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# Kuwaiti FM receives credentials of new Honduran, Sri Lankan, Georgian ambassadors

## Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled receives outgoing US envoy



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah receives credentials of the new Ambassador of Honduras to Kuwait Luis Alutso. — KUNA photos



Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah receives credentials of the new Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Kuwait Othman Lebi Mohammad Johar.



Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah receives credentials of the new Ambassador of Georgia to Kuwait Constantine Giganti.

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received yesterday credentials of the newly appointed ambassadors of Honduras Luis Alutso, Sri Lanka Othman Lebi Mohammad Johar and Georgia Constantine Giganti. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled wished the new diplomats best of luck and success in carrying out their duties in Kuwait, as well as further progress and prosperity for the relationship between Kuwait and their respective countries. The receptions were attended by Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocols Affairs Ambassador Dhari Al-Ajran, Acting Assistant

Foreign Minister for the Office of Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ambassador Saleh Al-Loughani, and other senior foreign ministry officials.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled received the outgoing US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence Silverman. During the meeting, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled hailed the efforts of Silverman to boost the Kuwait-US ties on all levels, while he worked in the country. The meeting was attended by Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for the Office of Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ambassador Saleh Al-Loughani and a number of officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. —KUNA



Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with the outgoing US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence Silverman.

## Kuwait welcomes agreement on Syrian constitutional committee

NEW YORK: Kuwait welcomed the UN Secretary-General's announcement of the agreement between the Syrian government and Syrian Negotiations Body on a Constitutional Committee, which will begin its work on October 30, 2019 in Geneva under the auspices of the United Nations. This came in a speech delivered Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi at the Security Council meeting on Syria.



Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi

Otaibi hailed the Astana guarantors' efforts, "which contributed to this pivotal stage in the Syrian political process," he said. He also praised the tireless efforts of UN envoy to Syria Geir Pedersen to reach such an agreement, calling upon all parties to work with the Special Envoy in furtherance of his mandate at this critical time. He expressed hope that the October meeting will be the first step towards meeting the aspirations of Syria's people. Emphasizing the need to respect Syria's territorial integrity, Otaibi said the process must be accompanied by confidence-building measures, with tangible progress on such issues as detainees.

Turning to the situation in Idlib, the Kuwaiti diplomat expressed concern that massive displacement and related developments there might overshadow political progress. He went on to underline

that there can be no lasting peace without justice for perpetrators of the crimes committed, expressing support for the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism. He reiterated that there could be no sustainable and comprehensive peace in Syria without achieving justice, ensuring impunity and holding perpetrators accountable for crimes committed during the Syrian crisis since 2011, affirming his support for the work of the neutral and independent international mechanism. He stressed that the solution to this conflict will come only through a political settlement in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2254, which includes several stages like writing a constitution and holding free and transparent polls under the auspices of the UN. — KUNA

## UNHCR thanks Kuwait for contribution to IDPs in Yemen

GENEVA: Kuwait's "generous" \$12 million contribution to finance programs of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will be allocated to the internally-displaced persons in Yemen, the Commissioner's Office Chief of Staff Salvatore Lombardo said yesterday. Those programs will focus on providing shelter and care for Yemenis, as well as refugees pouring into it from Somalia and the Horn of Africa, Lombardo said after meeting Kuwait's permanent delegate to the UN and international organizations Ambassador

Jamal Al-Ghunaim. All the programs are in cooperation with other UN-affiliated bodies such as UNICEF, WFP and WHO, he pointed out. Meanwhile, Ambassador Ghunaim said that the relationship between the State of Kuwait and the UNHCR is indeed "deep-seated and historic." He said the meeting also touched upon other aspects of cooperation, mainly in Syria, Libya and aiding the Rohingya Muslim refugees in Bangladesh ahead of the anticipated visit to Kuwait by UNHCR chief Filippo Grandi early next year. —KUNA



GENEVA: UNHCR Commissioner's Office Chief of Staff Salvatore Lombardo meets with Kuwait's permanent delegate to the UN and international organizations Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim. — KUNA

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