories! I felt that those who visit Kuwait are more grateful for its essence than its own people! I felt that we are greatly falling short in being the shield that protects Kuwait's beautiful image in the eyes of the world.

I thanked Kuwait's guest, who had come to love it as a homeland, after her infectious joy had touched me. I bid her farewell, with the thought of changing my travel destination from the country I had booked to.. Kuwait!







## Ambassador Osama Shaltout writes for «Jasour» about:

### ► The Efforts of Egypt to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



Ambassador Osama Shaltout

The Arab Republic of Egypt considers the rights of persons with disabilities to be a humanitarian issue of great importance. Egypt has consistently worked to support this cause at all national, regional, and international levels, making continuous efforts to improve the conditions of persons with disabilities and promote their rights. These efforts have materialized in numerous measures and policies aimed at ensuring a dignified life and a better future for this important segment of society.

#### The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Egypt annually celebrates the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, observed on December 3rd, under the patronage of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi. This significant event reflects the state's deep commitment to the rights of persons with disabilities. On the international stage, Egypt has sought to

promote the rights of persons with disabilities by participating in the drafting of conventions and treaties that guarantee their rights and emphasize their importance. This culminated in Egypt's accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007. This convention serves as a cornerstone in the field of disability rights, focusing on preventing discrimination against persons with disabilities and ensuring equal opportunities for them in all areas. Egypt also joined the Optional Protocol to this convention in 2008, solidifying its position as a leading advocate for human rights in the Arab region.

#### The Establishment of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities

During President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi's tenure, the National Council for Persons with Disabilities was established in 2019. This council serves as the national body responsible for overseeing and implementing policies and programs related to persons with disabilities in Egypt. It provides support and care for this group and raises awareness about their rights in various fields, including education, employment, health, and social participation. The council works to facilitate their access to public and private services and enhances their ability to actively participate in society. It also monitors the





implementation of relevant government policies and provides recommendations to improve the lives of persons with disabilities.

### **The Permanent Supreme Committee for Human Rights**

In addition to the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, the Permanent Supreme Committee for Human Rights, chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, plays an active role in monitoring and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities. Over the past decade, Egypt's infrastructure has seen significant development to improve the lives of persons with disabilities. Many public and private facilities have been modified to better accommodate their needs. Public facilities such as stations, shopping centers, hospitals, and government buildings have been equipped with ramps for wheelchairs, and public transportation has been adapted to facilitate their mobility.

### **Advancements in Education and Healthcare**

The state has also worked to enhance healthcare and education for persons with disabilities. Special schools and educational programs have been developed to support their education, while healthcare services have been improved to provide medical treatment, psychological rehabilitation, and physical therapy. Notably, Egyptian legislation enacted nearly four decades ago mandates that 5% of employees in government agencies and public institutions be persons with disabilities. This law is part of broader efforts to promote employment opportunities for persons with disabilities and ensure their fair participation in the workforce. It aims to achieve full inclusion of persons with disabilities in the labor market, enabling them to secure suitable jobs that match their abilities and qualifications. The law also seeks to reduce workplace discrimination and encourages private companies to open their doors to persons with disabilities.





Through this legislation, Egypt demonstrates its pioneering commitment to equality and providing opportunities for all, contributing to a more inclusive and balanced society.

#### Support for Athletes and Talent Development

Egypt is a leading country in supporting athletes with disabilities, providing them with various forms of support and encouragement. This includes specialized training and appropriate sports equipment, which has led to numerous achievements in the Paralympic Games. Egyptian athletes have won multiple medals in various sports, most recently at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, where Egypt secured seven medals. These accomplishments highlight the capabilities of Egyptian athletes and reflect the state's commitment to providing a suitable sports environment that enables them to excel.

#### International Cooperation, Particularly Between Egypt and Kuwait

It is important to note Egypt's openness to cooperation with all countries in the field of disability rights, particularly with the sisterly State of Kuwait. Cooperation between nations in this area is a fundamental pillar in advancing global efforts to achieve justice and equality for persons with disabilities. Egypt and Kuwait have exchanged expertise and best practices in this field, and there is a shared aspiration to deepen this cooperation through joint initiatives such as workshops aimed at raising awareness and improving the lives of persons with disabilities at the regional level. Additionally, there are plans to develop joint projects to enhance education, healthcare, and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

#### Conclusion

Thanks to its ongoing efforts and the evolution of its policies and legislation, Egypt remains at the forefront of countries striving to achieve the rights of persons with disabilities. These efforts contribute to building a more just and inclusive society, reaffirming Egypt's strong commitment to humanitarian principles and equality for all segments of society. Egypt is dedicated to providing a better life and a brighter future for persons with disabilities in all areas.







By: Hala Arafa

## ▶ Ramadan: A Heavenly Opportunity for People with Disabilities Towards Greater Social Integration



The blessed month of Ramadan represents a renewed opportunity to integrate “those with different abilities” into their communities and break the isolation they may experience by involving them in various Ramadan activities.

Educational experts and psychological consultants have confirmed to “Jasour” that the presence of people with disabilities in religious, social, cultural, and artistic Ramadan activities as active participants—not as guests or objects of sympathy—enhances their self-confidence and reduces introversion.

### **The Secret of Ramadan**

The secret of Ramadan remains strong and influential. From the moment the sighting

of the Ramadan crescent is announced, the atmosphere in homes, streets, and places of worship transforms into a completely different spiritual state compared to the moments before the announcement. Although the time difference before and after the announcement is just a few minutes, the enchanting Ramadan inspires both stones and people as soon as it arrives, and it will continue to do so until the end of time.

### **Ramadan and People with Disabilities**

In the general context of Ramadan, Muslims around the world come together to fast from dawn until sunset. However, the customs and traditions of celebrating Ramadan vary from





one country to another, with each Arab and Muslim community having its own unique rituals.

### Active Participation of People with Disabilities

When people with disabilities participate alongside their able-bodied peers in religious and community activities, they showcase their energies, abilities, and skills, which enhances positivity and social interaction, alleviating their struggles.

Psychologically, people with disabilities welcome Ramadan with a personal readiness to embrace its virtues and share in the community's spiritual experience. They also engage with programs and activities organized by religious and social institutions, which see increased activity throughout the month, whether through modern technology or direct participation in local events.

### The Role of Society and Institutions

The question arises: How can society enhance the integration of people with disabilities into spiritual and social life during Ramadan? What is the role of state institutions and civil society in this regard? And what do experts in behavioral, psychological, and educational sciences say?



Dr. Sherif Shahin

In this context, Dr. Sherif Shahin, Dean of the College of Special Education at Egypt University for Science and Technology, emphasizes that community integration has positive effects on the mental health of ordinary individuals, let alone those with disabilities. He adds

that mingling and integrating into various Ramadan activities makes individuals feel their role, importance, and societal value, thereby boosting their self-confidence and community effectiveness.

Dr. Shahin suggests the necessity of involving sons and daughters with disabilities in cultural, sports, religious, and community programs as participating guests, not as groups seeking sympathy, care, and attention from society, or unfortunately, as a means to collect donations for hospitals and other care institutions.

### The Role of Family and Society



Dr. Tarek El-Eissawi

Dr. Tarek Abdel Rahman El-Eissawi, a psychological consultant and specialist in disabilities, explains that people with disabilities welcome Ramadan like the rest of the community, with no difference between them and others except in the type of disability. He emphasizes the important role of the state in integrating people with disabilities into community institutions, which helps reduce their sense of difference from their peers.

He also notes that society has become increasingly aware of the need to integrate this segment into various activities, bringing people with disabilities closer to community institutions, developing their skills and performance, strengthening their social and interactive relationships, and enhancing their performance capabilities while increasing their participation in activities.

He also highlights the role of families in educating their children with disabilities about the importance of the month and its





virtues, encouraging them to participate in public events and Ramadan programs, which enhances their social interaction and reduces isolation.

### Personal Experiences



Mohamed El-Ashry

Visual artist Mohamed El-Ashry, who has a disability, says: "I have participated in many cultural and artistic activities and competitions, winning numerous awards. Among my favorite Ramadan activities are

communal Iftar with family and friends, as well as prayers, Quran recitation, art exhibitions, and cultural evenings."

El-Ashry stresses the importance of providing the necessary means to enable people with disabilities to actively participate in social and cultural activities, pointing out the need for drama to accurately portray people with disabilities, reflecting their ability to interact effectively in society.

### The Role of Ramadan Activities



Mona Mansour

Journalist and media personality Mona Mansour El-Sayed, who has a disability, points out the role of Ramadan activities in integrating people with disabilities by providing opportunities for social

interaction, which helps reduce social shyness and enhances the sense of belonging.

She adds that civil society organizations organize many Ramadan activities such as

remembrance circles, Quran reading sessions, communal Iftar tables, and sports and artistic activities, which contribute to enhancing the social interaction of people with disabilities.

### Proposals to Enhance Integration



Dr. Dina Hilaly

Dr. Dina Hilaly, a member of the Egyptian Senate, emphasizes the importance of Ramadan activities in integrating people with disabilities and removing their social shyness. She suggests

organizing joint events such as communal Iftar, competitions, and workshops, while providing a suitable environment for people with disabilities.

She also stresses the importance of community awareness about the rights of people with disabilities and the use of modern technologies to facilitate their participation in Ramadan activities.

### Conclusion

The month of Ramadan represents a golden opportunity to enhance the integration of people with disabilities into society through religious, social, and cultural activities. It is essential for the state, civil society, and families to work together to ensure the active participation of people with disabilities, enhancing their sense of belonging and reducing social isolation.





## Abdulaziz Al-Kandari, Executive Vice President of Namaa Charity:

### ► Namaa Charity: An Icon of Giving and a Model of Leadership in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals



Abdulaziz Al-Kandari

As a beacon of charitable work and a pioneer in humanitarian development, Namaa Charity, under the Social Reform Society, sets the finest examples in supporting the needy and empowering communities both inside and outside Kuwait. With its innovative approach to humanitarian work, Namaa Charity has successfully reinforced humanitarian values and achieved sustainable development goals through impactful projects and strategic partnerships that contribute to building a brighter future for humanity. In this exclusive interview with Abdulaziz Al-Kandari, Executive Vice President of Namaa Charity, we shed light on the organization's achievements and how it has successfully turned sustainable development goals into tangible realities.

**To begin, could you tell us about Namaa Charity's most notable achievements in 2024?**

With great pride, Namaa Charity achieved first place in Kuwait and 54th globally in supporting humanitarian aid last year. This ranking reflects our deep commitment to our mission of serving humanity, both within Kuwait and abroad. We have successfully implemented numerous developmental and relief projects in several countries, significantly improving the lives of thousands of beneficiaries.

**How does Namaa Charity contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?**

We focus heavily on aligning our projects with the SDGs. For example, we have executed projects to

improve education, such as building schools and supporting orphaned students. Additionally, we have launched water sustainability projects and well-digging initiatives, which contribute to the goal of clean water and sanitation. All these efforts are part of our vision to create a positive and sustainable impact.

**How does Namaa Charity organize its relief campaigns?**

Our relief campaigns are organized through precise mechanisms to ensure efficiency and transparency. We begin with field studies to identify urgent needs in targeted areas, then coordinate with official entities to ensure effective delivery of aid. For instance, we cannot launch any campaign without official approvals from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other relevant ministries. For example, during recent global crises, we launched exceptional relief campaigns to support refugees and displaced persons in the most affected areas.

**Could you elaborate on Namaa Charity's role in supporting humanitarian work inside and outside Kuwait during 2024?**

Thanks to God, and with the support of Kuwait's generous donors, Namaa Charity achieved exceptional accomplishments in 2024. Locally, we implemented 48 projects, providing assistance to 4,269,693 beneficiaries, including food basket distributions, financial aid, and support for underprivileged families. Internationally, we executed 6,642 relief, developmental, and health



From education to eradicating poverty and hunger, and from promoting good health to providing clean water, Namaa Charity leads comprehensive efforts to realize Kuwait's humanitarian vision.





projects across 26 countries, benefiting 3,392,731 individuals. These projects included building residential villages, providing healthcare to refugees and displaced persons, digging wells in water-scarce regions, and constructing Islamic centers, orphanages, Quran memorization centers, clinics, and hospitals.

### How does Namaa Charity contribute to achieving the first SDG: Eradicating Poverty?

Namaa Charity believes that eradicating poverty begins with providing real opportunities for families to secure their needs. From this perspective, we have launched numerous charitable projects within Kuwait, including supporting 1,333 underprivileged families, 50 productive families, sponsoring 431 orphans, providing clothing and Eid gifts to 823 individuals, sponsoring 178 people with special needs, and assisting 106 debtors. Outside Kuwait, Namaa Charity has distinguished itself with projects that achieve this goal, such as the “Halal Income” projects, where we distributed over 215 projects like sewing workshops, grocery stores, and small farms, providing families with a sustainable income source. We also sponsor orphans and families, distribute food baskets, and organize relief convoys.



Namaa Charity has achieved first place locally and 54th globally in the field of humanitarian aid, providing over 4,269,693 humanitarian services within Kuwait and implementing 6,642 international projects across 26 countries.



### The second SDG focuses on “Zero Hunger.” What is your role in achieving this goal?

Certainly, eradicating hunger is one of our top priorities. Namaa Charity has implemented numerous projects serving this goal, including food distribution, worker meal programs, sacrificial meat distribution, Ramadan Iftar meals, Eid al-Fitr meals, food baskets, and sacrificial projects within Kuwait. Outside Kuwait, this goal has been clearly addressed through relief efforts for Gaza and other needy countries. For example, we sent relief trucks to Gaza, benefiting 31,694 individuals through sacrificial meat projects, 42,000 through winter clothing distributions, 131,547 through food basket distributions, 82,065 through meal distributions, 3,600,000 through bread distribution, 287,514 through Ramadan Iftar projects, 95,992 through sacrificial projects, 1,540 through Eid clothing, 740 through Arafat Day Iftar, and 3,900 through Ashura Iftar.

### What role does Namaa play in achieving Quality Education, the fourth SDG?

Education is the cornerstone of development. To this end, we have implemented massive educational projects both inside and outside Kuwait. Locally, 908 students benefited from our “Teach Me and I Will Reward You” project for elementary, middle, and high school students, 1,502 university students benefited from our university student support program, 1,200 students received school bags, 150 students were supported through the “Education for All” center, 255 medical students were sponsored, 245 students were supported through the “Scholars’ Chair” program, 1,021 benefited from the “Readers” project, and 150 students were supported through the “Human Building” program. Outside Kuwait, Namaa Charity built 163 mosques, 23 Islamic centers, 6 schools, 3 Quran memorization centers, supported 3,583 students, and distributed school bags to 3,466 students.

How do Namaa’s health projects contribute to Good Health and Well-being?





Relief campaigns have reached Gaza, Turkey, Morocco, Libya, and Syria, carrying Kuwait's humanitarian message to the world, in collaboration with state ministries and charitable organizations.

Namaa Charity has implemented high-quality health projects both inside and outside Kuwait. Locally, 130 patients benefited from the "Hope" project for patient treatment, 145 from the "Mercy" project, and 89 from the "Partnership" project. Internationally, we launched numerous projects serving refugees, displaced persons, and the most vulnerable families, including establishing 5 medical clinics and performing 1,552 eye surgeries.

**How do Namaa's residential villages and developmental projects align with the SDGs?**

The residential village project is one we are particularly proud of. We have established 4 fully integrated residential villages, benefiting 24,905 individuals, and built 74 homes for the poor, benefiting 370 individuals.

**How do Namaa's water and sanitation projects reflect the sixth SDG?**

We have implemented pioneering projects to provide clean water. Within Kuwait, Namaa Charity distributed 4,290,000 water bottles and installed and maintained 1,220 water dispensers. Outside Kuwait, we dug 595 artesian, semi-artesian, and surface wells and distributed 1,770 water tanks.

**How does Namaa Charity promote Decent Work and Economic Growth through its initiatives?**

Namaa Charity adopts a policy of providing sustainable

solutions through small developmental projects like "Halal Income," which offers needy families opportunities in crafts and industries such as sewing, carpentry, electrical work, refrigeration, air conditioning, and welding, along with providing toolkits. We also focus on agricultural projects, supporting numerous economic development initiatives through 1,166 "Halal Income" projects.

**How do Namaa's international and local partnerships reflect its humanitarian vision?**

Partnerships are the cornerstone of our success. Domestically, Namaa Charity has collaborated with government and civil institutions, including the Ministry of Interior through projects like the "Family House" and educational classes for central prison inmates. We also inaugurated the "Abdullah Al-Ali Al-Mutawa Mosque" at the Reform Institutions Department. Continuous coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other ministries ensures the transparency of our charitable and humanitarian work and the delivery of aid to those in need. Internationally, we have partnerships with over 50 organizations, including the United Nations, the Red Crescent, and UNICEF, to implement educational, health, and relief projects.



The establishment of 4 residential villages and 74 homes for the poor, along with over 1,166 developmental projects, contributes to empowering communities and achieving economic growth.







By: Hala Arafa

## ► Strategic Collaboration Between “Jasour” and “Bankers Hub” Academy in the Field of Training



In line with “Jasour Humanitarian Services” efforts to provide the best services for people with special needs, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed this week with “Bankers Hub” Academy in Cairo.

According to the agreement, “Bankers Hub” Academy will serve as a strategic partner for the development programs implemented by “Jasour.” The MoU includes both parties representing each other as strategic partners and prominently featuring their brands in marketing and promotional activities, events, and digital and traditional advertisements in Kuwait, Egypt, and other countries.

### Statements from Participants:

Dr. Heba Alaa El-Din, Chairperson of “Bankers Hub” Academy:

She expressed her happiness about collaborating with “Jasour” to achieve shared goals in rehabilitating, empowering, and integrating people with special needs into society, particularly the business community.

She added that the academy focuses on the training aspect, offering workshops and training programs to bridge the gap between academic education and labor market needs, which helps integrate people with special needs into society.

### Ashraf Gaber, Executive Director of “Jasour” and Editor-in-Chief:

He expressed his pride in signing the agreement with “Bankers Hub,” emphasizing the alignment of shared goals to achieve a higher employment rate for people with special needs.

He highlighted the synergy of shared

ideas, pointing out their aim to secure a larger share for people with special needs in the labor market and to equip them to manage their own projects.

### Hanan Al-Anezi, General Manager of “Jasour”:

She praised the agreement and expressed hope that the collaboration would address the gap in the labor market for people with special needs and achieve employment rates and social services that align with international standards.

She concluded by emphasizing that “Jasour’s” projects complement the launch of “Jasour Mall” and other initiatives to be announced in the new year 2025, noting that both parties have begun developing a joint action plan and training programs for this year.





## Report: Samah Mamdouh Hassan

### ► “Jasour” discusses the File of “Inclusive Education”: How Can We Create a More Inclusive Future for People of Determination? Experiences from Kuwait, Egypt, and the UAE



In a world striving for equality and social justice, education remains the foundation that enables individuals to realize their full potential. But what if this right is not accessible to everyone? For people of determination, inclusive education is the cornerstone of their empowerment and effective integration into society. Although many Arab countries recognize the importance of this type of education, challenges persist. In this article, we explore the experiences of Kuwait, Egypt, and the UAE in implementing inclusive education, given their significant impact on the process across the Arab world. We also shed light on the challenges these experiences face, the role of governments in establishing solid foundations for this process, and the opportunities available to enhance a more inclusive educational environment.

#### What is Inclusive Education?

Inclusive education means providing children of determination the opportunity to learn in regular schools alongside their peers, with additional support from specialized teachers to ensure equal opportunities. This model aims to meet their needs within regular classrooms through educational tools adapted to their abilities.

According to a 2021 UNICEF report, there are 240 million children with disabilities worldwide, including 20 million in the Middle East and North Africa region. In response, several Arab countries have launched initiatives and legislation to ensure the integration of these children into the educational system and society.

#### The UAE: A Pioneering Model in Inclusive Education

The UAE has adopted the slogan “Every Child Has the Right to Education,” going beyond providing opportunities to creating an environment that nurtures abilities and hones talents. Since 2006, the country has enacted laws guaranteeing people of determination the right to learn in regular classrooms or through adapted educational methods, such as Braille and sign language.

To realize this vision, the Ministry of Education established the Department of People of Determination, which is responsible for providing an equitable educational environment, training teachers, and launching support centers to monitor students’ progress and guide their families. Statistics indicate that 80% of students of determination in







the UAE are enrolled in public schools, reflecting the success of integration policies.

#### Kuwait: Rapid Progress and Ongoing Challenges

Kuwait has seen significant improvement in inclusive education, with the government integrating students of determination into public and private schools. Reports indicate that 70% of students of determination in Kuwait receive inclusive education, enhancing their social and academic skills. However, challenges remain, such as a lack of community awareness and insufficient psychological support for students and their families.

**Ali Al-Thuwayni, Secretary of the Kuwaiti Association for Monitoring Disability Issues, stated:**



Ali Al-Thuwayni

“Kuwait has made remarkable progress in implementing inclusive education, whether in private institutions or applied education. In public education, from kindergarten to secondary school, the Ministry of Education

possesses all the necessary components to effectively implement inclusive education, including qualified teachers, specialized programs, integrated curricula, textbooks, and specialists in the field. These resources enable Kuwait to embark on a successful inclusive education experience.”

However, the success of integration depends not only on the availability of material and human resources but also on addressing social factors, most notably bullying, which unfortunately is not limited to children of determination but extends to various groups in society, whether in streets or schools. Despite this, these challenges do not hinder the integration plan, especially with specialists working to monitor such phenomena and provide community awareness.

This awareness has yielded positive results, as some parents have become more involved in their children’s disabilities, to the extent that some give lectures and share their experiences with others. From this perspective, promoting inclusive education will enhance community awareness and increase

acceptance of diversity, driving the educational process toward further improvement.

Despite notable progress, some types of disabilities in Kuwait still require more time before their holders can be fully integrated into mainstream education, such as hearing and mobility impairments, which require the preparation of necessary supportive tools. Intellectual disabilities, on the other hand, need more detailed studies, in addition to addressing parents’ concerns, which may represent an obstacle to the integration process. However, the actual implementation of integration will provide a real opportunity to evaluate the experience and make the necessary adjustments, just as happened with amendments to the disability law.

On the other hand, Kuwait has made significant progress in supporting people with mobility impairments by mandating all educational and non-educational institutions to apply the “Access Code,” which ensures that public facilities are adapted to their needs.

In conclusion, the success of inclusive education can only be measured through its actual implementation on the ground. The experience will reveal the challenges and allow us to address them and continuously improve the educational environment. Inclusive education is not just a theoretical idea but a necessary step toward building a more inclusive and just society.

#### Egypt: Continuous Efforts Despite Obstacles

Egypt is making increasing efforts to integrate people of determination into the general education system, relying on legislation such as the 2018 Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. According to government statistics, 800 schools have been equipped to receive students of determination, including 233 schools fully equipped with appropriate educational tools.

One of the most prominent Egyptian models demonstrating the success of integration, even in private education, is Mustafa Nawfal, the world’s first fashion model with Down syndrome. His mother, Iman, told “Jasour” magazine:

“I rejected the stereotypical view of Down syndrome and believed in my son’s abilities until he became an inspiration to others. Thanks to family support and institutional cooperation, he was honored by the







President of the Republic at the ‘Capable Despite Differences’ celebration.”

However, she points to a major challenge in integrating children of determination: the lack of financial resources, which hinders the hiring of specialized teachers alongside regular teachers. She adds:

“Due to the lack of support, I had to strive hard to establish a private school for children of determination, even though my son did not attend it, so that other children could benefit. Learning in a mixed classroom with regular students was not enough to develop my son’s skills and help him learn effectively.”

### Challenges of Inclusive Education in the Three Countries

Despite the achievements, there are common challenges facing inclusive education in the UAE, Kuwait, and Egypt, including:

1. **Shortage of Specialized Teachers:** Inclusive education requires trained educators capable of providing a suitable learning environment for people of determination.
2. **Lack of Funding:** Many schools suffer from insufficient financial resources to provide educational tools and assistive technologies.
3. **Community Awareness:** Some families and communities still lack awareness of the importance of inclusive education and its positive impact on children.

4. **Inadequate Infrastructure:** Some schools lack facilities suitable for students with mobility and visual impairments.

### A Future Vision for Inclusive Education

Social specialist Ali Mahmoud, who supervises inclusive education processes in an Egyptian school, says:

“Integrating children of determination into regular schools boosts their self-confidence and develops their skills, but the success of this process depends on the presence of trained specialists and an educational environment tailored to each child’s needs.”

In this regard, we can say that improving opportunities for inclusive education requires sustainable investment in infrastructure, teacher training, family support, and awareness policies. Enhancing cooperation between governments, the private sector, and civil society can also contribute to creating a more inclusive educational environment that allows every child to achieve their full potential.

Despite significant progress in inclusive education, challenges remain that need to be addressed. The question remains: How can the integration of people of determination into schools be improved effectively? Are current efforts sufficient to ensure their right to equitable education? The discussion on inclusive education remains open and requires broad community participation to ensure its successful future in the Arab world.





By Shaima Al-Yousef

## ► Ahmed Raafat: The Graphic Artist Who Defied Disability and Carved His Own Path to Success



Ahmed Raafat



Despite being diagnosed with “osteogenesis imperfecta,” a condition that affected his ability to walk and his height, Ahmed Raafat, who was born confined to a wheelchair, refused to let his disability stand in his way. With unwavering determination and passion, he turned his challenges into a launching pad to overcome obstacles and write an inspiring success story.

Ahmed graduated from the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration at Future University in 2011, but he didn’t stop there. He honed his skills through training courses in graphic design, programming, and social media, both in Egypt and abroad. Mastering programs like Cinema 4D, 3D Max, After Effects, and Photoshop, he became one of the most prominent 3D graphic designers.

Ahmed says, “I had two choices: either surrender or succeed in life’s test. I chose the latter, and there was no room for failure.” His mother, Azza Sami, played a pivotal role in encouraging him, often reminding him of figures like Franklin Roosevelt and Stephen Hawking, who defied their disabilities and left a mark on the world. His father and brother also supported him, helping him transform challenges into opportunities.

Ahmed enjoys a wide following on Facebook, where over 110,000 followers engage with his creative work. In 2017, he was appointed by a presidential decree after proposing initiatives to support people with disabilities in obtaining equipped vehicles. During his meeting with President Sisi, he expressed his desire to serve his country, saying, “My disability will not stop me from achieving greatness.”

In addition to his design work, Ahmed dedicates his efforts to supporting people of determination through his community activism. He served as the head of the Social Solidarity Committee in the October Egypt Party and holds the title of Community Immunity Ambassador at Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Ahmed has received numerous awards, including first place in the Saudi “Ammar” Award for 3D Graphics and recognition from the National Council for Persons with Disabilities in 2024. He also aspires to become a member of the Egyptian Parliament in 2025, aiming to be a voice for people with disabilities and contribute to their empowerment.

Ahmed Raafat is not just a graphic designer; he is a model of perseverance and determination, proving that challenges can be turned into opportunities with willpower and hard work.







By Fatima Al-Zahra Badawi

## ► When Challenges Become Creativity: 6 Inspirational Stories of Individuals Who Defied Disability and Shattered Limitations

Some stories are not just told in words; they are felt in the spirit, seen in the eyes of their creators, and heard in their steps toward their dreams. These individuals are not merely people who overcame difficulties; they are artists who carved their paths with determination, athletes who raised the bar of possibility, and writers who turned their experiences into a light that illuminates others. From the darkness, they found light within themselves, transforming obstacles into wings that carried them toward success. In these lines, we get closer to souls that refused to surrender to reality and its constraints, reshaping it to fit the size of their ambitions.

### The Artist Who Turned Pain into Creativity



Baraa Tariq

Born in Saudi Arabia, Baraa Tariq Bashir was diagnosed with a rare syndrome, Saethre-Chotzen syndrome, which affected her skull and fingers. However, this did not dampen her strong spirit. She underwent multiple surgeries since childhood, yet she never surrendered to the limitations of her condition. Instead, she turned her challenges into a story of inspiration. Baraa found solace in painting, using brushes and vibrant colors to

express her optimism and hope for the future.

Her parents, especially her mother, Dr. Salwa Bakhsh, played a crucial role in supporting and encouraging her to achieve her potential. They discovered her talent early on and nurtured it with love and patience, providing her with a supportive environment that helped her develop her skills. Beyond painting, they encouraged her to learn swimming and mathematics, fueling her boundless ambitions.

Baraa dreams of becoming a globally recognized artist, spreading her message that true strength comes from within. After completing her high school education in Canada, she continues to refine her talent with confidence. Through social media, she shares her journey, affirming that every challenge is a step toward success.

### What does a Dream needs?



Zainab Al-Khalidi

Zainab Al-Khalidi was born in Kuwait in 2008 and she raised in a supportive environment, she developed a strong personality and learned to rely on herself in everything. From a young age, her positive energy enabled her to face any difficulty. She excelled in her studies in Kuwaiti schools and







constantly sought to discover her potential and prove herself in various fields.

Zainab loves writing and has authored two books, “My Imitations” and “It’s No Longer a Dream,” where she shared her personal experiences and ideas. She has a passion for swimming and mastered it despite the challenges she faced. Her talents extend to acting and participating in cultural events, making her a source of inspiration for many children and youth in Kuwait and beyond.

Zainab dreams of becoming an influential figure who changes stereotypes about people with disabilities. She aims to raise awareness through her media appearances and social media platforms. She also aspires to be a globally recognized writer, continuing to share inspiring stories and encouraging others to overcome their fears and pursue their dreams. For her, nothing is impossible as long as one believes in their abilities and works to develop them.

### The Light of Creativity



Nourhan Abed

Nourhan Abed is a young blind artist who defied her visual impairment to master painting with a unique talent that relies on touch and imagination. She began her artistic journey in childhood, discovering her ability to distinguish colors through touch. Her talent extends beyond painting to writing poetry and novels, and she dreams of holding her own art exhibition. Currently, she is studying media, specializing in radio and television, at Mansoura University,

and aspires to be an inspiration for people with special abilities.

Nourhan recalls, “I used to feel the paper with my fingertips, as if searching for something lost in the darkness. But the darkness wasn’t just in my eyes; it was in the doubts of others, in their repeated question: ‘How?’ I heard the whispers, felt the eyes watching me as I held the pen, as if I were committing a forbidden miracle. But I knew I didn’t need eyes to see; I needed a heart that believed imagination is stronger than any darkness.”

Nourhan’s journey wasn’t easy, filled with moments of frustration, bullying, and self-doubt. But she knew she wasn’t born to be a sad story; she was born to prove that strength comes from within. Today, she dreams of holding an exhibition that reflects her world, telling everyone that art is not just colors on paper but a soul breaking free from all constraints.

### A Symphony of Willpower



Ahmed Al-Hashimi

In a city bustling with fast rhythms, Ahmed Al-Hashimi grew up surrounded by the diverse melodies of life. From childhood, the piano became his constant companion, as his small fingers wove compositions that reflected his rich inner world. Born with autism, his journey wasn’t easy, but he turned his condition into a gateway to create melodies that ears had never heard before—music that translated what words could not express.



Ahmed didn't just become a pianist; he became a composer, creating pieces that carried his unique signature. He performed at over 40 international events, gracing major stages in the UAE, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Canada, and Korea, proving that determination defies the impossible. His talent earned him numerous awards, including the gold medal at the Lipton Music Competition and the Chopin International Award, establishing him as a true artist.

Today, Ahmed doesn't just play the piano; he plays the strings of hope, paving the way for others like him who face their challenges with the spirit of an artist who knows no surrender. His dreams extend beyond the piano keys, as he aspires to compose symphonic works that carry his identity and leave a mark on the world of music.

#### A Will of Gold

In the village of Shuber, Gharbia Governorate, Egyptian hero Mohamed El-Miniawy grew up in a simple environment that shaped his strong spirit. Despite his short stature, he was drawn to weightlifting early on, refusing to surrender to any obstacle. With unwavering determination, he saw in iron a means to achieve greatness, lifting weights on his shoulders as he carried his big dream of reaching the top.

Through continuous training and determination, he took one step after another, believing that sweat and effort were the path to achievement.

At the Paris 2024 Paralympics, he lifted 201 kg in front of the world's eyes, claiming the gold medal with full merit. As he stood on the podium, he didn't just lift his medal; he lifted Egypt's name high. The gold shone on his chest, but the real brilliance was in the eyes of those he inspired, proving that willpower makes the impossible possible.

#### The Power of Hope



Zainab Al-Aqabi

Zainab Al-Aqabi is an Iraqi girl whom fate could not break, nor could it extinguish her passion. At the age of seven, a landmine explosion took her leg, but it did not take her hope. Instead, she turned adversity into strength, raising the banner of defiance from that moment on.

She says, "I didn't choose what happened to me, but it didn't stop me from choosing how to live after it." She studied pharmacy at the University of Sharjah and became a model of success. She didn't stop at her personal achievements but inspired others, participated in international conferences, and became the first Arab ambassador for a global company specializing in prosthetics.

Her journey is arduous, but every step she took solidified her footing. She ran hundreds of kilometers in marathons to support people of determination, delivered speeches at TEDx events, and became a voice for those in need of strength. She says, "Disability is not in the body; it's in surrender."





## Report by Noha Bakr

### ► Grand Egyptian Museum Set to Open; Are Egyptian Museums Ready to Welcome People with Special Needs?



Noha Bakr

Museums are a cornerstone of preserving cultural and historical heritage, attracting tourists from around the world, and spreading knowledge among all segments of society, including people with special needs. With the growing global awareness of the importance of integrating this group into cultural activities, equipping Egyptian museums to accommodate them has become essential. However, despite some efforts, significant challenges still face people with special needs when visiting Egyptian museums, raising questions about the readiness of these institutions to welcome them.

In recent years, there have been some positive developments in preparing Egyptian museums to receive people with special needs, with some major museums improving their infrastructure and providing specialized services.

During a tour conducted by a “Jasour” editor to several Egyptian museums, the following observations were made:

**The Grand Egyptian Museum:** The world eagerly awaits its opening, scheduled for July 3. The museum appears fully equipped to welcome people with special needs, starting with free entry tickets for them and their companions, to creating a fully accessible environment for all types of disabilities. This includes tactile models for the visually impaired to explore exhibits through touch, as well as wheelchairfriendly pathways.

#### **The National Museum of Egyptian Civilization:**

This museum is one of the most equipped for people with special needs, featuring electric elevators and designated pathways for wheelchairs. It also offers interactive screens and sign language services to assist visitors who are deaf or hard of hearing.

#### **The Bibliotheca Alexandrina:**

Although not a traditional museum, it houses an antiquities museum and provides services for people with special needs, such as elevators, designated pathways, and advanced Braille signage for the visually impaired.

Despite these improvements, many Egyptian museums are still not fully prepared to accommodate people with special needs. Among these are:

#### **The Egyptian Museum in Tahrir:**

Despite being one of Egypt’s most important museums, it lacks adequate electric elevators, and its pathways are not fully paved for wheelchairs, making navigation difficult for people with mobility impairments.

**The Museum of Islamic Art:** It does not have sufficient pathways for people with mobility impairments, and while Braille signage is available, it has become worn with frequent use, limiting the experience for the visually impaired.

#### **The Alexandria National Museum:**

It does not provide sign language interpreters or audio tours for the visually impaired, reducing the ability of visitors with special needs to benefit from the museum experience.

#### **Lack of Assistive Technology**

While global museums rely on modern technology to enhance the experience of visitors with special needs, most Egyptian museums lag in this area. For example:

There are no audio applications to help the visually impaired navigate museums easily.

Interactive screens with sign language are not available in most museums to assist the deaf and hard of hearing in understanding exhibits.







### Shortage of Trained Staff

Although some museums have trained guides, this service is not widely available. For instance, most museums do not have permanent sign language interpreters, making it difficult for deaf visitors to communicate with tour guides.

On the other hand, major global museums strive to provide a comprehensive and integrated experience for people with special needs, which Egyptian museums should fully adopt. Examples include:

**The Louvre Museum (France):** Offers special tours for the visually impaired, allowing them to touch some models, along with Braille signage and designated pathways for wheelchairs.

**The Metropolitan Museum of Art (USA):** Features programs for people with special needs, including interactive tours, sign language interpreters, and audio guides for the visually impaired.

**The British Museum (UK):** Provides a special map showing the best pathways for people with special needs, along with hearing devices and guides for the visually impaired.

It is noteworthy that Egyptian museums have begun implementing some improvements, but these efforts remain limited and do not include all museums. To address this, the following steps are necessary:

**Improving Infrastructure:** Providing electric elevators and paved pathways in all museums, especially the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir and the Museum of Islamic Art.

**Equipping Restrooms and Facilities:** Ensuring they are suitable for use by people with special needs.

**Enhancing Technology:** Developing audio applications to assist the visually impaired in navigating museums.

**Interactive Screens:** Incorporating sign language to help the deaf and hard of hearing understand exhibits, and creating QR codes next to each display for brief sign language videos (no more than 15 seconds per artifact).

**Training Staff:** Educating museum employees and tour guides on how to interact with people with special needs, and appointing permanent sign language interpreters in major museums.

**Interactive Programs and Tactile Models:** Introducing tactile models in all major museums to allow the visually impaired to experience artifacts.

**Specialized Tours:** Organizing tours for people with special needs, including qualified guides and assistive tools like hearing devices.

**Community Awareness:** Launching media campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of integrating people with special needs into cultural activities.

**Partnerships:** Encouraging collaborations with organizations advocating for the rights of people with special needs to support the improvement of museum services.

By addressing these areas, Egyptian museums can become more inclusive and accessible, ensuring that everyone, regardless of ability, can enjoy and benefit from the rich cultural heritage they preserve.





## !A Kuwaiti, O' my fortune

I offered my heart to you,  
And entrusted my soul to you.  
My homeland, my sustenance, my homeland,  
Kuwait, peace be upon you.

Your love resides within me,  
And I would sacrifice for you as time passes.  
For you are the aspiration, O my homeland,  
And in you, we dissolve together.

Our ship sails onward, with Mishaal, our beacon of safety,  
And for glory, you are the nation.  
I am glory, brimming with pride,  
I am the sun, giving life to the day.

A Kuwaiti-oh, how fortunate I am!

**Hanan Al-Anezi**





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KA 057	21:00	Saudi Arabia	127
KA 058	21:30	Yamoubo	128
KA 059	22:00	Amman	129
KA 060	22:30	Baghdad	130

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Flight	Time	Destination	Gate
KA 001	08:00	Amman	101
KA 002	08:30	Baghdad	102
KA 003	09:00	Doha	103
KA 004	09:30	London	104
KA 005	10:00	Paris	105
KA 006	10:30	Riyadh	106
KA 007	11:00	Jeddah	107
KA 008	11:30	Muscat	108
KA 009	12:00	Abu Dhabi	109
KA 010	12:30	Manama	110
KA 011	13:00	Beirut	111
KA 012	13:30	Tripoli	112
KA 013	14:00	Saudi Arabia	113
KA 014	14:30	Yamoubo	114
KA 015	15:00	Amman	115
KA 016	15:30	Baghdad	116
KA 017	16:00	Doha	117
KA 018	16:30	London	118
KA 019	17:00	Paris	119
KA 020	17:30	Riyadh	120
KA 021	18:00	Jeddah	121
KA 022	18:30	Muscat	122
KA 023	19:00	Abu Dhabi	123
KA 024	19:30	Manama	124
KA 025	20:00	Beirut	125
KA 026	20:30	Tripoli	126
KA 027	21:00	Saudi Arabia	127
KA 028	21:30	Yamoubo	128
KA 029	22:00	Amman	129
KA 030	22:30	Baghdad	130

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KA 031	08:00	Amman	101
KA 032	08:30	Baghdad	102
KA 033	09:00	Doha	103
KA 034	09:30	London	104
KA 035	10:00	Paris	105
KA 036	10:30	Riyadh	106
KA 037	11:00	Jeddah	107
KA 038	11:30	Muscat	108
KA 039	12:00	Abu Dhabi	109
KA 040	12:30	Manama	110
KA 041	13:00	Beirut	111
KA 042	13:30	Tripoli	112
KA 043	14:00	Saudi Arabia	113
KA 044	14:30	Yamoubo	114
KA 045	15:00	Amman	115
KA 046	15:30	Baghdad	116
KA 047	16:00	Doha	117
KA 048	16:30	London	118
KA 049	17:00	Paris	119
KA 050	17:30	Riyadh	120
KA 051	18:00	Jeddah	121
KA 052	18:30	Muscat	122
KA 053	19:00	Abu Dhabi	123
KA 054	19:30	Manama	124
KA 055	20:00	Beirut	125
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