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# Crown Prince departs Kuwait for a private trip



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah departed the country on a private trip yesterday. Upon departure, His Highness the Crown Prince was seen off by National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem, senior sheikhs, His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and senior state officials. — KUNA

## Nobel Prize should be given to Kuwait's Amir next year

By Ben Garcia

**KUWAIT:** For his humanitarian work and commitment to needy people around the world, HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah deserves a Nobel Peace Prize next year, according to Mishale Al-Hajji, President of the High Committee for Public Relations of the Catholic Church in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Speaking to Kuwait Times on the sidelines of an awards ceremony on Friday during which he officially received a certificate from a Guinness World Records official for the 'Longest Sentence Using Artificial Flowers,' Hajji said they are now strongly lobbying for the prize to be given to HH the Amir next year. "On behalf of our Bishop Camillo Ballin, the Catholic Church of Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia is strongly lobbying for the award. We want this award to be given to HH the Amir of Kuwait in 2020," he said.

Hajji said the record dedicated to HH the Amir is a small token of what he has done for many people around the world. "In the sentence, we spelt out the words 'Amir of Kuwait Prince of Humanity,' which is now recognized as the 'Longest Sentence Using Artificial Flowers.' We used 6,200 flowers and our intention is to send our huge thanks to HH the Amir for his humanitarian work. He deserves this



**KUWAIT:** Amiri Diwan Advisor Mohammad Abdullah Abulhassan receives a certificate from a Guinness World Records official for the 'Longest Sentence Using Artificial Flowers.' — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

recognition, we are strongly lobbying for the Nobel Prize next year for HH the Amir of Kuwait," he added. The ceremony was attended by Amiri Diwan Advisor Mohammad

Abdullah Abulhassan, on behalf of HH the Amir, and witnessed by several officials including the Ambassador of Lebanon to Kuwait John Makaron.

## Kuwait's PM receives congratulatory cables

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received Thursday a cable from His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, congratulating him on the new post and assignment to form the new government. In his cable, His Highness the Crown Prince expressed his best wishes and success for the premier on forming the government and working to serve the people of Kuwait, under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled also received a cable from Parliament Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem, congratulating him on the new post and assignment of formation of the new government. In the cable, Ghanem said that he sent his greetings to the premier on behalf of all members of Parliament, expressing his best wishes and success on forming the government and working to serve the Kuwaiti people, under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir.

Furthermore, His Highness the Prime Minister received a cable from the President of the Kuwait National Guard His Highness Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah, congratulating him on the new post and assignment to form a new government. In his cable, His Highness Sheikh Salem expressed his best wishes on forming the new government and working to serve the Kuwaiti people, under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir. His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled received similar cables from Vice President of the Kuwait National Guard Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, as well as former prime ministers His Highness Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and His Highness Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah underscored the significant role of the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry under the current critical circumstances in the region. Addressing an emotional farewell ceremony held at the ministry, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled said these exceptional regional conditions necessitate national unity and concerted efforts as well as the need to favor national interests. He added that the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry and its senior officials shoulder a major responsibility for addressing swift changes in the region by delivering a message of moderation which is the basis of the country's foreign policy. He seized the opportunity to expound on his career at the ministry and to laud the great efforts of its staff to promote Kuwait's regional and international position.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled said he was so proud of Kuwait's highly reputed and internationally recognized and appreciated diplomacy. In the meantime, Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah congratulated Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled on having been chosen as Prime Minister, hailing his great efforts as the country's top diplomat. He wished the new prime the best of luck in his new duty under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. He also commended Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled's great efforts that gained Kuwaiti diplomacy much appreciation and accreditation at both regional and international levels. — KUNA

## Egypt, KFAED ink KD 25 million loan deal

**CAIRO:** Egypt and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) yesterday signed a loan agreement worth KD 25 million (around \$85 million). The loan will be used in bankrolling a road project that is part of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula development project. It was signed by Egyptian Minister of Investment and International Cooperation Sahar Nasr and KFAED Director-General Abdulwahab Al-Bader, with Prime Minister Mustafa Madbouli attending. The project aims at promoting Egypt's road network, boosting road safety and reducing operation costs. It is the 52nd loan offered by the KFAED to Egypt, hitting a total of KD 1.39 billion (\$3.5 billion). — KUNA



**CAIRO:** Egyptian Minister of Investment and International Cooperation Sahar Nasr (right) and KFAED Director-General Abdulwahab Al-Bader shake hands after signing the agreement. — KUNA

## Gulf Bank sponsors NUKS USA conference

**KUWAIT:** Gulf Bank has announced its sponsorship of the annual National Union of Kuwaiti Students (NUKS) Conference in the United States. This year, Gulf Bank is partnering with NUKS as part of its ongoing corporate social responsibility commitment to supporting and empowering Kuwaiti youth.

This year's NUKS Conference will be taking place in San Diego, California from November 28 until December 1 and will host several events and activities for Kuwaiti students who are studying abroad in the United States. Gulf Bank will be organizing numerous entertaining activities for the students starting November 30, which will include raffle draws for cash prizes and more. The Gulf Bank human resources team will also be participating at this year's conference to offer career and training opportunities to students.

Commenting on Gulf Bank's sponsorship of this year's NUKS Conference, Dari Al-Bader, General Manager of Corporate Affairs at Gulf Bank, said: "We are proud to sponsor this year's NUKS Conference, as we recognize the importance of this conference and its impact on our students in the United States. Throughout the year and through various activities both at home and abroad, Gulf Bank is proud to maintain a robust corporate



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social responsibility program, proudly advocating for women empowerment, sustainability, health, fitness, national heritage, and the empowerment of our Kuwaiti youth. This year, we are excited to be hosting a number of exciting surprises for our Kuwaiti students, designed to remind our youth of their primary goal of studying in the US: to obtain an education that they will someday put to work for the future of our country."

Gulf Bank will be represented at the conference by a number of employees from the bank's Human Resources, Communications, and Consumer Banking departments, in addition to select employees who graduated from the United States with bachelor's or master's degrees.

## NBK opens new branch in Farwaniya to replace old location

**KUWAIT:** The National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) yesterday announced the opening of its new branch in Farwaniya, replacing its previous location, and to continue serving customers seamlessly starting from Sunday 24th November. The new branch is located in block 4, street 113, building 30. The new Farwaniya branch welcomes customers during the weekdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and again from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm except on Thursday, providing customers with all banking services.

Speaking of the new opening, Ghadeer Al-Awadhi, Assistant General Manager of Consumer Banking Group, National Bank of Kuwait, said: "We are committed to providing our services without any interruption to ensure our customers continue to enjoy the quality services and products we've designed specifically for them. We look forward to serving our customers at our new branch in Farwaniya from today as we concluded our last working day in our previous branch on Thursday."

Awadhi added that NBK's employees in the new branch are ready to receive customers during the working hours and serve their needs with the same outstanding level of service they've come accustomed to at NBK.

Awadhi added: "We are focused at having a network of branches covering all of Kuwait so that our customers can enjoy the best banking experience and complete their transactions quickly and easily at any time, wherever they are. This comes as part of our strategy to maintain our leadership position and satisfy the needs of our customers with products and services that are advanced, rewarding and secure." NBK continues to strengthen its leadership position in the consumer banking sector by



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maintaining the largest network of banking services in Kuwait, provided through branches, ATMs and POS terminals. NBK also allows customers to manage their accounts and finances round the clock seven days a week through the NBK Online Banking and NBK Mobile Banking, as well as the NBK Contact Center on 1801801.

The bank also provides integrated banking services and constantly updates its NBK Mobile Banking App to offer a safe and secure way for customers to conduct transactions such as opening accounts, applying for loans, credit card limit increase, advanced payment features like e-Payments to enable online payment for purchases and NBK Quick Pay for fast and easy transfers, managing the accounts and cards while travelling, checking the NBK Miles and NBK Rewards Points, activating dormant accounts, establishing standing orders, finding the nearest branch, ATM or CDM in Kuwait, requesting an account statement or new checkbook, and many more services that make using NBK Mobile Banking App the perfect companion in Kuwait and when travelling.

## Kuwaiti Speaker honored by Arab Lawyers' Union

**CAIRO:** The Arab Lawyers' Union held a ceremony honoring Kuwait National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem in recognition of his firm stances on the Palestinian cause and supporting the struggle of the Palestinian people. Ghanem affirmed to the audience at the event that without the support of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, as well as His Highness's unwavering stance, he (Ghanem) would not have taken such strong and principled position vis-a-vis the Palestinian issue in all international forums. The Arab League praised the stances and efforts exerted by the Kuwaiti top lawmaker to serve his country, its people and the issues of his nation. This came in a speech by the League's Assistant Secretary General and Director of the Department of Palestine and the Occupied Arab Territories, Ambassador Said Abu Ali during the ceremony. — KUNA