



RIYADH: Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Sabah (third from right) is pictured among participants in the 35th meeting of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Interior Ministers meeting. — KUNA



Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah attends the meeting.



Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Prince Mohammad bin Nayef.

## KUWAIT STANDS BY SAUDI ARABIA TO FIGHT THREATS: INTERIOR MINISTER

RIYADH: Kuwait firmly stands in solidarity with Saudi Arabia in its efforts to stave off all threats and safeguard sacrosanct Muslim sites, Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah said yesterday.

These remarks were made in a speech by the Kuwait minister during the 35th meeting of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Interior Ministers, presided over by Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Prince Mohammad bin Nayef.

Moreover, on the meeting, he said that it is "part of regular discussions to review progress

made in security issues of mutual concern, which call for increased cooperation and appropriate decision-making."

Speaking on regional conditions, Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled said that it would behoove GCC nations to be extra cautious, as "current challenges and obstacles require us to forge a concerted stance in a volatile juncture that the world is going through."

"Terrorism and extremism represent a grave threat that risk tearing apart nations in our region," the Kuwaiti Minister of Interior said, underscoring the need to ratchet up security cooperation on the part of GCC

nations. He also thanked GCC Secretary General Abdullah Al-Zayani for expending efforts to organize such meetings, which prove crucial and instrumental to joint work.

Similarly, the Saudi Interior Minister underscored GCC nations' profound capabilities to overcome any security challenges and threats in the region.

With its proximity to conflict-ridden nations, the GCC has been able to preserve its security and stability, he added. The meeting featured talks over the latest security developments in the region as well as strategies to bolster GCC cooperation in that realm.

Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled later met with Prince Mohammad bin Nayef, during which he affirmed his country's deep ties with Saudi Arabia, and stressed the importance of bolstering Kuwaiti-Saudi security cooperation, exchanging mutual information and security expertise among all GCC countries, particularly in light of the current situation in the region.

The two sides discussed ways to boost mutual cooperation in the security field, including coordination, exchange of information, expand security cooperation prospect between the two countries, and create integration between GCC countries in order to achieve

security and stability for the region's people. Shortly following his arrival in Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled said that it is imperative for the GCC member states to further promote and prop up their security cooperation and integration.

Stressing that the GCC member states will consolidate their security cooperation in order to maintain stability and address swift regional developments, he indicated that the meeting comes at a time when the region is witnessing critical security risks that pose a threat to the national interests of the GCC countries. — KUNA

## KUWAIT RENEWS COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENTING CWC: OFFICIAL

BRUSSELS: The State of Kuwait has renewed its commitment to implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) on both local and international levels, said a Kuwaiti official yesterday. The use of chemical weapons by any party at any position and under any condition violates the provisions of the convention, Ali Salem Al-Thaidhi, head of the Kuwaiti delegation to the conference of 21st states parties to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), said in a statement. The conference which kicked off late Monday in The Netherlands' city of the Hague will run until December 2.

Thaidhi voiced Kuwait's condemnation of the repeated use of chemical weapons against the Syrian people. He affirmed Kuwait's support for the international community's efforts, mainly the ones of the OPCW-UN joint commission tasked with investigating the use of chemical weapons and bringing the perpetrators to justice, in combating these weapons. The State of

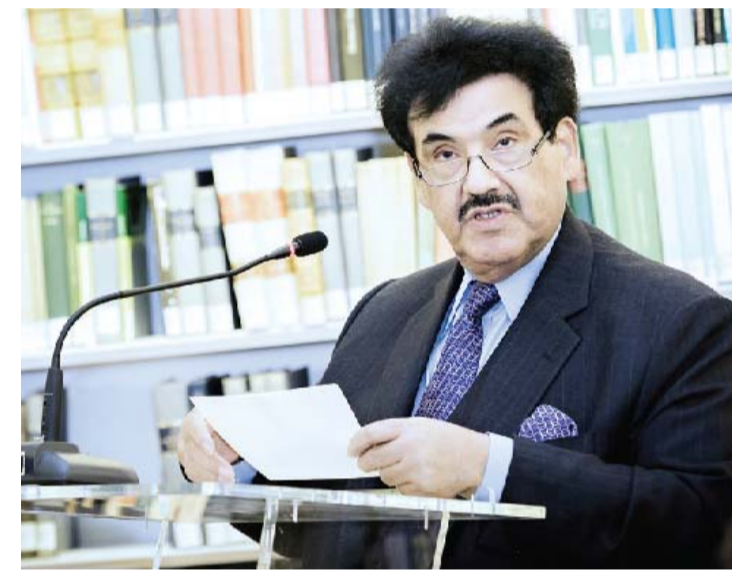
Kuwait late Monday urged the international community to prohibit all weapons of mass production in the world in general and the Middle East in particular.

Meanwhile, Director General of OPCW Ahmet Uzumcu stressed in a speech that this year has witnessed several challenges, reviewing the efforts exerted by the organization's secretary over the past period to make many achievements.

The organization is working on getting rid of Syria's chemical weapons program in accordance with security conditions, he said, expressing his concern over the repeated use of these weapons in Syria. He also reviewed the organization's efforts in Iraq, Libya and Russia, lauding the OPCW's role in achieving international peace and security. The conference discusses several key topics and Kuwaiti delegation took part in the meetings of national committees ahead of the conference during which means of implementing the provisions of the convention were discussed. — KUNA



GENEVA: His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah poses with a medal presented by President of Geneva University Professor Yves Flueckiger. — KUNA



His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah delivers his speech during the ceremony.

## SWITZERLAND HONORS SHEIKH NASSER AL-MOHAMMAD

GENEVA: Switzerland honored His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah of Kuwait for his efforts to further relations between both nations. He was awarded in a ceremony held to mark 50 years since the inception of bilateral ties between Switzerland and the State of Kuwait.

President of Geneva University Professor Yves Flueckiger handed His Highness Sheikh Nasser a commemorative medal christened, 'Schola

Genevensis', in a ceremony held last Friday, with Swiss Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Eves Rossier in attendance.

An alumnus of Geneva University, His Highness Sheikh Nasser thanked all those that "have shared their wisdom" with him. Moreover, reminiscing on Kuwaiti-Swiss ties, he noted that he was the very first Kuwaiti diplomat to serve the European Federal Republic, as he was appointed Kuwait's Consul General in Switzerland in 1966. Meanwhile,

in a speech of his own, the Swiss Foreign Minister lauded ties with Kuwait during the course of the last 50 years. Speaking on pupils of Geneva University, Flueckiger said that the school "is proud of its students, most notably, His Highness Sheikh Nasser," praising him for his successful stint as Kuwait's Ambassador to Switzerland. After the ceremony, a banquet in honor of His Highness Sheikh Nasser was held, where senior Swiss officials were in attendance. — KUNA

## LORD MAYOR OF LONDON MEETS KUWAITI OFFICIALS



KUWAIT: Lord Mayor of London Dr Andrew Charles Parmley received yesterday Director General of Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority Sheikh Dr Mishal Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

He also visited His Highness Sheikh

Nasser Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah at Shuwaikh Palace on Monday.

Head of the mission of honor Governor of Hawalli Lieutenant-General Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah attended both meetings. — KUNA

## UN ASSOCIATION PRAISES KUWAITI WOMEN

ROME: A United Nations Women's Association extolled Kuwaiti women's diligent efforts towards philanthropic causes, which represents Kuwait's firm commitment to humanitarian endeavors all across the globe.

In a speech to open a charitable bazaar in the headquarters of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) yesterday in Rome, with participation of the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Rome's wife Dr Sara Al-Rakyan, head of the association Dima Kashour noted that such events help boost awareness on the misery of the needy. Moreover, she spoke of

women's contributions in the field of charity work to help out women, children, disabled people and other hapless segments of society.

Rakyan said that she is proud to be a member of such a prominent association, whose efforts to mitigate the suffering of children worldwide has been well-chronicled. She also underscored the bazaar as the latest in a string of events put together by the association to promote cultural harmony and co-existence, adding that her participation in this event is a testament to Kuwait's support of humanitarian causes. — KUNA



KUWAIT: The United Arab Emirates' Ambassador to Kuwait Rahma Al-Zaabi hosted a reception Monday night to celebrate his country's national day. Top state officials led by First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, diplomats and other dignitaries attended the event. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



## FM MEETS WITH SAUDI MINISTER



KUWAIT: Kuwait's First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah met yesterday with visiting Saudi State Minister for Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Affairs Thamer bin Sabhan Al-Sabhan.

Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled

Al-Jarallah also met the Saudi minister, in presence of a number of senior foreign ministry officials and the Saudi Ambassador to Kuwait Dr Abdulaziz Al-Fayez. Jarallah later hosted a luncheon banquet in honor of the visiting minister and his delegation. — KUNA