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Amir, Crown Prince receive top officials at Bayan Palace

Prime Minister receives British Minister of State for Middle East and North Africa



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. — Amiri Diwan and KUNA photos



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanem.



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His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Iraqi politician Dr Ayad Allawi.



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with British Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa Alistair Burt.



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KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. His Highness the Amir also received Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanem and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, furthermore, His Highness the Amir received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh

Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah who was accompanied by the visiting Iraqi politician Dr Ayad Allawi. The meeting was attended by Amiri Diwan Affairs Minister Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince met with Ghanem, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah and Deputy Prime Minister and State Minister for

Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh. His Highness the Crown Prince then received Hawally Governor Sheikh Ahmad Al-Nawaf Al-Sabah.

In the meantime, His Highness the Prime Minister received at Bayan Palace, in the presence of Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Khaled Al-Jarallah, British Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa Alistair Burt and his accompanying delegation. His Highness the Prime Minister also received Dr Allawi

and Iraqi writer Hassan Al-Alawi.

In other news, His Highness the Amir sent a cable of condolences to President of Ethiopia Sahle-Work Zewde. His Highness the Amir expressed his sincere sorrow to President Zewde and the Ethiopian people over the recent death of former President Girma Woldegiorgis. His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister sent similar cables to the Ethiopian President. — KUNA

Ambassador in China hosts dinner for Amir's envoy

BEIJING: Kuwait's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China Samih Hayat hosted a dinner banquet yesterday in honor of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's visiting envoy First Deputy Premier and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Sheikh Nasser had arrived in China on Saturday to deliver a written message from His Highness the Amir to Chinese President Xi Jinping on deepening bilateral cooperation and strengthening the strategic partnership between the two countries.

"The 'New Kuwait Vision 2035' and the Chinese 'Belt and Road' initiative are compatible with each other," Hayat said, adding that the two countries' leaders are ready to speed up their cooperation through implementing agreements and memorandums of understanding signed during the state visit to China by His Highness the Amir last July.



BEIJING: First Deputy Premier and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah attends a dinner hosted by Kuwait's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China Samih Hayat. — KUNA

"Our bilateral relations with China are being strengthened day by day with conscious care, great interest and high-level and unrivaled communication between the two countries' leaders," he added. He said that the two countries have taken great and carefully-studied steps, as the visit of Sheikh Nasser Al-Sabah to China comes in a timely and pivotal time, a matter which will push bilateral rela-

tions to a broader perspective and promote the integration of existing development strategies. The delegation accompanying Sheikh Nasser Al-Sabah includes Ambassador Hayat, Executive Director of the Development of Silk City and Boubyan Island, Faisal Al-Madajj, Lulua Al-Na'ma, Sheikh Al-Anoud Ibrahim Al-Sabah, Abdulwahab Al-Rashid and Sheikh Jaber Fahad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. — KUNA

UNWG appreciates Kuwaiti women's charitable work

ROME: The United Nations Women Guild (UNWG) expressed appreciation to the charitable and voluntarily role played by Kuwaiti women in charitable work. This appreciation came during a charity market titled 'The Holiday Bazaar' and held at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) headquarter in the Italian Capital Rome, with participation of Union members and the spouse of Kuwait's Ambassador to Rome Dr Sara Al-Rakian.

Kuwait's participation in this annual event represents a valuable contribution to the charitable effort of women diplomats in the world, said President of the International Women's Association Winy Amato. She stressed the symbolic and cultural importance of such initiatives and their positive impact on public awareness of the suffering of poor societies and promoting human values through fundraising. The main objective of holding such activities is assisting vulnerable groups, support mother and child care program around the world and funding charitable projects, Amato said.

The UN Women Guild funded more than 700 charitable projects around the world since its establishment four decades ago, this charity bazaar is the most important event of the year, where funds are raised from exhibits proceeds provided by the participants through selling ethnic dishes, artisan products, books, decorative works, and others, she clarified. In this regard, Kuwait's pavilion in the holidays bazaar managed to attract visitors from the UN and embassies in Rome, and collected more than \$15,000 fully allocated to finance the development projects of the Association.

President Winy Amato praised efforts spent by Dr Sara Al-Rakian and her contributions to the success of this initiative, describing her as an honorable example of the Kuwaiti diplomatic women. Meanwhile, Dr Arkian expressed her pride as being a part of UNWG, which



ROME: The spouse of Kuwaiti Ambassador to Italy Dr Sara Al-Rakian is seen with members of the United Nations Women Guild. — KUNA

played a significant role since its inception in 1948, in helping thousands of needy children and mothers around the world to receive the appreciation of the United Nations.

This charitable bazaar aims for enhancing friendship and mutual understanding between participants, Rakian added. She stressed on the important and strong role played by women inside their communities whether through their jobs or through other voluntarily initiatives, and fund raising activities. She thanked FOA for hosting such event, and the facilities it provided for UNWG. She stressed her keenness to participate in this successful charitable initiative, which reflects the keenness of Kuwaiti women to participate in such international forums following the footsteps of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the leader of humanitarian action in the world. — KUNA

Kuwait-British meetings contribute to furthering ties: Deputy Prime Minister



KUWAIT: British Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa Alistair Burt (left) and Kuwait's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Khaled Al-Jarallah shake hands after signing an agreement yesterday. — KUNA

KUWAIT: Meetings of the Kuwait-British Joint Steering Group contribute to furthering bilateral ties, a senior Kuwaiti official said yesterday. Holding the 13th meeting here signals keenness of both sides on having those meetings on a regular basis, said Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Khaled Al-Jarallah in a statement to the press. He pointed out that the visit of British Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa Alistair Burt comes within the framework of such close cooperation between the two friendly countries. This meeting, in particular, discussed the situations in Yemen and Syria, as well as the Arabian Gulf's relationship with Iran. An action plan was signed at the conclusion of the meeting. The Group holds biannual meetings, with the last one held in London last June.

Meanwhile, Minister Burt said that relations between the two countries have developed over many years and encompass a range of work from the United Kingdom and the State of Kuwait. "This represents the breadth of the wide relationship between us, as the UK and Kuwait next year will celebrate 120 years from the treaty of friendship. The occasion will be marked in a major way. This is a recognition of a friendship, which is

not only based in history, but is also contemporary," he said.

During the Group's meeting, the two sides agreed to beef up mutual official visits and reactivate all signed agreements, as well as address obstacles, should they exist, a Ministry statement said. The next group meeting will take place in London next year, according to the statement. Continued collaboration on trade, migration, security, defense, cyber security, aviation security, healthcare, science, education and culture was discussed. Both sides voiced content over the volume of military and defense cooperation through providing technical support for the Kuwaiti army in a bid to buttress its abilities and readiness, noted the statement.

Praising the level of educational cooperation, both sides noted the significance of having Kuwaiti students on various scholarships in the UK due to its renowned academic reputation. As for healthcare, both sides welcomed ongoing discussions to benefit from British expertise, especially in hospital management and medical training. The Kuwaiti side also lauded excellent services Kuwaiti patients receive at British medical facilities, the statement said. — KUNA