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KUWAIT: The new Belgian Ambassador to Kuwait Piet Heirbaut presented his credentials to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Tuesday.

UK plays integral role in Middle East stability: Duwaisan

MANCHESTER: The United Kingdom plays an integral role in maintaining stability and welfare in the Middle East region, said Kuwait's Ambassador to the UK Khaled Al-Duwaisan yesterday. In statement on the sidelines of a dinner banquet gathering Arab diplomats and British officials, Ambassador Duwaisan affirmed that the event was a good chance to convey Arab views in regards to the Palestinian cause as well as other issues of regional importance.

The Arab world and the UK share "unique historical" relations that would facilitate the exchange of views on issues of grand importance, said Ambassador Duwaisan who hoped that regional crises in the Middle East will be solved in a peaceful and just manner.

UK Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa, Alistair Burt said that his country was keen on coordinating



Kuwait's Ambassador to the UK Khaled Al-Duwaisan

efforts with the Arab world to sustain peace and security. Burt affirmed that Britain was also hopeful to take cooperation with the Arab world to the next level, adding that there were various opportunities to develop relations post EU pullout in 2019. — KUNA

Amir receives defense minister, undersecretary

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and the newly appointed undersecretary at the ministry Sheikh Ahmad Mansour Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. His Highness the Amir also received His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Hamad Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled and Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mansour. His Highness the Crown Prince also received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah as well as Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Mohammad Al-Fares. Furthermore, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf received the newly elected Director of the Arab League Education, Culture, and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) Dr Saud Al-Harbi. In the meantime, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled received Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mansour, Dr Mohammad Al-Fares and Dr Saud Al-Harbi.

Condolences

In other news, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah sent Tuesday a cable of condolences to Iraq's President Fuad Masum and Prime Minister Dr Haider Al-Abadi. His Highness the Amir expressed his sincere condolences and sorrow over the death of former President Jalal Talabani. His Highness prayed



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and the newly appointed undersecretary Sheikh Ahmad Mansour Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. — KUNA

to Allah Almighty to bestow mercy upon the deceased, place him in his heaven, and inspire his family with patience and solace. His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak

Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables. Meanwhile, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem sent a cable of condolences to Iraq's Speaker of the Council of Representatives Salim Al-Jabouri. — KUNA

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Kuwait keen on achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals



Advisor of the Kuwaiti permanent mission in the UN Nawaf Al-Ahmad



Diplomat at the Kuwaiti permanent mission in the UN Sarah Al-Zouman

NEW YORK: Kuwait is keen on achieving the UN development goals through its efforts in supporting economic cooperation with regional and international partners as well as via reaching social welfare for all societies, a number of Kuwaiti officials said yesterday.

Speaking at the second economic meeting held within the 72nd UN General Assembly, Advisor of the Kuwaiti permanent mission in the UN Nawaf Al-Ahmad said that Kuwait was keen on partaking in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030. He noted that despite his country's small stature, Kuwait was keen on holding conferences and events by the UN aimed at speeding up global development, enhancing economic cooperation amongst nations, and also helping people overcome humanitarian as well as natural crises.

Ahmad indicated that Kuwait continued to provide around 2.1 percent of its national income to help in the development of around 106 countries. He called on developed nations to abide by its com-

mitments to provide 0.7 percent of its national income for the cause of global development. Touching on Kuwait's national development plans, Ahmad said that the country's highest authority had launched the Kuwait vision 2035, a strategy aimed at transforming the country to a highly developed nation. He noted that there were around 279 projects within Kuwait's development plan with 25 projects done, 152 projects underway, and 91 in preparation phase. Meanwhile, diplomat at the Kuwaiti permanent mission in the UN Sarah Al-Zouman stressed the importance of social development of SDG.

No nation would be developing without taking care of its human resources, said the Kuwaiti diplomat who indicated that cultivating the needs of global youth will help the UN achieve its goals. Kuwait took heed of this important factor and included it in its vision 2035, affirmed Zouman. She revealed that all sectors of Kuwaiti society were under the care of the government, which is keen on social welfare and development. — KUNA