

# Amir congratulates Kuwaiti oncologist on promotion

## Medical nuclear center earns American accreditation



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KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday congratulated Kuwaiti physician Wadah Al-Refai on his ascension to the position of regional director of the oncology department at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington DC.

His Highness the Amir expressed his well wishes in a cable he sent to Refai, who has also been named deputy president of MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's center for surgical research. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar messages to the Kuwaiti doctor.

In other news, His Highness the Amir received at Bayan Palace yesterday His Highness the Crown Prince, as well as His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince received His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad, Sheikh Salem Abdulaziz Al-Saud Al-Sabah, as well as Governor of Mubarak Al-Kabeer retired Major General Ahmad Al-Rujaib, accompanied by the local governorate's administrators.

### Nuclear medicine

Separately, a health official has affirmed significance of the quality accreditation granted to the nuclear medical center of Kuwait Cancer Control

Center by the American Radiology College. Dr Kholoud Al-Ali, director of the center for combating cancer, said in a statement the certificate is one of the most prestigious ones at the global level. The center has recently earned an identical accreditation from Europe. Meanwhile, Dr Farida Al-Kandari, head of the radiology center, said the center had acquired all the specifications required by the international certificate of high quality.

In the meantime, the Kuwait Chemical Society announced plans to organize the Fifth International Chemical Conference under patronization of His Highness the Amir. The event takes place on March 12-14, Haider Bahbahani, the society's chairman, said at a press conference yesterday. The conference aims at shedding light on role of scientists and researchers in chemistry. One day ahead of the event, the society plans to host a meeting for the Union of Arab Chemists, during which the chairmanship would be shifted to Kuwait.

The society's deputy chairperson Huda Al-Nassar said meanwhile that an exhibition would be held on sidelines of the convention. Dr Hassan Al-Rabaa, head of the conference scientific committee, said up to 250 scientists and researchers from Kuwait and foreign countries would partake in the event. Head of the media commission Hamdan Al-Ajmi said that the conference official inauguration would be attended by Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Hamed Al-Azmi. —KUNA



## Amir, Crown prince receive officials



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## Qatari artist makes Amir's portrait from gems

DOHA: Qatari artist Abdulsalam Al-Qadi has created a portrait of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah using quartz and Swarovski gems. The shining portrait displayed at Sheraton Hotel in Doha has drawn hundreds of onlookers at the hall to see the piece

of art, created on the occasion of Kuwait's national days.

Qadi said that he had chosen His Highness Sheikh Sabah for his long experience in international diplomacy and diverse humanitarian accomplishments as well as his good will role in defusing crises and conflicts throughout the world. Kuwait's Ambassador to Qatar Hafeedh Al-Ajmi said that the artwork depicted the GCC peoples' sentiments of endearment toward His Highness the Amir due to his major role at the level of boosting joint GCC action. The artist has revealed his inner sentiments of affection toward the sagacious leader, who has been kept for years on maintaining Arab unity. — KUNA



DOHA: Kuwait's Ambassador to Qatar Hafeedh Al-Ajmi (right) and Qatari artist Abdulsalam Al-Qadi (center) pose with a portrait of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. —KUNA

## Kuwait's embassies continue national celebrations

KUWAIT: Kuwait's embassies in Washington and Belgrade as well as the Delegation to the UN joined the celebrations of national days. They organized functions to celebrate the 57th anniversary of the Independence, 27th anniversary of Liberation, and the 12th anniversary of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's assumption of power.

In Washington, Kuwaiti embassy held a gala attended by the large number of US officials including Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin, White House counselor Kellyanne Conway and Chairman of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee Ed Royce. A plethora of heads of the foreign diplomatic missions in Washington were present at the event. The guests were welcomed by Kuwait's Ambassador to Washington Sheikh Salem Al-Sabah.

In New York, Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi held a reception on the occasion at the UN headquarters. A slew of UN officials, ambassadors to the UN and representatives of the Kuwaiti community in New York attended the event.

Addressing the audience, Ambassador Otaibi congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Kuwaiti government and people on the dear occasions. He highlighted Kuwait's balanced, moderate and rational foreign policy which was based on full commitment to the UN principles and charter. Kuwait wanted to enforce these principles during its two-year membership at the UN Security Council, he noted.

He underlined that the achievements made by Kuwait's diplomacy in the past years were fruits of the initiatives and rules set by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-



NEW YORK: Members of Kuwait's Delegation to the UN take a group photo during an event hosted to celebrate the 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day of Kuwait. — KUNA

Sabah since Kuwait's independence. He stated that the last time Kuwait was a member at the UN Security Council was 40 years and its presidency of the council came after 39 years from the previous one. All over this time, Kuwait was fully committed to the principles of its foreign policy, he said.

He emphasized that Kuwait's liberation was an example of the success of the UN and its security council in implementing its principles and the provisions of its charter. Kuwait had been a partner to the UN in the effort to achieve world peace, he added. During the function, a Kuwaiti orchestra band played Kuwaiti music masterpieces and a number of Kuwaiti singers sang popular and national songs.

Furthermore, Kuwait's Embassy in Belgrade organized a reception to mark the national days. A large number of dignitaries were present at the function including, Crown Prince Alexander II Karadordevic and his wife Katherine, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade, Telecommunications and Tourism Rasim Ljajic, Minister of Labor and Social Issues Zoran Dordevic. The gala was also attended by a large number of foreign ambassadors and diplomats in Belgrade.

Kuwait's Ambassador Yusuf Abdulsamad conveyed his greetings to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and Kuwaiti people on the dear occa-

sion. He then shed lights on the steadily developing relations with Serbia, particularly on the agreements signed between the two countries for cooperation in various domains.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Ambassador to Russia Abdulaziz Al-Adwani expressed felicitations on these occasions to His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister. This year's celebrations coincided with the 55th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between Kuwait and Russia, he said, lauding the sound status of these ties, based on mutual respect and non-intervention in each country's internal affairs.

In Cuba, the Kuwaiti embassy held a ceremony, attended by local leaders and ambassadors of the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. The embassy in Djibouti also held an identical gathering, attended by officials, diplomats and dignitaries.

Separately, Egypt's President AbdelFattah Al-Sisi on Wednesday wished Kuwait well as the country celebrates its 57th Independence Day and 27th Liberation Day. Sisi's greetings were relayed by his advisor Hossam Zaatar, during his meeting with Kuwait's ambassador to Cairo Muhammad Al-Thuwaikh. Zaatar "conveyed well wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, on behalf of the Egyptian President," the Kuwaiti envoy said. Thuwaikh went on to say that the gesture was a testament to the "historic camaraderie" between the Kuwaiti people and their Egyptian brethren. — KUNA