



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets Minister of Health Dr Ali Al-Obaidi and Public Authority for Food and Nutrition officials. — Amiri Diwan and KUNA photos



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AMIR RECEIVES NUTRITION AUTHORITY SENIOR OFFICIALS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Seif Palace yesterday Minister of Health and Chairman of Public Authority for Food and Nutrition (PAFN) Dr Ali Saad Al-Obaidi, and the authority's officials Saleh Al-Humaidhi, Musaed Saleh Al-Abdali, Nawal Majran Al-Hamad, Amal Al-Rashdan, Abdulaziz Al-Samhan and Reem Al-Fulajj. His Highness the Amir met with these officials on the occasion of their appointment at the authority. 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 also received minister Obaidi and the PAFN officials.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir received Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Ali Al-Omar, who presented the newly appointed president of the Public Authority for

Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) Faisal Saud Al-Hasawi. Omar later presented the new officials to His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister.

Earlier, His Highness the Amir received His Highness the Crown Prince, His Highness the Prime Minister, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem and First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. His Highness the Crown Prince meanwhile received Ghanem, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah.

His Highness the Crown Prince also received Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs

Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Sabah, and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Water and Electricity Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah.

Separately, His Highness the Crown Prince received Minister of Commerce and Industry Yousef Al-Abdullah Al-Ali and Director General of Direct Investment Promotion Authority Dr Sheikh Mishaal Al-Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

In other news, His Highness the Crown Prince expressed gratitude to the nationals and residents of the country and "the brothers outside Kuwait" for expressing their sincere sentiments on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of His Highness' assumption to the post. His Highness the Crown Prince wished the people further progress and prosperity under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir. — KUNA



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KUWAIT: Head of the Government Performance Follow-up Apparatus Sheikh Ahmad Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah (right) and Kuwait University President Dr Hussein Al-Ansari sign the agreement. — KUNA

FOLLOW-UP APPARATUS, UNIVERSITY SIGN MOU

KUWAIT: The Government Performance Follow-Up Apparatus signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kuwait University (KU) yesterday aimed to benefit from the latter's consulting and academic experiences. The agreement also aims to raise the level of the performance of the apparatus and develop the working system, the apparatus

said in a statement. The MoU was signed by Head of the Government Performance Follow-up Apparatus Sheikh Ahmad Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Kuwait University President Dr Hussein Al-Ansari, the statement added. The signing of the agreement was also attended by officials from both sides. — KUNA

KUWAIT, US MARK LIBERATION WITH CELEBRATIONS AT NATIONAL LIBRARY

By Nawara Fattahwa

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Information in cooperation with the US Embassy held a joint event yesterday at the National Library to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Liberation of Kuwait. A documentary film on the liberation was shown during the event.

Assisting Undersecretary for the Foreign Media Sector at the Ministry of Information Faisal Al-Mitlagim spoke on America's role in supporting Kuwait. "The bilateral relations between our countries are special and represent a model of real friendship between countries and nations," he said during the event representing the Minister of Information and State Minister for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah. "This friendship goes back decades since the first US consulate opened in Kuwait in the 1950s. The United States played an important role in supporting Kuwait during the invasion, which was supported by both the US leadership and the nation," added Al-Mitlagim.

US Ambassador to Kuwait Douglas Silliman addressed the gathering, noting that he is glad to be participating in this event as all the nations of the coalition came together to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the liberation of Kuwait. "This occasion, this week's events and celebrations, provide us the opportunity to reflect on our nations' shared experiences of 25 years ago - experiences that cemented the

bonds of friendship that unite our people today," he said.

Shared friendship, history

Ambassador Silliman also spoke about the sacrifices. "We should remember the sacrifices of the generation of Kuwaitis who lived through those terrible days of occupation and who helped rebuild Kuwait into the free and modern state in which we live today. Let us remember the sacrifices of the 700,000 American service men and women who left their family and friends at home to fight for the liberation of Kuwait," stressed Silliman.

He called for using these shared experiences to look to the future. "Let us look to a future of strengthened partnership, a future of shared peace and security, and a future of prosperity for our children and our grandchildren. Let us look to a future where the United States and Kuwait work together to build new economic and educational opportunities for our children, cooperate to preserve and maintain our environment, and collaborate to address the security challenges of the region," he pointed out.

"This is how we truly honor those men and women who sacrificed so much so that we could live in a free Kuwait and pursue these lofty goals. That is their challenge to us, and that, indeed, is our true opportunity," concluded Silliman. Former United States Ambassador to Kuwait immediately after liberation, Edward Gnehm provided short remarks about his experience.

AMIR CONGRATULATES NEWLY-ELECTED MP

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Saturday sent a cable of congratulations to Ali Abdullah Al-Khamis who won a parliamentary seat in the by-elections of the third constituency. His Highness the Amir wished the new member of the National Assembly success in serving the national interests of the dear homeland, according to readout of the cable released by the Amiri Diwan. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah have also sent similar cables to Khamis to express their best wishes for him. — KUNA



KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem congratulates newly-elected MP Ali Abdullah Al-Khamis. — KUNA

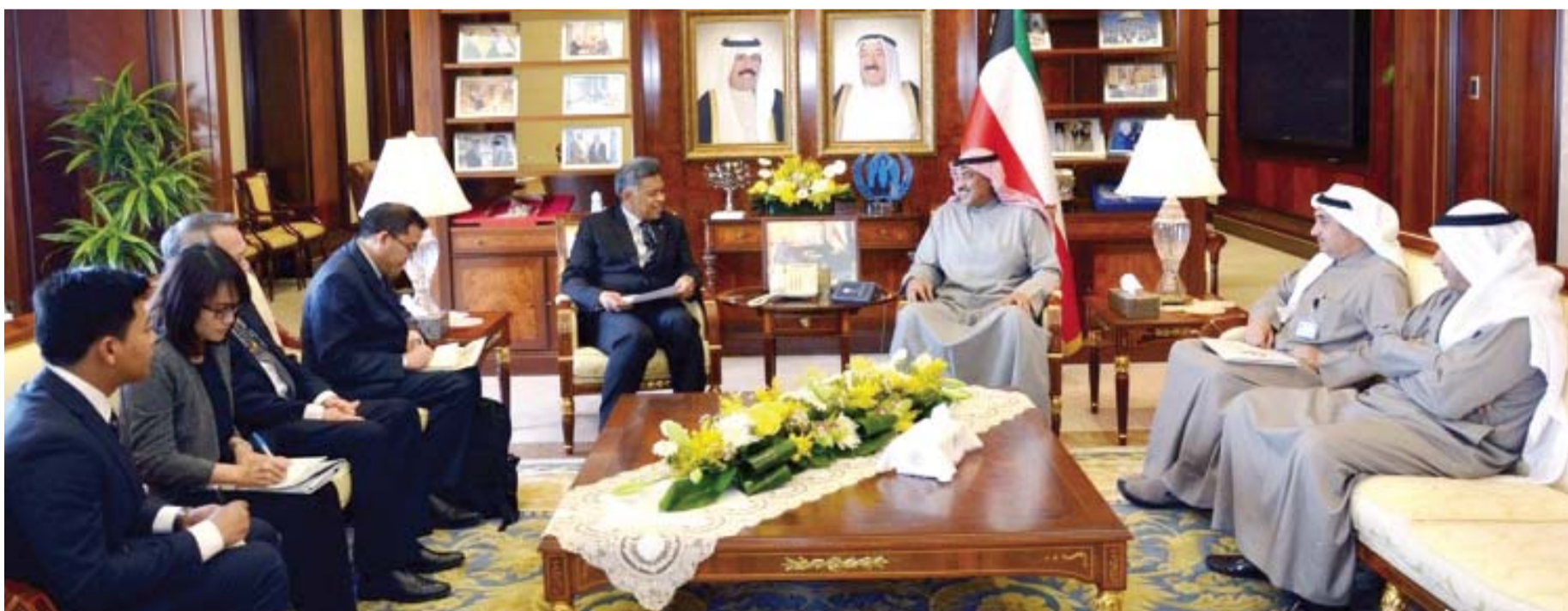
ASSEMBLY'S GENERAL SECRETARIAT RECEIVES BALLOT BOXES

KUWAIT: The National Assembly's General Secretariat yesterday received all ballot boxes and official results of the third constituency by-elections for 2016, announced the Assembly's Secretary General Allam Al-Kandari.

Kandari noted that according to article number 39 of Kuwait's elections law, the chairman of the polling commission is tasked with handing the boxes to the secretariat. The boxes will remain at the assembly's body until all protestations were studied before returning them to the Ministry of Interior, he added. Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanem declared the seat of the third constituency vacant after the passing away of late MP Nabil Al-Fadhel on January 12. — KUNA



Allam Al-Kandari



KUWAIT: First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets Thailand's Special envoy to the Foreign Minister Dr Surin Pitsuwan. — KUNA

FM RECEIVES LETTER FROM THAI COUNTERPART

KUWAIT: First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received yesterday a written letter from Thailand Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai. The letter highlighted bilateral relations and

ways to boost them in all fronts, including issues on mutual concerns. The letter was delivered to Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, during a reception at the foreign ministry headquarters and was handed over by Thailand Special envoy to the Foreign

Minister Dr Surin Pitsuwan. The meeting also tackled topics on current cooperation between the two countries, and development in the region and international arena. The meeting was attended by senior foreign ministry officials. — KUNA

DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE TO HOST SEMINAR ON KUWAIT-US TIES

KUWAIT: Saud Al-Nasser Al-Sabah Kuwaiti Diplomatic Institute is to host a seminar on Kuwait-US ties today, as Kuwait is to celebrate its 25th anniversary of the Liberation Day. The Institute Ambassador Abdul-Aziz Abdul-Latif Al-Sharekh and former US Ambassador to Kuwait Edward Gnehm are to talk during the seminar, the Institute said in a press statement yesterday. Another seminar co-hosted with the economics department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will also be held tomorrow to promote direct investment. — KUNA