

Kuwait's chief lawmaker pins hope on GCC parliament speakers meeting

Bahraini speaker acclaims Amir's Gulf meeting patronage



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and top officials attend the 11th meeting of GCC parliament speakers.

KUWAIT: Kuwait's National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem said yesterday that a conference involving chief lawmakers from across the Gulf could bring welcome respite in what appears to be a dismal state of affairs in the region. Addressing a conference involving all six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) parliament speakers, Ghanem pointed out that a spate of high-profile events hosted by Kuwait, including the 23rd Gulf Arabian Cup, have allowed GCC states to rekindle goodwill among the neighbors.

He lamented that an ongoing Gulf diplomatic rift has deeply distressed Gulf leaders in a region that has long been accustomed to amity, saying that His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad

Al-Jaber Al-Sabah finds gratification in seeing the people of the Gulf in solidarity. Kuwait's chief lawmaker stressed that his country never wavered in its belief that the bond between Gulf nations is largely impenetrable and that the region's leaders have built ties that will never be broken. He went on to thank his Gulf counterparts for attending the conference,

wishing the region continued prosperity.

Gulf unity

Meanwhile, Bahraini Representatives Council Speaker Ahmad bin Ibrahim Al-Mallah voiced much thanks and appreciation to His Highness the Amir for patronizing and attending the 11th meeting of GCC parliament speakers. Speaking at the meeting, Mallah said the meeting is part of His Highness the Amir's initiatives aiming at maintaining Gulf unity, citing the recent successful Gulf summit and 23rd version of the Arabian Gulf Cup as clear-cut paradigms in this regard.

He added that history and generations to come would never forget His Highness the Amir's great efforts and unshakable keenness on consolidating and beefing up Gulf solidarity. The Bahraini parliament speaker hoped that this gathering, hosted by Kuwait, would come up with recommendations purposed to support the role of Gulf parliaments in ensuring bright future for all Gulf countries, people and coming generations.



Attendance reflects Amir's eagerness for stronger GCC



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah delivers a speech during the 11th meeting of GCC parliament speakers.



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Bahraini Representatives Council Speaker Ahmad bin Ibrahim Al-Mallah addresses the audience during the 11th meeting of GCC parliament speakers.

Relentless eagerness

Addressing the gathering, GCC Secretary-General Abdul-Latif Al-Zayani said His Highness the Amir's patronage and attendance of this meeting reflected His Highness the Amir's relentless eagerness to keep the Gulf bloc stronger and firmer in the face of surrounding challenges. He also spoke highly

of all the GCC leaders' efforts to fulfill the expectations and hopes of the GCC people.

Zayani congratulated His Highness the Amir on the success of the recent Gulf summit and Arabian Gulf Cup, held in Kuwait, which proved deep and concrete bonds among the Gulf brothers. He further voiced gratitude to the Gulf legislative councils for

their efforts over the recent period with a view to promoting and strengthening Gulf cooperation and coordination in the parliamentary field. The GCC chief also thanked them for having adopted laws and legislations aiming at maintaining Gulf security and stability and fighting terrorism and extremism. —KUNA

Amir, Crown Prince receive GCC representatives

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Seif Palace yesterday National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem and Chairpersons and Speakers of Shura, Representatives Councils and National Assemblies of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and GCC Secretary General Abdul-Latif bin Rashid Al-Zayani on the occasion of their visit to the country. Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah attended the meeting. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah later met with Ghanem and the GCC speakers' delegation. Protocol Chief at His Highness the Crown Prince's Diwan Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah attended the meeting. —KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with GCC parliamentary representatives. —KUNA

Cabinet applauds Gulf Cup organizers

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti cabinet yesterday highly commended the great efforts of the organizing committee of the recent 23rd Arabian Gulf Cup. During a weekly meeting held at Seif Palace and presided over by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the cabinet appreciated the performance of all participating Gulf football teams. The key role of workers and volunteers in gearing up for, and organizing, this successful Gulf football champi-

onship, was also lauded during the cabinet's meeting.

In a related issue, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Chairman of the Organizing Committee Anas Al-Saleh, and the minister of commerce and industry and of state for youth affairs, and the minister of health affairs gave briefings on the circumstances of the accident at Jaber Al-Ahmad Stadium following the Oman-UAE final.

The accident, which was triggered off by a glass barrier collapse, left a number of Omani fans injured. They were immediately taken to nearby hospitals for necessary medical treatment. However, the cabinet did not forget to voice heartfelt and sincere congratulations to Omani Sultan Qaboos bin Said and all Omani

people on their national football team's win of the Gulf sports event.

The Kuwaiti ministers underscored that this sports gathering embodied bonds of amity and solidarity as well as fair competition, wishing all Gulf people continued progress and welfare. They also congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the Kuwaiti people on the successful tournament, held in Kuwait between December 22 and January 5. Finally, the cabinet reflected on an array of crucial subjects and matters on the agenda of the National Assembly's, along with the latest Arab and international developments. —KUNA



KUWAIT: HH the PM Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak chairs the cabinet's meeting. —KUNA