

AMIR LAUDS CITIZENS, RESIDENTS FOR THE JUBILANT MANIFESTATIONS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Friday congratulated the citizens and residents of Kuwait on the 55th anniversary of the National Day and the 25th anniversary of the Liberation Day, lauding their joyful expression on the two dear occasions through their participation in the various popular festivals.

His Highness the Amir praised personnel and officers of the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Defense and the National Guard for securing comfortable atmosphere for holding the celebrations. He also lauded the other official authorities and departments for their efforts in preparing for the celebrations; namely the higher committee for preparing for national celebrations, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Fire General Directorate, Kuwait Municipality, also thanking the media for their wide-scale coverage of the activities.

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad addressed greetings to Their Highnesses the leaders of the GCC states, Arab and friendly



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states for their participation in the celebrations. He also recalled the national martyrs who had sacrificed their souls for defending the homeland. He prayed for the martyrs' souls, preserving the dear homeland, the bounties of security, safety and prosperity. — KUNA



RIYADH: Saudi ambassador participates in Kuwait's embassy celebration.

KUWAITI FOREIGN MISSIONS CELEBRATE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

KUWAIT: The State of Kuwait's foreign missions worldwide held several events and receptions in celebration of the nation's 55th National Day and the 25th Liberation Day. Kuwaiti ambassadors and diplomats at foreign missions and consulates in Saudi Arabia, Italy, and Tanzania released statements commemorating their country's national celebrations.

The Kuwaiti diplomats congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, 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 on the advent of the national festivities. They also took the chance to congratulate the people of Kuwait on the country's celebrations.

The foreign diplomats and officials attending the celebrations congratulated Kuwait on its national days, stressing that their countries were eager to develop ties with Kuwait. Other countries where Kuwaiti missions held receptions include Venezuela, Oman, Cyprus, Pakistan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Switzerland, Mongolia, Romania, Bhutan, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, Indonesia, the Philippines, South Korea, and Singapore. — KUNA



ROME: Kuwaiti ambassador to Italy Sheikh Ali Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is seen during the celebration.



WASHINGTON: US Secretary of State John Kerry with Ambassador Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and his wife. — KUNA

KUWAIT APPRECIATIVE OF US ROLE IN LIBERATION WAR: AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON: Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has expressed Kuwait's appreciation of the effective US role in the international coalition to liberate Kuwait from the Iraqi occupation in 1991.

Speaking at a function held Thursday evening to mark the 25th anniversary of Kuwait's Liberation Day, Sheikh Salem acknowledged the role of the then US president George H W Bush in the US decision to join the international coalition, describing him as a unique man and a friend to the State of Kuwait.

The function was also attended by US Secretary of State John Kerry, former US secretary of state and commander of the joint chiefs of staff retired general Colin Powell and several US diplomats, journalists and several other dignitaries.

In his speech, Sheikh Salem recalled the great sacrifices of Kuwaiti martyrs, prisoners of war (POWs), missing as well as the US human casualties in the war. The Kuwaiti diplomat said he is proud of the high level of Kuwaiti-US relations.

He said that Kuwait's role as an effective member in the international community stems from depth conviction of the need for global cooperation to achieve security and prosperity for humanity. He cited the UN proclamation of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as a 'Humanitarian Leader' and of Kuwait as a 'Humanitarian Center' as a proof of this

remarkable role. Sheikh Salem highlighted the great developments achieved in Kuwait in various domains since the liberation.

Meanwhile, Powell said that president Bush senior has opted for the military option to liberate Kuwait after the failure of all other options. He pointed out that 34 countries had contributed to the international coalition to liberate Kuwait, describing it as the biggest of its kind in post-World War II world. He stressed that the US would remain a friend to Kuwait forever, and vice versa.

A documentary, themed Kuwait Liberation, was screened during the function. The Kuwaiti embassy published on Thursday a letter in the US mass-circulation Washington Post to express Kuwait's acknowledgement of the contributions and sacrifices of all Americans who partook in Kuwait liberation war.

In the meantime, Kerry said that the US is "grateful for the special friendship with Kuwait" as he thanked Ambassador Sheikh Salem Al-Sabah and his wife for their efforts. The US is "so grateful for the special friendship with Kuwait," he told KTV and KUNA. "We cannot thank you enough for your great ambassador here. (Sheikh) Salem Al-Sabah and his wife, Rima, are fabulous. Kuwait and the United States now have such a linkage through history. We appreciate the strong partnership in trying to deal with the troubles of the region." — KUNA



CARACAS: Kuwait's Ambassador is pictured with Deputy Foreign Minister of Venezuela during the Kuwaiti embassy's celebration.



CARACAS: Staff members of the Kuwaiti embassy in Venezuela.



ZAIN CELEBRATES NATIONAL HOLIDAYS WITH CARE CENTERS AND CHILDREN IN HOSPITALS

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, celebrated the joys of National holidays with the Ministry of Social Affairs' care centers and with children in hospitals on the occasion of Kuwait's National holidays.

Zain showed its keenness to draw smiles on the faces of the less fortunate. The company's Corporate Communications and Relations team distributed national day-themed gifts to people with special needs, the elderly, orphans, and children in hospitals in a patriotic and family atmosphere.

The visits witnessed were enjoyed by care centers and children as well as the administrative and medical staff in care centers and hospitals. This participation came in line with Zain's Corporate Social Responsibility program where the company participated during this patriotic time of year to distribute gifts and celebrate this nationalistic occasion in a family atmosphere full of joy and happiness. The company went on to state that February is a special time of the year for the Kuwaiti society, and thus it committed itself to sharing the joys of such times with those who are less fortunate. Zain's continuous participation with different segments of society is a testament to the company's belief that improving the lives of communities in which it operates is central to its overall activities. Zain will continue to introduce initiatives that reflect the traditional humanitarian values and principles of the Kuwaiti society; aimed at enriching the art of giving and increasing bonding between individuals.



KUALA LUMPUR: Residents of the charitable village of Sabah Al-Ahmad in the city of Garut in Western Java Province celebrated the 55th National Day and the 25th Liberation Day. The celebration embodied appreciation and loyalty to the 'Humanitarian Leader' His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The celebration was attended by Kuwait's ambassador to Jakarta Abdulwahab Al-Saqr. — KUNA