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# Palestinian leader departs Kuwait after talks with Amir

## Abbas meets top state officials



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sees off Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas yesterday. — KUNA



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas meets with National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem.

KUWAIT: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas departed Kuwait yesterday after an official visit during which he held talks with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Abbas was seen off at Kuwait International Airport by His Highness the Amir, First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-

Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Minister for Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah and head of the guest accompanying delegation Amiri Diwan Advisor Mohammad Daifallah Sharar.

In addition to meeting with His Highness the Amir, Abbas met during his

visit with National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled. He also met with Arab League Secretary General Ahmad Abul Gheit and Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Dr Yusuf Al-Othaimeen. — KUNA

## Erdogan to discuss bilateral ties, regional affairs during Kuwait visit

ISTANBUL: Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will discuss bilateral relations and regional affairs, namely Syria, Iraq and the Gulf, during upcoming talks with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in Kuwait, his spokesman said yesterday. The talks, scheduled for tomorrow, will focus on "boosting cooperation in the fields of contracting, investments, tourism, industry, military, defense and education," Ibrahim Kalin said in a statement.

Afterwards, the Turkish leader will travel to Doha where he will attend a third round of bilateral strategic talks with Qatar. In both Kuwait and Qatar, Erdogan's discussions will explore viewpoints on bilateral relations and regional affairs, including Syria, Iraq and the Gulf region, Kalin added.



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Meanwhile, Erdogan will meet President Vladimir Putin in the Russian city of Sochi today. Along with regional and international developments, mainly Syria, both leaders will discuss increasing bilateral trade to \$100 billion. Ankara also plans to convince Moscow to remove trade restrictions and return mutual travel visa exemption for their nationals. After Turkey shot down a Russian military jet that entered its airspace, Moscow had placed an embargo on some Turkish goods and annulled its exemption of visas for Turkish visitors. — KUNA

## Kuwait hosts first 'Women in War' conference

KUWAIT: Sheikha Intisar Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah announced that the first women's social conference will be held in November in Kuwait in conjunction with the Regional Delegation of the ICRC in Kuwait and INTISARS. The conference will be inaugurated in the presence of Christine Beerli, Vice-President of the ICRC in Switzerland. Sheikha Intisar Al-Sabah, Chairperson of the Al-Nowair Initiative for Positivity and INTISARS and the Fine Artist Amira Behbehani with a group of Kuwaiti women activists.

Sheikha Intisar said that the role of women during wars is substantially multiplied in the absence of fathers and husbands as in this case women will bear several burdens such as caring for their households, ensuring their safety, fostering them with love, protection, food, clothing and medicine and defending their small families that are part of the larger society. Furthermore, women constitute a solid source for motivation and encouragement for the people surrounding them. Therefore, they are not only a pillar of the household itself but also a backbone for the whole society. However, women are often bound unfortunately to be forgotten by non-governmental and international organizations, which often dedicate their major care and resources for children, the elderly and men.

Sheikha Intisar pointed out "If we go back in history we find out that women have played a major role in wars over time. In the First World War, for example, not only did women take over from men who were either engaged in fighting or working in weapon factories, but thousands of them also served in armies as nurses. As far as Kuwait is concerned, women worked since the independence of Kuwait and during the Iraqi invasion on defending their country and protecting their families. Women are a driving force that should not be overlooked because they have always proved their resilience. That is why, they should be deemed as a shield for any society that aims at continuous prosperity."

### Considerable role

The head of the ICRC Regional Delegation, Yahia Alibi, has also pointed out that this conference will play a considerable role in raising awareness about the International Humanitarian Law, especially in



Yahia Alibi



Sheikha Intisar Al-Sabah

demonstrating the mechanisms of how it protects women in war and the services provided by the ICRC to women during armed conflicts. He also added that some categories of people are entitled to specific protection under this law, and this is the case for women and children who should receive special respect and protection especially against any form of indecent behavior. This special protection granted to children is attributed to their age related vulnerability, whereas the protection of women is mainly due to their special needs in terms of health, hygiene physiology and maternity. He also commended the efforts of Sheikha Intisar Al-Sabah and Amira Behbehani in supporting this important issue.

### Exhibition

The activities of this conference will include an exhibition organized by the conceptual artist Amira Behbehani that will bring together international, regional and local artists to display their works on women in war. It will be held in 'The Hub' gallery.



Amira Behbehani

## KIB presents lecture at Safiya Middle School

KUWAIT: As part of its leading social responsibility program aimed at promoting better financial literacy and spreading greater economic awareness amongst local youth students, Kuwait International Bank (KIB) recently visited the Safiya Middle School for Girls. During the visit, the bank presented a lecture entitled 'Basic skills of saving and spending', which was attended by a number of students and teachers.

This latest visit came as part of KIB's ongoing efforts to directly engage with students, and enrich their knowledge about banking and finance. This stems from the Bank's belief in the importance of spreading financial literacy amongst the future generation, especially when it comes to teaching them about the basics of saving and spending.

Speaking about the Bank's financial literacy program, Team Leader of Corporate Communications at KIB, Fahad Al-Sarhan, said: "KIB continuously looks for opportunities to organize visits to various schools across the country. In doing so, we hope to encourage students to further their educa-



tion, as we believe this is the key to the country's future development on the one hand, and an important tool to help in spreading economic awareness amongst students on the other."

Sarhan added that the visit included a lecture on 'Basic skills of saving and spending', which comes as part of KIB's ongoing efforts to foster financial and economic awareness amongst the nation's youth, as well as introduce them to various savings methods and proper financial management. At the end of the visit, Sarhan wished all students a year full of successes

and achievements, and distributed a number of gifts and mementos amongst students in a friendly, joyful atmosphere laden.

Through its leading social responsibility program, KIB continuously seeks to sponsor and organize community-based initiatives that contribute to the development of all segments across the local community. Additionally, as part of its comprehensive plan developed over the past couple of years, KIB has focused on promoting greater financial literacy and enhanced economic awareness amongst the nation's younger generations.

## Indonesian Embassy marks Independence Day

KUWAIT: Indonesian Ambassador to Kuwait Tatang Budie Utama Razak hosted a reception on the occasion of the Commemoration of the Independence Day of the Republic at Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel over the weekend. Top officials, diplomats, media personalities and cross section of the Indonesian community in Kuwait participated in the event. — Photo by Joseph Shagra

