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Judicial Council visit in manifestation of Kuwait Amir directives: Prime Minister



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with the Supreme Judicial Council's Chairman Justice Youssef Al-Mutawaa. — KUNA photos



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah speaks to reporters during his visit to the Supreme Judicial Council.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah said yesterday that his visit to the Supreme Judicial Council came to translate directives of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. This came in a statement to KUNA and Kuwait TV on the sidelines of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled's visit, where he was received by Council Chairman Justice Youssef Al-Mu-

tawaa, who is also Chair of the Cassation Court and President of the Constitutional Court. The visit came to translate His Highness the Amir's directives during a meeting a few days ago with the heads of the three branches; legislative, executive and judicial, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled noted. The directives of His Highness came to "abide by the implementation of the Constitution, especially Article 50 of separation of pow-

ers," His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled added. "We discussed in [yesterday's] meeting how to implement this directive in cooperation among the three authorities for the betterment and interest of the country," he said. His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled also pointed out that he will visit National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem within the same vein and purpose. — KUNA

Amir extends condolences to US, Albania presidents

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable yesterday to US President Donald Trump, offering condolences over casualties of a chemical plant explosion in the State of Texas. His Highness the

Amir prayed to Allah Almighty to bestow mercy upon the dead and wished a speedy recovery for the injured. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar letters to President Trump.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir also sent a cable of condolences to President of Albania Ilir Meta over victims and injuries of a devastating earthquake that ripped through the country. In the cable, His Highness prayed to Allah Almighty to bestow mercy upon the dead and a speedy recovery for the wounded, voicing trust in local authorities to overcome aftermath of such natural disaster. His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister also sent similar cables. — KUNA

KFAED, Uzbekistan sign \$30.5 million loan deal

KUWAIT: Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) and Uzbekistan inked on Wednesday a KD 9 million (\$30.5 million) loan agreement to contribute to financing an infrastructure project for rural dwellings. The deal, signed in Uzbekistan capital Tashkent, aims at improving living conditions of people in six provinces through setting up houses complex

and providing basic services like water, gas, electricity, roads and others in these areas, KFAED said in a statement. The project seeks also to create jobs for residents of these rural areas through backing construction work and industries related to this field in the rural areas, it added. It aims to construct 13,312 housing units in six provinces, it said, noting that the scheme will provide commercial and commercial services as well as public utilities for these units. This is the 10th loan provided by the fund to Uzbekistan which also obtained two technical grants worth KD 528,800 (\$1.7 million). The previous nine grants were estimated at KD 53.9 million (\$177.33 million). The deal was signed by KFAED's Deputy Director-General Ghanem Al-Ghunaiman and Uzbekistan deputy finance minister. — KUNA

Kuwait warns against children recruitment in wars

NEW YORK: The State of Kuwait on Wednesday highlighted the need to protect children against manipulation in armed conflicts. Delivering her country's statement to a UN Security Council meeting, Kuwait's diplomatic attache Sara Al-Zoman appreciated the efforts of the international community to better support children once they have been separated from armed forces and armed groups.

The Arria-Formula Meeting on "Reintegration of Children Associated with Armed Forces and Armed Groups," focused on how bridging the "humanitarian-development-peace" (HDP) nexus can lead to more sustainable and successful reintegration of children associated with armed forces and armed groups. Zoman said the year 2018 saw 13,600 former child soldiers quitting armed groups, which constitutes a remarkable achievement in the joint efforts of the UN member states and civil society organizations. "The separation of children from armed groups should be viewed as only a first step which should be followed by their reintegration into their respective communities," she reminded.

The recruitment of children in armed groups constitutes a big crime which could



NEW YORK: Kuwait's diplomatic attache Sara Al-Zoman speaks during a UN Security Council meeting on Wednesday. — KUNA

put them liable to further violations, Zoman said. Calling for a comprehensive approach to addressing the problem of former child soldiers, she said those children need psychological support to be better able to resume their childhood in familiar atmospheres. She also urged incorporating children's views into the strategies for reintegration and post-conflict recovery and rehabilitation. The meeting, co-hosted by Belgium, Peru, Poland and the United Kingdom, was opened by Ambassador Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve (Belgium) - the chair the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict. — KUNA