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# Kuwait regrets persons reside in country wanted by Egyptian judiciary

Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister hails strong Kuwaiti-French bonds



KUWAIT: (From left) Kuwait's Assistant Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy and Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah cut the cake during the French Embassy's national day reception. —KUNA photos



Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah and French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy with guests at the ceremony.



(From left) Kuwait's Assistant Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy and Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah attend the ceremony.

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah regretted on Sunday that there were persons residing in Kuwait and wanted by Egypt's judiciary authority, confirming they were extradited to Cairo. Jarallah was referring to security authorities' clamping down on a terrorist cell of the Muslim Brotherhood Organization's Egyptian members who had been convicted of terrorism. Asked by reporters on sidelines of a reception by France's Embassy on the country's national day about branding the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist group, Jarallah said Kuwait did not declare the Brotherhood was a terrorist organization. "This position has already been made public," he said. Kuwait extradited those arrested to Egypt in line with an extradition agreement, he said.

Jarallah said security coordination with Egypt "is very high. We are satisfied with this cooperation ... because we realize the security of Egypt and Kuwait were linked." Kuwait's Ministry of Interior said members of the cells had been handed down ver-

dicts by the Egyptian judiciary, indicating some of the detainees had been sentenced to 15 years behind bars in their home country. The interior ministry's personnel located whereabouts of the fugitives, who had escaped from the Egyptian authorities to Kuwait, and arrested them. During interrogations, they admitted to carrying out terrorist operations in Egypt.

**Grave mistake**

Meanwhile, Jarallah slammed Al-Arabiya anchor's remark as a grave mistake that requires correction. "This a fatal mistake that requires intervention from our brothers in Al-Arabiya channel to redress it as Kuwait worked and will continue to work to heal the Gulf rift," Jarallah told reporters. He cautioned that this egregious error is not compatible with risks undermining credibility and professionalism of the prominent news channel Al-Arabiya. "I believe, this is not the reward that Kuwait should be granted for its efforts to achieve Gulf unity," he lamented. He

pointed out that Kuwait will retain its efforts and calls for ending media campaigns and to make sure that such campaigns will not spoil brotherly relations among the GCC peoples. He emphasized making Kuwait a target for these campaigns "is wrong, unjustifiable and unacceptable."

Kuwait's Ministry of Information has issued earlier on Sunday a statement about the incident and have contacted Al-Arabiya's bureau in Kuwait and the channel officials. In its statement, the ministry said the Kuwait refuses to get involved in matters that do not concern the country and deplored the remark as tantamount to a grave insult. Kuwait will always be committed to the unity of the Gulf region through its efforts to quell any internal discord, read the statement. It called for an end to malicious media campaigns that are detrimental to ties within the Gulf bloc. It noted that Kuwait has contacted Al-Arabiya television officials and will respond appropriately in order to sort out the issue.

**Strong bonds**

In the meantime, Jarallah lauded Kuwait's strong and deeply-rooted ties with France, extending greetings to the French government and people on their "dear national occasion." He highlighted the continued cooperation between Kuwait and France in all domains, especially, economy, investment, energy, culture, education and military. Jarallah expressed satisfaction with the level of military cooperation between the two friendly countries. Many of the Defense Ministry's personnel are receiving military education and training in France, he pointed out. He expressed Kuwait's appreciation to France for its role in maintaining the security and stability of Kuwait and the whole region as well as to its principled supportive stance to Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation time and its contribution to Kuwait's liberation war. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah meets with the Dominican envoy of the Foreign Minister Ambassador Rafael Melo. —KUNA

## Deputy FM meets Dominican official

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah met yesterday with the Dominican envoy of the

Foreign Minister Ambassador Rafael Melo, who is on a visit to the country as part of a tour of several countries to discuss ongoing preparations for the Dominican Arab Forum to be held later in the Dominican Republic. They also tackled issues of mutual interest and latest regional and international developments. The meeting was attended by Kuwait's Ambassador to Cuba Mohammad Khalaf and the Assistant Foreign Minister for the Deputy Foreign Minister's office Ambassador Ayham Al-Omar. —KUNA



BRUSSELS: The European Union's High Representative Federica Mogherini speaks to reporters. —KUNA

## Kuwait always tries to build unity in region: Mogherini

BRUSSELS: The European Union's (EU) High Representative Federica Mogherini expressed praise yesterday for Kuwait's position to build bridges in the Gulf region. "I was [Sunday] in Kuwait. That is another country that has always expressed a very wise and rational position, always trying to build bridges and rebuild the unity in the region," Mogherini told reports ahead of an EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels. "I think there is enough wisdom and rationality in the Gulf to try and find a useful way forward. Finding a way of liv-

ing together peacefully is not a sign of weakness, is a sign of rationality and looking at interests, first and foremost the security and economic interest of the region," she stressed.

Mogherini, who also visited Iraq over the weekend, said, "I have seen in the region the awareness of the fact that an escalation is dangerous for everybody, no one excluded, that the risk of miscalculation is there. So I think there is an interest today to focus on how to contain the risks, how to avoid a military escalation, or an escalation of any kind. And I believe that the regional conference in Iraq focusing on how to protect the good results that have been achieved in Iraq, for instance, which is a shared interest of all the countries in the region, could be a good starting point." Mogherini inaugurated the EU's embassy in Kuwait on Sunday. —KUNA

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