



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with President of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq Ammar Al-Hakim. — Amiri Diwan and KUNA photos



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with President of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq Ammar Abdulaziz Al-Hakim and his accompanying delegation.

AMIR RECEIVES IRAQI OFFICIAL

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Seif Palace yesterday President of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq Ammar Al-Hakim and the accompanying delegation. The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister of the Amiri Diwan Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-

Sabah. Later, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Hakim and his delegation.

Welcoming the guest, His Highness the Crown Prince hoped that efforts exerted by the Iraqi leadership to preserve Iraq's unity and stability would be a

success, wishing the Iraqi people more stability and peace and progress for the world. The meeting was attended by His Highness the Crown Prince's Diwan Head Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah and Iraq's ambassador in Kuwait.

Earlier yesterday, His Highness the Amir received

His Highness the Crown Prince, National Assembly Speaker Marzuq Al-Ghanem, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince received Ghanem and His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah met on Sunday with Bahraini Ambassador to Kuwait Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Khalifa. During the meeting, they discussed Kuwaiti-Bahraini relations and the latest regional and international developments. — KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah (center) chairs the Cabinet's weekly meeting yesterday. — KUNA

CABINET APPROVES SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

KUWAIT: The Cabinet yesterday approved a plan by a youth affairs committee to further develop the sports scene in the country, a broad vision that aims to propel Kuwait into the upper echelons of the sporting world.

In its customary weekly meeting at Seif Palace yesterday chaired by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Cabinet agreed to implement the sports development plan and has tasked the Public Authority for Sports (PAS) and the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development (SCPD), to take all necessary measures to bring all development projects to fruition.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet reviewed a report by the youth affairs committee concerning violence amongst youth in the country, which also includes suggestions of a wide array of development projects that aim to showcase youth talent. The Cabinet has assigned the office of the Minister of State for Youth Affairs along with other relevant parties, to implement these suggestions in efforts to stifle the rise of violence.

In addition, the Cabinet listened to explanations offered by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Acting Minister of Oil Anas Al-Saleh, Undersecretary of the Finance Ministry Khalifa Hamada and Managing Director of Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) Bader Al-Saad. The officials briefed the Cabinet on the country's financial

details for the ongoing year, while drawing comparisons to those of last year's.

At the onset of the meeting, the Cabinet looked over a letter sent to His Highness the Amir by United Nations (UN) Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, which dealt with expediting the global Paris climate deal. In his letter, the UN Secretary General urged nations to join the agreement in order to reap economic benefits and stave off the effects of climate change.

Investments

The Cabinet also reviewed the first annual report of the Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) in light of an explanation by Minister of Commerce and Industry Dr Yusuf Mohamed Ali, containing the role and functions of the body to attract and promote direct domestic and foreign investment, as well as promoting the State of Kuwait as an investment hub.

Ali also spoke about investment opportunities with an added value, as well as achievements of the authority during the period from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 and the total volume of incoming investment, approved and unapproved investments.

The Cabinet was reassured about Kuwait's strong national economy, especially regarding the ability to attract foreign investment, and voiced satisfaction with the success of the state's policies aimed at economic opening-up and restore the leading role of the State of Kuwait economically and politically in

the region in which the private sector leads development and economic activity in order to raise living standards and create new job opportunities.

The Cabinet also expressed thanks and appreciation for the efforts exerted by the Ministry of Finance and the Kuwait Investment Authority in carrying out their own tasks and role in safeguarding and developing public money. Then, the Cabinet discussed National Assembly Affairs and was briefed on the topics listed on the National Assembly session agenda.

Terrorist act

The Cabinet condemned the recent terrorist act which hit the city of Orlando in the United States, which left scores of innocent people killed or injured, stressing Kuwait's firm position rejecting such terrorist acts which are contrary to all religions and human values and norms, expressing condolences to the families of the victims and speedy recovery for the wounded.

It reiterated its call for the international community to embody global solidarity to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, stressing Kuwait's support for every effort aimed to confront the scourge of terrorism. On the other hand, the Cabinet expressed its full support for all measures taken by the Kingdom of Bahrain aimed at combating extremism and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. — KUNA



BEIRUT: A KRCS worker is pictured with Syrian refugees in the northern Lebanese district of Akkar. — KUNA



IRBIL: Members of the Kuwaiti Consulate in Irbil, Iraq and KRCS pose for a picture after distributing food parcels to refugee and displaced families.

KRCS OFFERS RELIEF AID TO REFUGEES IN LEBANON, IRAQ

BEIRUT/IRBIL: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) distributed yesterday around 300 iftar (fast-breaking) meals to Syrian refugees in the northern Lebanese district of Akkar, the latest in a flow of humanitarian aid. KRCS official

Abdullah Jumaa said that KRCS, in conjunction with the Lebanese Red Cross, handed out iftar meals to Syrian refugee families, in addition to candies and school utensils to children.

Moreover, Jumaa noted that such humanitarian aid doled out by KRCS would persist all year round, as he underscored Kuwait's commitment to humanitarian causes. As part of an annual tradition, KRCS kicked off last week a humanitarian campaign to provide 30 thousand iftar meals to Syrian Syrians in all parts of Lebanon.

Earlier yesterday, the Kuwaiti Consulate in Irbil distributed yesterday food parcels to some 400 refugee and displaced families in cooperation with KRCS. General Consul of Kuwait in Irbil Dr Omar Al-Kandri said that Kuwait would not hold back any efforts needed to aid and ease the suffering of Syrian refugees and displaced Iraqis. Kuwait delivered some 15,000 food parcels ahead of the Holy Month of Ramadan. Iraq's Kurdistan region is taking in around two million displaced and refugees since the threat of the so-called Islamic State (IS) emerged in the area. — KUNA



This file photo shows Kuwait Red Crescent Society workers distribute humanitarian aid to displaced families in Irbil, Iraq. — KUNA photos



KRCS workers distribute aid to Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

KUWAIT'S HUMANITARIAN IMPACT ON REFUGEES PRAISED GLOBALLY

KUWAIT: The State of Kuwait has offered robust support to the relief effort for the refugees and the internally-displaced people around the globe, a step earning global praise particularly at a time when the United Nations in 2014 to honor His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as Humanitarian Leader and Kuwait as center of humanitarian action.

Since its independence, the country has been known for its relief effort and this role became more crystal clear in the recent year which encouraged the United Nations in 2014 to honor His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as Humanitarian Leader and Kuwait as center of humanitarian action. Kuwait maintained its impressive presence at all regional and international activities and forums relating to humanitarian action and alleviation of the suffering of conflict-hit people.

The Day has been marked on June 20th, ever since the UN General Assembly, on December 4th 2000, adopted resolution 55/76. It coincides this year with the 66th anniversary of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), created in 1950 in the aftermath of the Second World War, to help millions of Europeans who had fled or lost their homes. Kuwait's humanitarian policy is distinguished for its non-discrimination among aid recipients because of their race, nationality, faith or political affiliations.

Humanitarian summit

In May of 2016, His Highness the Amir took part

and delivered a speech to the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Turkey. In his speech, His Highness the Amir said: "Kuwait has long been acclaimed for its deep belief in humanitarian values and helping hand for the needy people."

"The total value of Kuwait's contributions to the relief effort in the last five years exceeded \$2 billion, which made the country the world's biggest aid donor in terms of the ratio of aid to the country's GDP," he pointed out.

Kuwait's humanitarian role is shared by the government and civil society institutions such as Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) and the International Islamic Charitable Organization (IICO). The Kuwaiti fund-raising agencies responded promptly to the needs of refugees and displaced people in countries that were hit by armed conflicts or natural disasters.

Their aid campaigns ranged between famine relief, medical supplies, and educational, health and housing services inside the refugee camps. The following are examples, in part and in effect, of Kuwait's contributions to the relief efforts.

Donations

For Palestine, His Highness the Amir announced in January, 2009, a Kuwaiti donation of \$34 million to the humanitarian activities for the Palestinian people in response to an appeal by the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). Besides

that, Kuwait contributed \$15 million to the Agency in 2013 and launched an aid campaign for Gaza Strip in 2014 in the wake of the Israeli aggression in July.

In the aftermath of Iraq war in 2003, Kuwait offered emergency relief for the internally-displaced people; the aid continued to increase until it hit \$200 million last year which made Kuwait the biggest aid donor for Iraq.

In the run-up to the Holy Month of Ramadan, last year KRCS distributed nearly 40,000 food parcels to the displaced families in Kurdistan region, north Iraq, while the Kuwaiti charities distributed more than 12,000 food parcels shortly before Ramadan this year.

As for Syria, Kuwait hosted three international humanitarian pledging conferences, the first of which took place in January, 2013, when His Highness the Amir donated \$300 million. The second conference in the following saw the Kuwaiti aid pledges rising to \$500 million and in the third, held in March, 2015, Kuwait contributed additional \$500 million. The State of Kuwait was also present in fourth similar gathering titled 'Supporting Syria and the Region Conference', in London, last February. His Highness the Amir announced additional aid of \$300 million for the Syrian refugees over the coming three years. Regarding Yemen, Kuwait contributed \$100 million to the humanitarian action in response to the raging conflict last year. — KUNA

CONDOLENCES



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The Management and Staff of
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expresses their heartfelt condolences
to the family members of
S.V. Hussain Koya
on his sad demise.

May God Almighty rest his soul in peace