

International

BOOK OF NELSON MANDELA QUOTATIONS RELEASED

(AP) — A new Nelson Mandela book, slim, bound in black and set in eye-straining type, looks a bit like a bible or a prayer book.

That's fitting, because the editors of "Nelson Mandela By Himself" brought something close to religious zeal to the task of choosing and checking more than 2,000 quotations to ensure the world gets the anti-apartheid icon's words right. The book was released Monday — days after U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama got an advance copy signed by Mandela when she met him during a visit to South Africa.

Editors Sello Hatang and Sahn Venter work for Mandela's foundation, which oversees charity and development work on his behalf and houses some of his archives. Hatang and Venter say the Nelson Mandela Foundation receives thousands of requests from researchers and others to confirm the accuracy of Mandela's quotes. The book is, in part, an attempt to settle such ques-



tions in one place.

The editors turned to speeches, notebook entries, recorded conversations and other material, some until now unpublished, for the book.

Hatang and Venter say in their introduction: "We can all honor Nelson Mandela by quoting him correctly and accurately."

For a book that would slip easily into a jacket pocket, "Nelson Mandela By Himself" has a daunting table of contents. There

are 317 subject headings, from accountability to Zionism. "Prison" is divided into a further 26 headings, one short of the 27 years Mandela was incarcerated, with his musings on his release, visitors, even contemplating escape.

Victory is found between vengeance — "We had to refuse that our long sacrifice should make a stone of our hearts" — and violence — "Great anger and violence can never build a nation."

The book's emphasis on the uplifting and the pedagogical might lead some to draw parallels to Mao's little red book. But we also see Mandela questioning his choices:

"I have often wondered whether a person is justified in neglecting his own family to fight for opportunities for others."

And there are flashes of his famous, self-deprecating humor:

"If only to emphasize that I am human, and as fallible as anyone else, let me admit that ... accolades do flatter me."

The quotations are arranged chronologically within each category, allowing readers a sense of how Mandela's ideas developed over time — or in some cases held firm, as with his loyalty to regimes in Cuba and Libya that supported his African National Congress during the struggle against apartheid. His early observations on Africa suffering under imperialism evolve to more recent criticism of the continent's home-grown tyrants.

Tourism

CERTAIN GUIDELINES FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TRAVELLERS

(KUNA) -- The Acting Charge d'Affaires to the Kuwaiti Embassy in Australia Anas Issa Al-Shaheen urged those planning to spend the summer in Australia or New Zealand to mind the directions given to ensure a pleasant time free of trouble.

Al-Shaheen stressed the need to issue a visa from each country through their embassies in Kuwait.

He also urged Kuwaiti travelers planning to drive in Australia to issue an international driving license or an official translated document to the Kuwaiti one. Other guidelines stressed by the official included the need to avoid carrying narcotics, weapons as well as flammable items.

Al-Shaheen stressed on the need to save the numbers of relatives and the Embassy of the country they are visiting in case of emergencies.

The travelers are advised against carrying over USD 10,000. This is in accordance with 5th article of



the visa's application.

If there is need for such amount, the authorities must be presented with a written notification of it upon entry. In addition to the precaution of not carrying too much cash while on the move, Travellers are to avoid

smoking in public places as well as transportations, the official added.

Tourists are also urged to carry a copy of their passports while keeping the original document at the hotel's safe deposit box. The travelling document should be

valid for at least six months. Travellers to Australia or New Zealand are advised to visit the Kuwaiti Embassy website for further information.

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Technology

IRAN PLANS TO SEND MONKEY INTO SPACE

(Reuters) - Iran plans to send a live monkey into space next month, the latest advance in a missile and space program which has alarmed Israel and its western allies that fear the Islamic Republic is seeking nuclear weapons.

The official IRNA news agency on Monday quoted the head of Iran's Space Agency as saying five monkeys were undergoing tests before one is selected for the flight on board a Kavoshgar-5 rocket.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said last August that Iran planned to



send a man into space by 2017.

Western countries are concerned the long-range ballistic technology used to propel Iranian satellites into orbit could be used to launch atomic warheads. Tehran denies such suggestions and says its nuclear work is purely peaceful.

Last week, Iran launched its second domestically built satellite into orbit, the Rasad 1 (Observation), which it said was for transmitting images and weather forecasts.

Local

Kuwait parliament rejects granting financial allowances for teachers



(KUNA) - The National Assembly rejected on Tuesday a bill for granting financial allowances for teaching staff of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Awqaf.

Up to 42 legislators, out of the 61 present lawmakers, voted in favor of the bill, with two abstentions.

Speaker Jassem Al-Kharafi, speaking after the voting, said the draft law did not win approval of the majority of the lawmakers, 44, in line with the Constitution. He added that the relevant report of the joint commission would be re-presented at the parliament during the next legislative term.

If approved with two thirds of the votes, the bill would have been endorsed by His Highness the Amir, and issued in 30 days.

Meanwhile, Minister of Education and Higher Educational Ahmad Al-Mlaifi affirmed necessity of securing ample financial and moralistic support for the teachers, noting that the MPs differed on means of disbursing such funds, as well as the necessary criterion for the payment of the bonuses.

Al-Mlaifi expressed hope that the draft law would be blessed in October -- when the next legislative term of the parliament gets underway -- for sake of supporting both, the teachers and students.

Economy

China's CNPC opens Iraqi oilfield with 3 m ton annual capacity



(KUNA) - China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC), the nation's biggest oil company began operations of the first phase of the Al-Ahdab oilfield in Iraq on June 21 with an annual capacity of 3 million tons, the state-run China Daily reported Tuesday.

The project marks "significant progress" in CNPC's construction of key oil and gas cooperative areas in the Middle East, Jiang Jiemin, general manager of CNPC, was quoted as saying in a company statement.

The oilfield, located 180 kilometers southeast of Baghdad, is the first major oil project to begin operation in Iraq for more than 20 years. Al-Ahdab is expected to produce 25,000 barrels of oil per day (bpd) in the first three years and 115,000 bpd in six years as stipulated in the contract, the state-owned company said, according to the paper.

The oilfield, in south-central Iraq, was discovered in 1979 and has estimated reserves of 1 billion barrels.

The deal was initially signed with the government of Saddam Hussein in 1996 but was postponed after the UN imposed sanctions on the war-ravaged state and the subsequent invasion led by the US in 2003.

CNPC finally signed the agreement under a technical service contract scheme, instead of the original production-sharing agreement, with Iraq's Ministry of Oil in 2008 after protracted negotiations, allowing CNPC to develop the Al-Ahdab oilfield for the next 23 years.

The CNPC's investment to develop and explore the oilfield is about USD 3 billion. The adjusted contract, in which CNPC will receive a fixed fee for a barrel of oil instead of gaining an equity stake, as it would have done under the previous regime, would reduce CNPC's profits, in particular in an era of high oil prices, the report said. But the oilfield is the biggest project for CNPC as a major operator in the oil-rich Middle East, which brought other qualified Chinese companies to participate in the big overseas projects.

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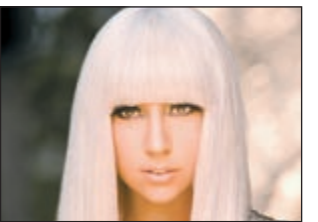
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