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# Deputy Amir receives Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad after return from Paris

## UN chief congratulates Kuwait's Amir on speedy recovery



KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. — KUNA photos



Acting Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah meets with Kuwait's Ambassador to China Samih Hayat.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Seif palace yesterday His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. Sheikh Nasser had recently attended in Paris the funeral of former French President Jacques Chirac.

In the meantime, Acting Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah met yesterday with Kuwait's Ambassador to

China Samih Hayat. During the meeting, the two sides exchanged friendly talks and discussed important issues and significant subjects, defense ministry said in a press statement. Sheikh Nasser praised the role played by the Kuwaiti embassy in China in backing and boosting the two countries' relationship.

In other news, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber

Al-Sabah on his speedy recovery. In the cable, Guterres said: "I am sending you my very best wishes for your speedy recovery, as well as my sincere wish for your good health and well-being. "You remain a distinguished statesman who has devoted tireless efforts to building strong ties with the United Nations, as well as to restoring and maintaining regional stability," he added. "I look forward to continuing close cooperation with you in advancing our shared goal of

peace and security in the region and beyond. Please accept, Your Highness, the assurances of my highest consideration. With my best wishes and deep respect and admiration."

Separately, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable of condolences to Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan on the demise of Sheikh Suhail

bin Mubarak Al Ketbi. In the cable, His Highness the Amir extended his sincere condolences to Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed, praying to Allah Almighty to bless the soul of Sheikh Suhail with mercy in Paradise and bring solace to his family. His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent two similar cables of condolences to Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed on the same incident. — KUNA

## Parliament Speaker receives municipal council chief, members



KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem meets with the President of the Municipal Council Osama Al-Otaibi and a number of members from his council. — KUNA

KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem received yesterday the President of the Municipal Council Osama Al-Otaibi and a number of members from his council. The meeting was also attended by MPs, senior officials from the council, and Municipal Council Secretary General Bader Al-Rifaie and National

Assembly Secretary General Allam Al-Kandari. After the meeting, Otaibi emphasized the keenness of the Municipal Council to cooperate with all the state's bodies and institutions, especially the legislative one, as the council operates upon the regulations issued out of it. Otaibi endorsed the positive interaction from the Parliament's Speaker

towards the twining initiative between General Secretariat of the Municipal Council and the General Secretariat of the National Assembly. Both sides are working to benefit from exchanged expertise between both institutions, appreciating the fruitful cooperation with Ghanem and Kandari on that matter. — KUNA



WFP Director-General for GCC office Abdul-Majeed Yahya (center)

## Kuwait historic partner with WFP: UN officials

KUWAIT: Kuwait is a historic partner with the United Nations World Food Program (WFP), UN officials said on Monday, praising Kuwait's key humanitarian role. The two officials said that the Kuwaiti role is great and well-known, stressing the keenness of the program to strengthen its partnership with Kuwait and push it to higher levels. WFP Director-General for GCC office Abdul-Majeed Yahya, said that Kuwait had signed a \$24 million program last week to finance WFP activities in Yemen. In 2018, Kuwait contributed \$50 million, not including Kuwait Red Crescent Society's (KRCS) contributions, to WFP humanitarian action in Mozambique and Bangladesh, Yahya added. He pointed out that he had met with Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, who praised the program and its important role, especially in conflict areas. Meanwhile, the Regional Director of WFP for East and Central Africa, Erika Joergensen said that



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Kuwait has a big role in the region, noting that there is an agreement between Kuwait and the program to help those in need. Joergensen praised the influential role of humanitarian contributions and the efforts of the KRCS at all international levels, especially in Africa, noting that this role is appreciated at all levels. — KUNA



MUSCAT: A group photo on the sidelines of the meeting of the GCC Social Security Committee. — KUNA

## GCC meeting mulls unified insurance protection

MUSCAT: A meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Social Security committee in Muscat yesterday discussed the latest developments on implementing a unified insurance protection system to be extend to GCC citizens, a Kuwaiti official revealed. General Director of Kuwait's Social Security services

Mesha Al-Othman said on the sidelines of the 18th committee meeting that discussions also focused on the committee's plan for social security's mechanisms and its authentication along with an accountant's team to link them in the GCC association. The meeting also included making the decision to

begin the working mechanisms' role by paying of their membership fees. Othman also revealed statistical reports on GCC workers, which showed that there are 37,640 GCC citizens registered as expatriate workers in other GCC states, including 19,025 actual employees. — KUNA

## Kuwait to have commercial mission in Baghdad: Minister

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan announced that Kuwait would have a commercial mission in Baghdad to boost trade exchange with its Arab neighbor. In a speech at the conclusion of the first meeting of the Kuwaiti-Iraqi Joint Ministerial Committee on Monday, Roudhan, also Minister of State for Services, expressed satisfaction with the progress of relations between the two countries. The minister hailed the outcome of the meeting which demonstrated the two countries' keenness to enhance cooperation and coordination in all fields. Since February, the two countries' officials held over four meetings

and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah paid a historic visit to Baghdad to further strengthen ties, he said.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Trade Minister Mohammad Al-Ani said that the ministerial meeting also mullied opening a new Safwan border crossing, adding that the Kuwaiti side will establish the crossing point. The meeting also tackled trade and economic cooperation between the two countries, he said. The Iraqi minister stressed that the success achieved during the meeting requires perseverance to implement what has been agreed upon to achieve the aspiration of the two peoples. — KUNA