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Dr Abdullah Matouq Al Matouq was appointed Humanitarian Envoy of the UN Secretary General in November 2012 and his term was renewed for four consecutive years until December 2016. The UN Secretary General tasked the Humanitarian Envoy Dr Al Matouq with establishing strong ties between the UN and the decision makers in the GCC countries and other Muslim and Arab countries in order to support the multilateral humanitarian response efforts through raising the awareness of the Arab and Gulf governments as well as NGOs of the humanitarian crises and the necessity of forging partnerships with the International Humanitarian Community.

Dr Al Matouq is the current CEO of the International Islamic Charitable Organization , which he headed in 2010. He is also an Advisor to Al Diwan Al Amiri of the State of Kuwait since 2010.

Dr Al Matouq also served as Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in the Kuwaiti Council of Ministers between June 2003 and March 2007, and as Minister of Justice in the same period starting February 2006. He also worked as professor and Head of The Islamic Studies Department at the College of Basic Education.

Dr Al Matouq was born in 1957, he received a PHD from the University of Glasgow in 1996. In 2005, the President of Egypt awarded him the Highest Sciences and Arts Medal of Honor.

As A Humanitarian envoy of the UN Secretary General, Dr Al Matouq's responsibilities included communicating with different nongovernmental and international organizations and UN Agencies to build partnerships and cooperate in the humanitarian field, in addition to working on promoting relations between Un Agencies and the GCC countries governments to make sure that they have honored the commitments made during the previous meetings and conferences.

Hereafter, some of the activities that Dr Al Matouq has undertaken, in chronological order, starting with the most recent:

- Honored by the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) on the Second Forum for the Organization and Development of Volunteerism in the GCC countries due to his role and achievement record in humanitarian and charitable work, Kuwait , **15 May 2017**.
- Chosen as the Figure of this Year by the Dubai International Exhibition and Conference for Relief and Development due to his significant contributions in the humanitarian field, Dubai, UAE,**23 March 2017**.
- Honored by His Excellency Mr. William Seung, Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) - United Nations Agency for Migration, as part of his efforts to assist the Organization, Kuwait **12 February 2017**
- Received the UN Humanitarian Leaders Initiative Award by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Humanitarian Funds, in recognition of his role as envoy of the Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs for four successive years since 2012 until 2016 which was unprecedented for any Arab official to occupy this UN position, Qatar , **18 January 2017**.

- He was awarded the Humanitarian Fund Award for the second time under the slogan: “Islamic Donor Institutions with international sustainability criteria”, by the Islamic Council of the Organization for Islamic Cooperation Humanitarian Fund , In The Kingdom of Bahrain, **27 December, 2016.**
- He received the Person of the year Social Responsibility Award, in appreciation of his excellent efforts in supporting humanitarian work and social responsibility projects and initiatives, during the Oman International Social Responsibility Conference in 2016. Sultanate of Oman, Salala, **20 December 2016.**
- He received the Sheikh Nasser Humanitarian Action Award from The King of Bahrain, SheiKh Nasser Ben Hamad Al Khalifa, in appreciation of his efforts in Charity work. Kingdom of Bahrain, **31 October 2016.**
- He was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, in acknowledgment of his strenuous efforts as Humanitarian Envoy garnering support for humanitarian crises and of his prominent role with regards to the Syrian Crisis in organizing three Donor conferences to support the humanitarian situation in Syria, hosted by Kuwait in 2013, 2014 and 2015. In addition to his pioneering role in heading and managing four NGOs conferences for Syria in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Kingdom of Bahrain, **31 October, 2016.**
- He was honored by the Head of the International Committee of the Red Cross Dr Peter Maurer, for his clear influence in humanitarian and relief action. Geneva, **6th October 2016.**
- He participated as a keynote speaker in the Refugees Summit in the 4th high level roundtable meeting of the UN General Assembly on Refugees and Migrants – The International agreement to share the responsibility for the refugees under the International Law. New York, 19 September, 2016.
- He participated in the World Humanitarian Summit held in Istanbul, Turkey, **23-24 May, 2016.**
- He intervened at the high level consultations on International Cooperation with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations on religions for Peace. Tokyo, Japan, **12 May 2016.**

- He inaugurated two Elementary Schools (Kuwait 3 and Kuwait 4), a mosque, a diagnostic X- rays Unit and a blood bank at the Zaatari Camp for Syrian Refugees in the Kuwait Second Model Village that was donated by the State of Kuwait under the supervision of The International Islamic Charitable Organization. Amman, Jordan, **19 April 2016.**
- He participated as a keynote speaker at a high level workshop on the Arab vision for the future of international peace and security for an appropriate, collective and efficient response. Cairo, **2nd March 2016.**
- He participated as a keynote speaker at a conference on the Humanitarian crisis in Yemen- Challenges and perspectives of humanitarian response-. Qatar **24 February 2016.**
- He participated as a keynote speaker at the 4th Humanitarian pledging Conference for Syria, held in London, The UK, **3rd February 2016.**
- He presided over the 4th conference of nongovernmental donor organizations for the Syrian people, organized by the International Islamic Charitable Organization, that was able to raise pledges worth 344 million Dollars. Kuwait **28 January, 2016.**
- He presided over the Annual Conference for effective partnership and information exchange organized by the International Islamic Charitable Organization and the UNOCHA- Kuwait, **1st December 2015.**
- He participated as a keynote speaker at the 11th Regional Security Summit – The International Institute for Strategic Studies-. Manama, Bahrain, **November 1st November 2015.**
- He was a keynote speaker at the world consultations of the World Humanitarian Summit, Geneva, **15 October, 2015.**
- He participated at the Regional Ministerial meeting on the State of Qatar Initiative to promote Education and professional development for the Syrian People, The UN Headquarters, NY, **1st October 2015.**
- He headed Top Donors group meetings during the preparation of the Second Pledging Conference for Syria ; and based on a proposal by the UN Secretary General Mr Ban Ki Moon, he was tasked with creating a group of top donor countries to the conference. The idea behind establishing a top Donors Group

for Syria was to create a platform for the top donors to discuss issues pertaining to funding and spending strategies in order to increase effectiveness, avoid duplicity and continue the already existing coordination mechanisms. Dr. Maatouq chaired the first meeting on March 18, 2014 to the ninth meeting held in State of Kuwait, **16 January 2017**.

- He participated as a keynote speaker at Expo Milano on the occasion of the first anniversary of appointing his Highness the Emir as Humanitarian Leader and choosing Kuwait as a world Humanitarian center. Milano, Italy, **9 September, 2015**.
- He inaugurated two Elementary schools, (Kuwait 1 and 2) at the Zaatari camp for the Syrian refugee students at the Kuwait model village donated by the International Islamic Charity Organization. Amman, Jordan, **5 September 2015**.
- He visited King Salman Center for Relief and Humanitarian Aid, Riyadh **3rd September 2015**.
- He represented the State of Kuwait at the cheques awarding ceremony in support of the Syria crisis response (11 June 2015) , where the total pledges amounted to 311 million Dollars and on **April 7, 2015** with the sum of 250 Million USD.
- He headed the third conference of the donors nongovernmental organizations for the Syrian People organized by the International Islamic Charity Organization and was able to raise around \$506 million USD. **30 March 2015** the State of Kuwait.
- He played a pioneering and prominent role in organizing the four International Pledging Conferences in support of the Humanitarian situation in Syria on February 2016, March 2015 , January 2014 and January 2013, In the State of Kuwait.