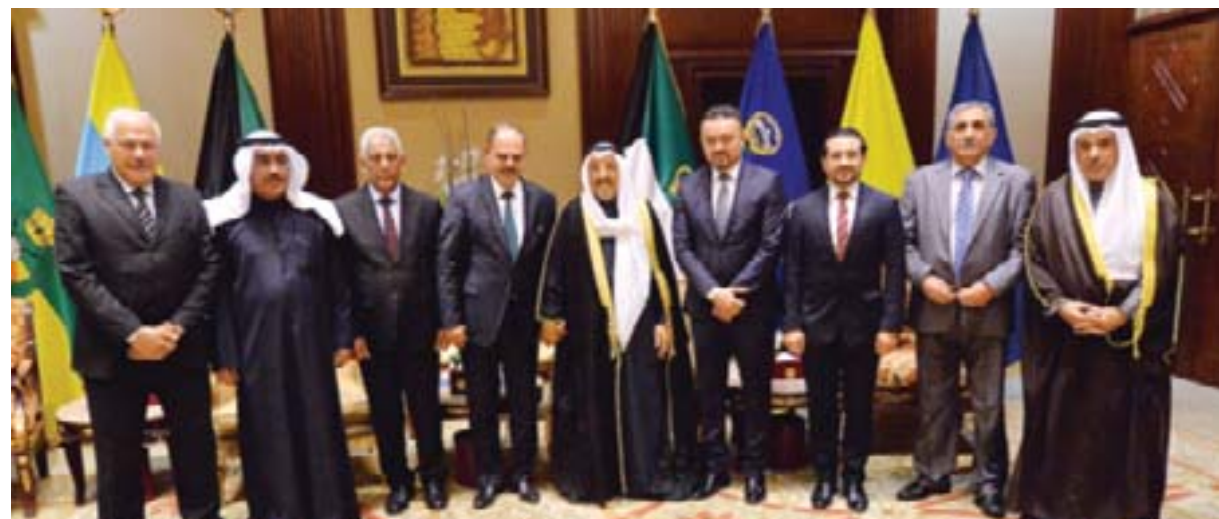


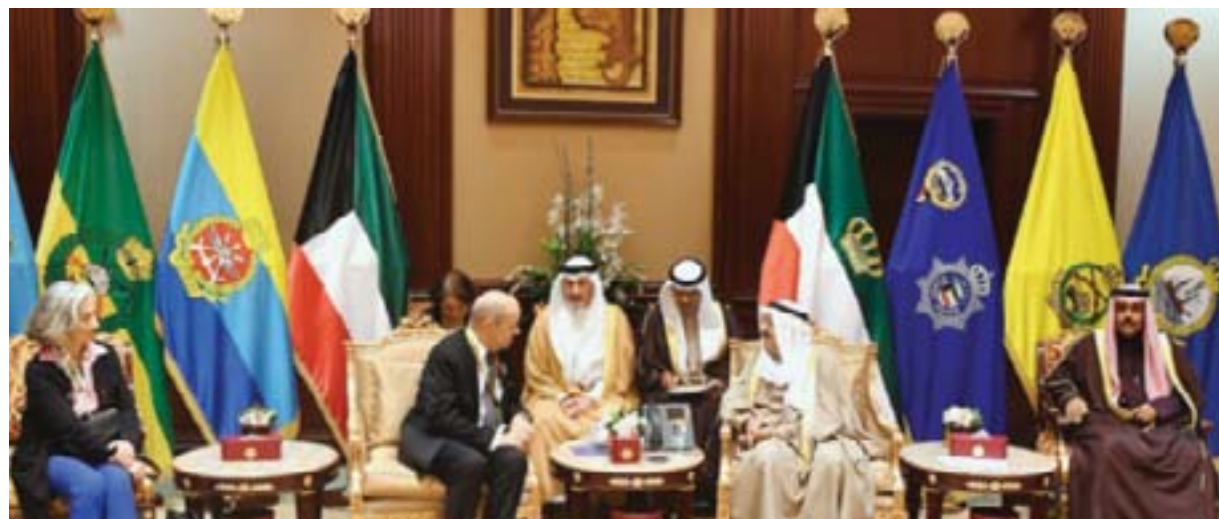
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KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is set to patronize and attend the official inauguration of Kuwait International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq (KICRI) today. The venue starts at 10:00 am in Bayan Palace.

His Highness the Amir referred to the great importance of holding the conference in which several donor countries, and international and regional organizations as well as private sectors take part, with the aim of rebuilding Iraq and mitigating suffering of millions displaced and affected by the war against terrorism.

The conference reflects Kuwait's humanitarian message, His Highness the Amir said during a meeting with president of the Federation of Journalists of Iraq Moaid Jassem Allami and his accompanying media delegation, lauding all efforts by the two countries aiming to repel any attempt seeking to affect negatively their ties.

During the meeting which took place at Bayan Palace on Monday, His Highness the Amir offered his congratulations to Iraqi President Fuad Masum, Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi as well as all Iraqis on defeating the so-called Islamic State (IS).

His Highness the Amir expressed his hope that the victory would achieve support for Iraq and its people, and contribute to unifying their ranks. His Highness the Amir stressed Kuwait's backing to Iraq and Iraqis, which is manifested through holding the International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq. His Highness the



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Amir voiced his hope that stability and peace would prevail in Iraq and the region.

Respected leader

His Highness the Amir received yesterday at Bayan Palace US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and the delegation accompanying him on the occasion of their visit to the country. His Highness also received French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, the High Representative of the

European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini and Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs Marie Eriksen Soreide. All receptions took place with presence of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The reception were attended by Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah. His Highness the Amir is a "very respected regional leader," Soreide said after the

meeting. "I was asking his perspective both on the fight against IS and the reconstruction and rebuilding of Iraq," she noted, adding "it was really an honor to meet His Highness."

She said that she had also asked His Highness the Amir about the role that His Highness and Kuwait have taken in hosting the reconstruction conference. "It is most timely, it is needed and I think that we can achieve good results," she said. "I

took the opportunity also to say that we enjoy excellent bilateral relations between Norway and Kuwait. I think that in the future we will deepen our cooperation even further; both through our respective embassies but also through visits and I hope that we now have a series of incoming business from Kuwait to Norway and we will do everything we can to accommodate that in the best possible way." — KUNA

MP reiterates Kuwait's support of Arab action

CAIRO: Kuwait's MP and Arab Parliament Member Ali Al-Deqbasi reiterated yesterday his country's supportive stand by the Arab action, as well as permanent approach toward humanitarian action in all fields. Deqbasi made his remarks after the conclusion of third session of the Arab Parliament meeting in Cairo, affirming the Kuwaiti Parliament's firm and supportive stand by the joint Arab action in all its domains.

He expressed his pride and joy towards the meeting's wide appreciation to Kuwait's wise role in the region and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's balanced policy, which backs Arab unity and supports Arab countries. Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti MP reviewed the important discussion highlights in the meeting on a number of issues in the region, including the Syrian crisis and the Palestinian cause.

One of the significant subjects discussed during the meeting is activating and enhancing the joint Arab action, he said, adding that it should be transformed into real and tangible actions on the ground instead of the traditional condemnation and denouncement statements.

Deqbasi also stressed the importance of undermining all efforts and activities by the Israeli government at the international arenas since its forces continue, on daily basis, to commit crimes against humanity and violate the international law on human rights.

He also voiced his appreciation of his Arab counterparts' confidence in Kuwait's chairing of the Arab Parliament's committee in charge of the Arab League reform. The committee is currently taking wide steps toward its duties, he said, pointing out his two-time meeting with Arab League's Secretary General, who affirmed the League's full support, in cooperation with Arab Parliament, of efforts aimed at achieving the desired goals.

Deqbasi urged all Arab Parliaments to consolidate all efforts, under the framework of a unified Arab public opinion, toward supporting and funding disaster-stricken countries to overcome their suffering of famine, poverty, and diseases outbreak. On the hand, the Kuwaiti MP noted the current Arab situation is filled with political conflicts and disputes, expressing sorrow over the tragic outcomes of these quarrels that resulted in the displacement of tens of thousands Yemenis; a situation which no human being could bear.—KUNA



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Premier hosts Siemens CEO, foreign dignitaries

KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received yesterday at Bayan Palace the visiting Chief Executive Officer of Siemens AG Joe Kaeser. His Highness the Premier hosted the visiting British politician Baroness Emma Harriet Nicholson of Winterbourne, along with her accompanying delegation. His Highness also received the visiting Italian Foreign Minister Angelino Alfano and his escorting entourage. Moreover, he played host to the visiting Georgian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mikheil Janelidze. Chair of His Highness the Prime Minister Diwan, Sheikhha E'temad Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, attended the meetings.—KUNA



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