



KUWAIT: Governor of the Capital Governorate retired General Thabet Mohammad Al-Muhanna presents the 'Hawalli Governorate Excellence Award' to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, as Governor of Hawalli Governorate retired General Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah looks on. — KUNA photos



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AMIR RECEIVES GOVERNORS, HAILS PERFORMANCE

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday at Seif Palace the Governor of Hawalli Governorate retired General Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and Governor of the Capital Governorate retired General Thabet Mohammad Al-Muhanna, as they offered to His Highness the Amir a comprehensive explanation about their latest achievements as well as social activities and services they offer to citizens.

They briefed His Highness the Amir about 'Hawalli Governorate Excellence Award,' granted to distinguish Kuwaitis in various fields and specialties. His Highness the Amir hailed their efforts and performance for serving the citizens, wishing them further progress and success. The two governors later met with His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and gave them explanations about their latest achievements.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince hosted Deputy Chairman of Kuwait Audit Bureau Adel Al-Sarawi, Chief of the National Security Bureau Sheikh Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah and National Assembly Deputy Speaker Mubarak Al-Khuraiej.

In other news, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem received Chairman of Kuwait Association of Accountants and Auditors (KWAAA) Ahmad Al Fares, along with other KWAAA officials. The meeting was attended by MP Mohammad Al-Jabri, KWAAA Secretary Saqer Al-Hais, KWAAA Treasurer Rashed Al-Rashidi and board member Dhari Al-Hajeri. — KUNA



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Governor of Hawalli Governorate retired General Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and Governor of the Capital Governorate retired General Thabet Mohammad Al-Muhanna.



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with Governor of Hawalli Governorate retired General Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and Governor of the Capital Governorate retired General Thabet Mohammad Al-Muhanna.

KUWAITI MEDICINE STUDENTS TO ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE

KUWAIT: Kuwait Medical Students Team in Ireland (KMSAI) will organize a cultural and medical conference on 'science and humanity' on August 24, under the patronage of Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.

Ibrahim Al-Dosari, a team member, said yesterday that the conference sheds light on humanitarian efforts exerted by doctors. He added that the conference will include workshops on some medical researches and a campaign for blood donation.

The team is providing community-based services to help in raising health awareness in the society and connecting between medical students from all levels



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to pass on their experience and to guide medical students to develop their research skills. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah yesterday decorated Major General Khaled Rakan Al-Mikrad with the Lieutenant General rank, after he was recently promoted through an Amiri Decree issued recently. The decoration came during a ceremony held recently to celebrate Mikrad's appointment as the new Director General of the Kuwait Fire Services Directorate. — KUNA

UN ENVOY HOPES YEMEN'S PEACE TALKS WOULD SOLVE CRISIS

'KUWAIT PEACE TALKS DID NOT FAIL'

JEDDAH/PARIS: UN Special Envoy for Yemen Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmad said yesterday "Yemen's peace talks hosted by Kuwait did not fail," stressing that he is seeking to make the talks a way for a comprehensive solution to the crisis.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Secretary General of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Iyad Ameen Madani, the envoy said the UN-brokered peace talks addressed some "sensitive topics" like the military withdrawal, the security arrangements, the handover of weapons and means of improving economic situations in the country.

He said "the political solution is the only way to end Yemen's crisis", indicating that there will be discussions in the upcoming period so as to reach a comprehensive solution. A series of meetings will be held with different warring parties of Yemen in this regard, he noted.

Ould Cheikh Ahmad said that the international community is committed to the three references; the Gulf initiative, the outcomes of Yemeni national dialogue and the UN Security Council Resolution 2216, so as to end the crisis. He stressed that all Yemeni parties affirmed their commitment to the agreed-upon references to put an end to the crisis. He referred to deteriorating humanitarian situations in Yemen as more than 85 percent of Yemenis has been affected by the war.

Political solution

Meanwhile, Madani expressed his hope that the envoy's efforts would solve the crisis politically. He said the decision taken by "those parties which made a coup against legitimacy" to form a presidential council and call parliament for another session will lead to further complexities. The organization has been supporting



JEDDAH: United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed (right) and the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Iyad Ameen Madani, give a press conference in Jeddah yesterday. — AFP

endeavors to find a political solution to the crisis and will buttress UN efforts to make a successful mission, he said, noting that opportunities of dialogue on Yemen have still available. Earlier yesterday, Madani and Ould Cheikh Ahmad held a meeting at the headquarters of OIC in Jeddah and discussed the latest developments and consultations on Yemen's peace talks.

Return to negotiations

In other news, France called on Yemen's warring parties to "return to the negotiating table", after United Nations (UN)-brokered peace talks held in Kuwait failed to yield a definitive solution to the conflict.

France was closely following the peace talks in Kuwait and "urges the Yemeni parties to resume negotiations in order to find a lasting solution to the conflict," a spokesperson for France's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Moreover, the statement also underscored the importance of strict adherence to a ceasefire, which is an "infraction of the peace process." The statement also noted that "humanitarian and economic conditions in the country have largely deteriorated due to the conflict." The UN's Special Envoy for Yemen announced on Saturday that peace talks in Kuwait have ended, only to resume at a later time in a location yet to be named. —KUNA

KUWAIT UNVEILS PLAN FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION OF SYRIAN REFUGEES

AMMAN: Kuwait would start soon the execution of an ambitious program to offer vocational and technical training to young Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon, Director General of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences Adnan Shehabeddin announced.

In statements following his meetings with Jordanian and UN officials to discuss the program, Shehabeddin stated that the \$10 million-cost program is a part of the Kuwaiti donations announced by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at the international donors' conference in London. \$4 million would be allocated to refugees in Jordan and \$6 million for those in Lebanon, he said.

The program targets youth aged between 12-18 years and aims to qualify them to play their developmental role in the hosting countries and to contribute to their country's rebuilding operations in the future, he said. Shehabeddin noted that his current visit to discuss the details of the program with the Jordanian and relevant UN agencies and put the final touches on it before launching it next month.

Kuwait's aid

Meanwhile, Jordanian Prime Minister Dr Hani Al-Mulki commended Kuwait's persistent support of Syrian refugees in the country, particularly, educational assistance. Mulki met a KFAS delegation that included Shehabeddin, to

finalize the educational project for Syrian refugees. Moreover, Mulki said in comments to Jordanian News Agency (PETRA) that he is appreciative of Kuwait's "historic" stance, which has always been supportive of Jordan.

Shehabeddin said in the meantime that Kuwait is committed to assisting Jordan, as promulgated in the fourth Donor's Conference in London back in February. He also added that the purpose of the visit is to lay out plans and strategies to carry out an educational initiative that Jordanian officials have "welcomed and approved." Established by an Amiri decree in 1976, KFAS is a private non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the progress and advancement of science and technology. —KUNA



AMMAN: Jordanian Prime Minister Dr Hani Al-Mulki meets with Director General of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science Adnan Shehabeddin. — KUNA