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His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives a souvenir from Minister of Commerce and Industry and Acting Minister of State for Youth Affairs Khaled Al-Roudhan.

AMIR MEETS SENIOR IRAQI SCHOLAR

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Minister of State for Municipality Affairs Mohammad Al-Jabri, and visiting head of the Iraqi jurisprudence authority for senior scholars, Ahmad Hassan Taha. His Highness the Amir also received Sheikh Mubarak Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah on the occasion of winning France's highest medal, the knights of the Legion of Honor. Earlier yesterday, His Highness the Amir received the Acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah met yesterday Falah Eid bin Jamea at Bayan Palace. His Highness the Crown Prince also received Bandar Al-Duwaihi. In addition, His Highness the Crown Prince received Chairman of the National Security Apparatus (NSA) Sheikh Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Salem Al-

Sabah. His Highness also met with Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bahrain Sheikh Azzam Mubarak Al-Sabah, as well as Sheikh Mubarak Abdullah Al-Sabah on the occasion of winning France's highest medal.

Earlier yesterday, His Highness the Crown Prince received at Bayan Palace Minister of Commerce and Industry and Acting Minister of State for Youth Affairs Khaled Al-Roudhan, Ministry of State for Youth Affairs Undersecretary Al-Zain Sabah Al-Naser Al-Sabah and a number of Ministry of State for Youth Affairs officials.

During the meeting, they presented to His Highness the Crown Prince a souvenir on the occasion of Kuwait winning Youth Excellence and Creativity Award, and choosing Kuwait 'Capital of Arab Youth 2017.' His Highness Sheikh Nawaf hailed the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs for encouraging youth creativity and promoting Arab identity. His Highness said these efforts would achieve sustainable development in all fields. The meeting was

attended by Head of His Highness the Crown Prince's Protocols Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.

In other news, His Highness the Amir sent a congratulatory cable to Lulwa Saleh Al-Mulla on the occasion of having been conferred a French order of civilian distinction. This honoring came in recognition of her contributions to social and women's issues and human rights. His Highness also sent a similar cable to Aisha Mishari Al-Fares on the occasion of her honoring by receiving the National Order of Merit with the rank of Knight from the French Republic in recognition of her contributions to enhancing ties between Kuwait and France in the cultural and social fields. His Highness the Amir praised this honoring, and wished her everlasting progress and success. Mulla and Fares received similar cables from His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. — KUNA



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RIYADH SUMMITS TO HELP COUNTER TERROR: JARALLAH

'KUWAIT CLOSELY FOLLOWING ISSUE OF KUWAITI KILLED IN TURKEY'

KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister of Kuwait Khaled Al-Jarallah said yesterday that Kuwait hopes the three forthcoming summits due in the Saudi capital of Riyadh next week would help in the fight against terrorism. Jarallah made the statement to the press on the sidelines of the opening session of a symposium organized at the Saud Al-Nasser Al-Sabah Diplomatic Institute under the theme 'evolution of women rights in the State of Kuwait.'

The first summit will be held between Saudi King Salman and the visiting US President Donald Trump. A second one will follow for Trump and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, coinciding with the bi-annual consultative meeting of the bloc's leaders. A third one will bring together Trump and the heads of state and leaders from Arab and Islamic states of the Islamic Alliance to combat terrorism. Jarallah said that the US President's visit to the Kingdom is 'historic,' adding that the US-GCC summit reflects the interaction of the bloc's member states with allies to face the 'abnormal conditions in the region.'

Referring to the GCC leaders' consultative meeting, the senior diplomat said that it "manifests vitality of the member states," pointing to "developments that prompt coordination and consultation." A major topic on the agenda will be the deteriorating security conditions in the region, especially the tragic ones in Yemen, Syria and Iraq. On the recent visit by the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi to Kuwait, Jarallah said it was a chance for consultation and coordination. He said that bilateral relations are historical and deep-rooted, noting that Egypt is the cornerstone of the Arab World.

Yemeni talks

Meanwhile, Jarallah said that Kuwait is ready to host the Yemeni parties if there is a "final formula to end the ongoing crisis there." He added that Kuwait is committed to remedying the situation in Yemen. Kuwait previously hosted peace consultations among the Yemeni parties for three months, he said.

On the secession council political leaders in South Yemen launched, Jarallah said it is a negative development on the "Yemeni path," that was rejected by the GCC. It is not viable, he stressed. Jarallah referred to The GCC ties with the Sudan

as "advanced" saying that the bloc welcomes Khartoum's openness to the world. He pointed to positive developments on Sudan's relations with the world, especially the US. The senior diplomat spoke of the forthcoming visit by the US President Trump to Saudi Arabia, saying it constitutes a message on the depth of the strategic political, economic, and security ties between the US and the GCC. Meanwhile, Jarallah hoped that GCC-Iran strategic dialogue would advance. He said that dialogue is the channel to remove the "congestion" in the relations between the GCC and Iran. Basic require-



Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah

ments of this dialogue are refraining from interfering in the internal affairs of other countries, respect of sovereignty and good neighborliness.

Kuwaiti citizens

Separately, Jarallah said that Kuwait is eagerly and closely following up developments of the issue of a Kuwaiti citizen killed in Istanbul weeks ago, adding that they are coordinating with the Turkish authorities on the issue.

He noted that His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah manifested concern over the issue when he received Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan here last week. He also expressed hope that the Turkish authorities would identify the full circumstances of the crime and find the perpetrators.

On Kuwaiti Mohammad Al-Baghli who went missing in Romania, Jarallah said that search is still on, lauding cooperation on the side of the Romanian authorities. Contacts with the Romania will continue until a result is reached.

Stable environment

During the opening session of the symposium, Jarallah proclaimed that comprehensive development is not likely to be achieved without providing a stable environment for women in all fields, particularly human, social and economic security, as strategic partners in building the society. Most countries have witnessed a shift regarding women's rights on the social, economic and political scenes, Jarallah said. The senior diplomat stressed Kuwait's commitment to the 'Beijing Declaration' and keenness on implementing its goals for empowering women, and eradicating discrimination and violence against them. Kuwait has been eager that women should be always present in fields of administrative and investment development and education, as well as the political, judicial and voluntary work, besides their contributions to culture, and arts, he said. Jarallah emphasized Kuwait's commitment to gender equality, saying that women's empowerment "springs from the spirit of the Kuwaiti Constitution" with several provisions securing their rights. Kuwaiti women have proved themselves and have been playing a leading role in decision-making, occupying key posts in the government, parliament, the diplomatic corps, the judiciary and the police.

Kuwaiti Women's Day

Setting May 16 as the "Kuwaiti Women's Day" was prompted by a strong belief on the side of the State of Kuwait in the prime importance of their role in the society, as well as keenness on investing their capabilities in the current march of renaissance, the Deputy Foreign Minister said.

The Kuwaiti woman has had a basic, effective and honorable role through the decades, Assistant Foreign Minister for Americas Ambassador Reem Al-Khaled told the event. Since the Foreign Ministry was established in 1962, neither the diplomatic nor the consular corps has differentiated between men and women, Khaled stressed. She also highlighted His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's support to women's rights and equality with men at work.

Khaled said that the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah appointed the first women in a leading post at the ministry in 2015, an Assistant Foreign Minister.—KUNA

CABINET SATISFIED WITH INTERPELLATION FINDINGS

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti cabinet yesterday

voiced satisfaction with the findings of recent interpellations against His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. During the recent parliamentary session on the grilling, the National Assembly showed eagerness to have constructive cooperation with His Highness the Prime Minister, the cabinet said in a statement following its routine weekly meeting held at Bayan Palace. The cabinet hoped that the latest development could indicate a fresh stage of cooperation between both government and parliament in order to address development challenges and to fulfill the hopes of citizens in various domains, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah said in a press statement following the meeting.

It emphasized that legislative-executive cooperation would undoubtedly act as a catalyst for more achievements in the country, said Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, who doubles as acting Minister of Information.

Minister of State for Housing Affairs and Minister of State for Service Affairs Yasser Abul expressed thanks and gratitude to members of parliament for the democratic atmosphere during the inter-

pellation filed against him.

He vowed at the cabinet's customary meeting that he would do his utmost to serve the nation, and appreciated his colleagues' backing during the parliamentary session. Also during today's meeting, the ministers remembered the great deeds and sacrifices of the late Father Amir Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah as well as his role in the liberation of Kuwait from Iraqi invasion.

Afterwards, Acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah briefed the cabinet on the outcomes of the recent visit by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to the State of Kuwait and his talks with His Highness the Amir on bilateral relations and ways of further promoting and developing them in all fields. Internationally, the Kuwaiti cabinet congratulated South Korean's President-elect Moon Jae-In, wishing him best of luck and a further development of bilateral relations. It finally condemned a recent shooting in Al-Qatif in Saudi Arabia, which left scores of people dead or wounded. The cabinet emphasized that Kuwait stands side by side with Saudi Arabia and supports all measures it is taking to maintain its security and stability. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chairs the cabinet's meeting yesterday. — KUNA