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Kuwait bids farewell to former health minister Dr Abdulrahman Al-Awadhi

Kuwait witnessed comprehensive health renaissance during his tenure

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Amir receives call from Egypt's president

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Friday received a telephone call from Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. During the call, the two leaders reviewed the sisterly relations between their countries and the latest regional and international developments. President Sisi also wished His Highness the Amir everlasting good health. His Highness the Amir thanked President Sisi for the call which embodies the deep-rooted ties between the two countries, wishing President Sisi perpetual wellbeing. —KUNA

Amir offers condolences

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent Friday a cable of condolences to Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, expressing sorrow over the demise of Princess Al-Juhara bint Abdulaziz Al-Saud. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables. —KUNA

Kuwait welcomes agreement

KUWAIT: An official source at Kuwait's Foreign Ministry on Friday welcomed the agreement reached between Sudan's Transitional Military Council (TMC) and the Forces for Freedom and Change (FFC). The source praised the step, hoping that it would help begin a new stage to maintain Sudan's security and stability as well as meet the aspirations of Sudanese people. In addition, the source stressed Kuwait's support to all measures taken in order to preserve Sudan's sovereignty and security. —KUNA

KUWAIT: Kuwait yesterday lost the Former Health Minister, Minister of Planning and National Assembly member Dr Abdulrahman Al-Awadhi at the age of 83 years, who made major development in the health sector during his tenure. Minister of Health Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Sabah expressed his deepest condolences to the deceased's family and the whole health sector, noting that Dr Awadhi had many prominent local, regional and international achievements.

Dr Awadhi was born on December 18, 1936, received his university education at the American University of Beirut, and received a Bachelor of Science in 1958. Dr Awadhi continued to receive post-graduate science, where he received his doctorate in medicine from the University of Aberdeen in the United Kingdom in 1963 and received a master's degree in public health from Harvard University, USA, in 1965. The late minister served as a resident doctor in the Ministry of Health between 1963 and 1965 and as a Rapporteur of the Planning Committee of the Ministry of Health in 1965 and a doctor registered at the Ministry of Health Hospitals from 1966 until 1969. He was Assistant Director of the Department of Preventive Services at the Ministry of Health in 1969 and Assistant Undersecretary of Preventive Services from 1970 to 1975.

Political career

As for his political life, the late Dr Awadhi started his political career in 1975 when he was elected to the National Assembly from 1975 until 1980 and was

appointed Minister of Public Health from 1975 to 1983. Dr Awadhi was Minister of Public Health and Minister of Planning from 1983 until 1986, Minister of Planning from 1988 to 1990 and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs in 1990 and 1991. While in the Ministry of Health for more than ten years, Kuwait has witnessed a comprehensive health renaissance where most hospitals were built and the medical mission for Hajj was developed. At the international and regional levels, Dr Awadhi held a number of positions, most notably the Chief Executive Officer of the Council of Arab Ministers from 1976 to 1987, the Chairman of the Kuwait Environmental Protection Council from 1980 to 1987 and the Executive Secretary of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment in 1981.

Honorary degrees

Dr Awadhi received a number of honorary degrees, most notably the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Medicine, Ireland in 1977, his honorary doctorate from the University of Si Cheikh Boon-Korea in 1977, the Honorary Fellowship at the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians (Glasgow), 1982, and the Honorary Fellowship of the American Society of Public Health 1982. The late Dr Awadhi was honored by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in 2011 as part of the group of doctors who served Kuwait for 30 years and received the Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences in 2008. —KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah honors Dr Abdulrahman Al-Awadhi in 2011 as part of the group of doctors who served Kuwait for 30 years. —KUNA

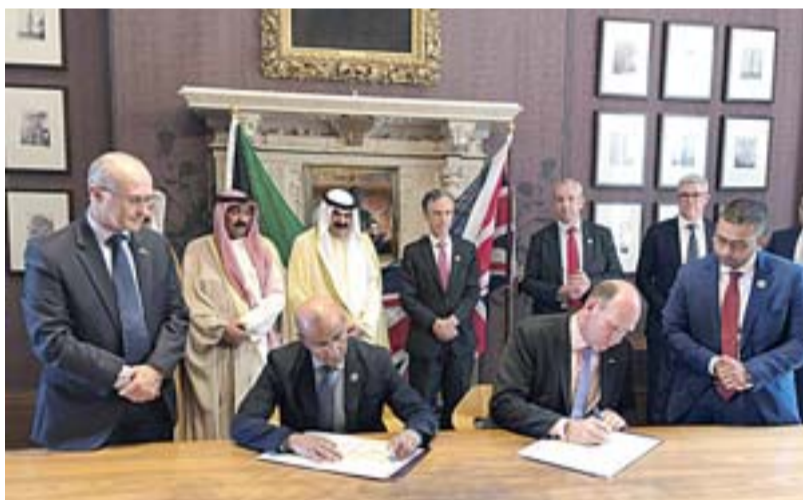
Deputy PM praises Kuwait-UK steering committee's work

LONDON: Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah on Thursday praised the efforts of the Kuwait-British joint steering committee pointing to the meeting held every six months that demonstrate the official's keenness on strengthening

strategic relations. In a statement to the press after signing the joint plan for the 14th session of the next six months, Jarallah said the meeting in London coincides with the celebration of the 120th year since the treaty of friendly relations between both countries was signed.

The establishment of the steering committee in 2012 came during His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's visit, driving and welcoming the historical relations between both countries, he added. He also pointed to the committee evolving its relations in the fields of economics, business, investments, health, culture,

defense, security, and cyber security. Jarallah was satisfied with the outcomes of the committee's 14th session, which resulted in the signing of three agreements with the first being a memorandum between the Kuwait National Guard and the British Defense Ministry for training. The second was between Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research and the British Cultural Council on scientific and technologic research, as the third was between Kuwait's National Council for Culture and Arts also signing with the British Cultural Council to learn from their experiences in the economic industry. —KUNA



LONDON: Kuwait and the United Kingdom sign a memorandum between the Kuwait National Guard and the British Defense Ministry for training.



LOYAC 'KON' program kicks off with NBK as platinum sponsor

KUWAIT: As a platinum sponsor, National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) welcomes the participants from LOYAC's program 'KON'. This social entrepreneurship program is co-created with Babson College, the most prestigious entrepreneurship college in the United States and the number one institution in the world for entrepreneurship education. The program aims to introduce young adults between the ages of 12 to 16 to the world business and to turn their ideas into action.

NBK will take part in the training sessions that will be ongoing until August 7, 2019. Throughout the six-week

program, leaders from NBK along with a group of professional leaders mentors and trainers, locally and regionally will encourage the participants to create a profitable business that solves social challenges. NBK Public Relations Team Leader, Talal Al-Turki said, "NBK's sponsorship and participation in the program comes as a part of its strategic partnership with LOYAC. NBK is dedicated towards supporting talented young people and empowering them towards achieving their goals."

"KON" is one of these initiatives that help invest and support young youths. NBK is elated with the outcome of

the program last year and looks forward to seeing the participants moving into key leadership roles in their near future," Turki added.

"KON" students will experience different stages during the program, thinking, planning and doing. The experiential learning journey the students undertake throughout the six weeks supports them to learn skills that include creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration. The students also learn technical skills to write up a successful business plan, and how to pitch their business ideas to investors. By the end of the

program, students will be able to present their business ideas before a jury panel, in addition to a professor from Babson College.

NBK believes that investing in human resources is investing in our future. The 'KON' program goes along with NBK's initiatives to invest in youth and support their aspirations. LOYAC is a nonprofit organization that runs several programs for the youth to develop their professional skills, enhance their personal growth and help them find their sense of purpose by extending themselves to others.

