

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah reads a letter from French President Francois Hollande, presented by French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives the credentials of the new ambassador of Comoros Al-Arif Sayed Hassan. —Amiri Diwan and KUNA photos



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives the credentials of the new ambassador of Bangladesh S M Abul Kalam.

AMIR RECEIVES LETTER FROM FRENCH PRESIDENT ON TIES AMIR RECEIVES NEW AMBASSADORS' CREDENTIALS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has received a written letter from French President Francois Hollande on the bilateral ties, means of promoting cooperation in all fields and the issues of mutual interest.

This came when His Highness the Amir received yesterday the visiting French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian at Seif Palace. The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah and Amiri Diwan Advisor Mohammad Dhaifallah Sharar. His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah also received Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah and the visiting French Minister. The meeting was attended by Undersecretary of His Highness the Prime Minister's Diwan Sheikhha Etemad Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Chief of General Staff of the Army Lieutenant General Mohammed Al-Kheder, and Deputy Chief of staff of the Army General Sheikh Abdullah Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

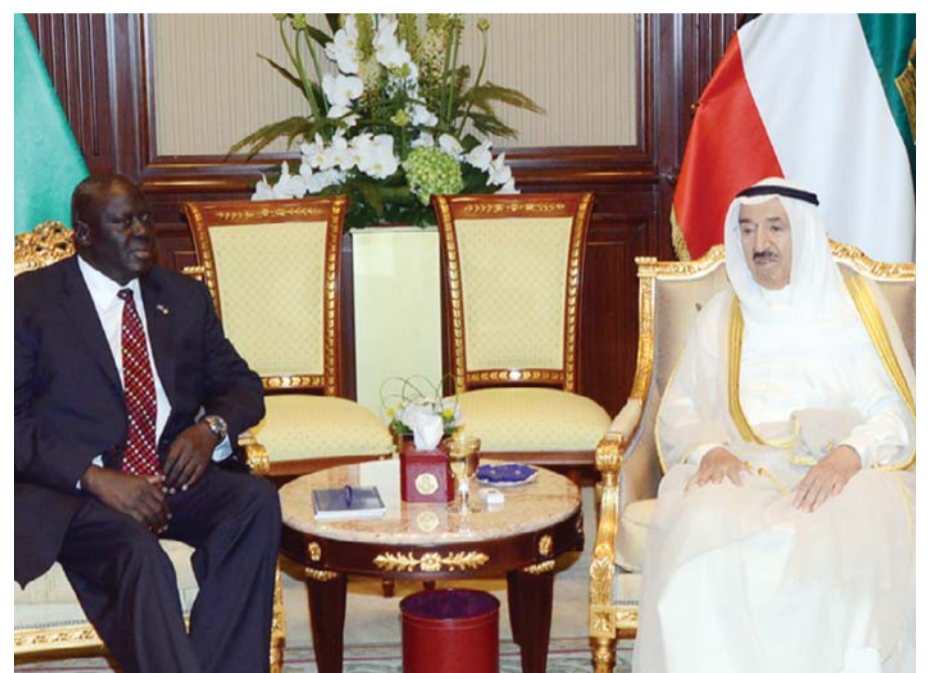
New ambassadors

In other news, a celebration was held on the occasion of His Highness the Amir's reception of credentials of new ambassadors to Kuwait. The new ambassadors are Republic of Comoros's Al-Arif Sayed Hassan, Bangladesh's S M Abul Kalam, Vatican's Francisco Montecillo and Germany's Karlfried Bergner, as well as the envoy of South Sudan.

The ceremonies were attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Amiri Diwan Advisor Mohammad Dhaifallah Sharar, head of His Highness Amir's Office Ahmad Fahad Al-Fahad, Assistant Undersecretary of Amiri Protocol Affairs Majed Yussef Al-Majed and acting Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocols Affairs Ambassador Nasser Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi. Earlier yesterday, His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah separately received National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem. —KUNA



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with South Sudan's ambassador to Kuwait.



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives the credentials of the new ambassador of Vatican Francisco Montecillo.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives the credentials of the new ambassador of Germany Karlfried Bergner.

NATIONAL GUARD DEPUTY CHIEF, FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER EYE CLOSER COOPERATION

KUWAIT: Promoting security and military cooperation was the focus of a meeting between Deputy Chief of the Kuwait National Guard (KNG) Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and visiting French Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian yesterday.

During the meeting, Sheikh Mishal stressed the need to cope up with modern military technology to meet aspirations and achieve development in accordance with

the 2020 strategic goals of the National Guard, the KNG said in a press statement.

Meanwhile, the French minister reiterated the deep-rooted relations between Kuwait and France that are based on mutual respect and continued consultation. He said both countries are sharing values and principles pertaining to democracy and human rights. He expressed his happiness for cooperating with the KNG so as to exchange expertise and achieve the development goals.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Army Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Khaled Al-Kheder and his deputy Lieutenant General Sheikh Abdullah Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. French Ambassador to Kuwait Christian Nakhla, acting undersecretary of the National Guard Faleh Shuja' Faleh and a number of officials of both sides were also present in the meeting. — KUNA



KUWAIT: French Minister of Defense Jean-Yves Le Drian decorates Kuwaiti Army Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Khaled Al-Kheder with the French Legion of Honor of the Commander Rank. — KUNA

FRENCH MINISTER HONORS TOP KUWAITI ARMY COMMANDERS

KUWAIT: The visiting French Minister of Defense Jean-Yves Le Drian yesterday decorated the Kuwaiti Army Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Mohammad Khaled Al-Kheder, with the French Legion of Honor of the Commander Rank and the Kuwaiti Army Chief of joint Operations Colonel Mohammed Al-Kanderi with the same medal of the Chevalier Rank, according to the Ministry of Defense.

The honoring of the top Kuwaiti military chiefs came on sidelines of signing a major deal between Kuwait

and Paris, according to which the country would receive up to 30 French-made military helicopters, equipped with sophisticated equipment and missiles, backing up the national armed forces in combat operations. The Ministry of Defense added that the granting of the French medals to the Kuwaiti commanders came within the framework of the distinctive cooperation between the States of Kuwait and France at the defense level, as well as in recognition of the two chiefs' great and fruitful efforts and work in the army operations. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Chief of the Kuwait National Guard (KNG) Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah presents a memento to French Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian. — KUNA