

In Brief

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AMIR CONGRATULATES GAMBIAN PRESIDENT

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent yesterday a congratulatory cable to Gambia's newly elected President Adama Barrow. His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables to the Gambian president. — KUNA



AMIR OFFERS CONDOLENCES

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent yesterday a cable of condolences to Indonesian President Joko Widodo over the victims of the earthquake in Aceh province. His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables to President Joko. — KUNA



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**KUWAIT:** People cross a busy road in Kuwait City yesterday. Kuwait City is suffering from a severe shortage in available parking spaces; a problem that peaks during working hours, leaving hundreds of drivers forced to park in illegal spots. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

'KASHTA KHALIJIYA' FORUM CONCLUDES

By Nawara Fattahova

**KUWAIT:** The National Society of Domestic Security (RAWASI) held a concluding ceremony for the third edition of 'Kashta Khalijiya' (Gulf picnic) Forum on Tuesday, which was attended by the representative of the State Ministry for Youth Affairs Mohammed Al-Mutairi on behalf of Sheikhha Al-Zain Al-Sabah, and Ali Al-Hadad, Chairman of Rawda and Hawally Co-op Society. Hadad noted that the co-op has set 20 percent of its profits for society services and activities.

Tahani Al-Qalaf, Head of the Media Committee at RAWASI said that the 'Kashta Khalijiya' Forum coincides with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (ISESCO) decision to select Kuwait City as the Capital of Islamic Culture for the year 2016. A total of 350 young members from Kuwait and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries participated in the forum. "We spent four months preparing this cultural activity. Also, it is amazing that female participation reached over 200, out of all the participants," stressed Qalaf.

The activities included different courses and symposiums. A body language course presented by Hisham Abu Shaira, as well as another course titled 'Turning Point' by Faisal Al-Musawi, which showed that creativity and achieving has no limits, while a planning course was presented by Dr Maher Al-Seif accompanied by a workshop. In addition, Hawra' Dashti presented a course on personal charisma directly communicating with the audience. In the meantime, Abdullah Mahdi presented a course titled 'God's Paradise on Earth'. The forum also had comedy sessions and speeches presented by the GCC participants, followed by an open discussion session. The forum concluded with an award ceremony and dinner.



**KUWAIT:** Columnist and author Abdullah Abbas Bowair presents a copy of one of his books to Sheikhha Fareeha Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at a previous function.

BOWAIR'S LATEST BOOK REVIEWS AMIR'S SPEECHES

**KUWAIT:** Columnist and author Abdullah Abbas Bowair recently published his 11th book about the speeches of HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The book consists of three chapters - the first includes the Amir's famous quotes; the second includes his speeches before the UN General Assembly; and the third includes his speeches since assuming power.

Bowair's first book was titled "Kuwaiti Government Ministers' Interpellations - 1963-2008". It consists of seven chapters. The second book was titled 'Sheikh of Diplomacy' (2009). It is a complete biography of HH Sheikh Sabah, reviewing his early life, studies, family, children, diplomatic career and role in cementing Kuwait's relations with various nations, contributions, awards, the positions he assumed before he became Amir, his interests, benevolence, his role during and after the Iraqi invasion as well as his role in supporting the Iraqi people after its liberation, his initiatives and the international conferences he called for and hosted and his vision to turn Kuwait into a regional financial and commercial hub.

Bowair's third book was titled 'Sabah Al-Khair' (The Benevolent Sabah), which focused on HH the Amir's 61-year-long career and the role he has played in Kuwait's foreign policy and Kuwait's diplomacy. His fourth book, published in 2012, was titled 'HH Sheikh Nasser Al-

Mohammed', while his fifth book, also in 2012, was titled 'HH Sheikh Salem Al-Ali - An Oasis of Liberality'. Bowair's sixth book about Deputy Chief of the National Guard Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was published in 2013. His seventh book about HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-

Sabah was published in 2015. His eighth book on HH the Amir as the Humanitarian Leader was published in 2015. Bowair's ninth book on HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah was published in 2015, while his tenth book was on Sheikhha Fareeha Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, also in 2015.



**KUWAIT:** The Albanian Ambassador to Kuwait Saimir Bala hosted a reception recently to celebrate his country's national day. Senior officials, diplomats and other dignitaries attended the event. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



The book's cover.