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Jarallah lauds talks with US Treasury officials as 'successful'

Kuwaiti Deputy FM stresses historic relations with France



KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy and other officials cut the cake during the French Embassy's ceremony to mark France's National Day.



French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy delivers a speech.

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KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah said on Thursday recent talks held in Kuwait with US Undersecretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Sigal Mandelker were 'successful and positive'. Speaking to reporters after attending a ceremony that the French embassy held Thursday night to mark France's National Day, Jarallah said the US side had voiced much understanding of all measures taken by the State of Kuwait to fight terrorism and stop its finance sources. He added that coordination and contacts with the US in this regard were "continuing at a high level."

Meanwhile, Jarallah said that the recent state visit by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to China was "totally successful and a quantum leap in bilateral relations". "The talks held by His Highness the Amir and the Chinese president were so candid and constructive that economic, trade, oil, technological and communication aspects, as well as regional issues, were involved," Jarallah said to reporters. The State of Kuwait counts on China on a number of issues and challenges, primarily security and terrorism that poses a threat to the entire world, he added.

Historic relations

Jarallah underlined the distinguished historic relations between Kuwait and France, saying Kuwait looks forward to closer cooperation. The State of Kuwait appreciates the French positions towards regional issues, Jarallah said, adding that both countries share the same views on several international issues.

He hoped that bilateral relations would further develop and growth, noting that the Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs and French authorities co-organize exhibitions and festivals pertinent to the history and culture of the State of Kuwait with a view to promoting this relationship.

French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy meanwhile underlined the significance of the 'firm' relations between France and Kuwait, hoping that more business opportunities would be provided to French companies in Kuwait. But, she regretted that Kuwaiti students in France make up only one per cent of the number of foreigners studying in her country. —KUNA



French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy is seen with guests at the event.



French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy welcomes Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah.



French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy welcomes guests to the ceremony.



French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy welcomes Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Senegalese Ambassador to Kuwait Abdou Lahad Mbacke.

EU to open delegation in Kuwait

BRUSSELS: The European Union (EU) will open its delegation (embassy) in Kuwait by the end of this year, Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, announced Friday after a meeting with EU High Representative Federica Mogherini.

"We thank our friends in the European Union for opening a mission in Kuwait which will contribute to strengthening the relations between Kuwait and the EU in all fields," he said after the meeting. "It was a fruitful meeting and Inshallah we will celebrate together the opening of the EU mission by the end of this year," he said.

Sheikh Sabah Khaled said Kuwait supports the EU's quests to find solutions to the problems in Iraq, Syria, Yemen, the Middle East Peace Process, Libya, and terrorism. Kuwait also supports all of the EU's humanitarian efforts, he noted. The Kuwaiti Foreign Minister said that the 2016 cooperation agreement between the two sides is boosting cooperation in the fields of energy, investment and development.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed ways of enhancing cooperation in all domains on the regional and international fronts. Mogherini praised the distinguished efforts exerted by the State of Kuwait towards



BRUSSELS: Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini. —KUNA

such issues, expressing hope for more coordination and cooperation between the two sides. The meeting was attended by Ambassador Saleh Salem Al-Lughani, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Jassem Al-Budaiwi, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Belgium and Head of its missions to the EU and NATO in addition to senior officials from the Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs. —KUNA

Kuwait to boost cooperation with Italy's northern provinces

ROME: The Consul General of the State of Kuwait in Milan and Northern Italy Abdunaser Bokhador met on Thursday with President of Lombardy Attilio Fontana and discussed bilateral cooperation and means to enhance economic and cultural ties with northern Italy.

Fontana announced the organization of a round-

table meeting between Kuwaiti Consulate-General in Milan and Lombardy's governors and officials in order to offer mutual investment, commercial and industrial opportunities, and tackle means of cooperation and coordination on that matter, regarding that Lombardy is the most important and vital region in Italy and Europe in tight economic ties with Kuwait.

Kuwaiti Consulate-General added in a press release that Bokhador met yesterday the newly-appointed President of Lombardy to congratulate him over winning the elections, and to boost cooperation between both sides to better serve mutual interests of both nations. They discussed means of boosting cooperation between Kuwait and northern provinces of Italy, chiefly Lombardy, especially in the economic, commercial, and cultural domains, it added. —KUNA



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