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Qatari Amir appreciates Kuwait Amir's mediation in Gulf crisis

Sheikh Sabah receives call from Turkish president

NEW YORK: Qatari Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani renewed gratitude to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for his sincere efforts to resolve the Gulf crisis. In his address to the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, Sheikh Tamim reiterated that unconditional dialogue based on mutual respect is the only exit from the crisis between Qatar and other Gulf states. "Restoring stability in the Gulf region requires collective efforts on the regional and international scales," he said, stressing the need to lift the embargo slapped on his country. On the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, he said the Israeli occupation authorities persist in besieging Gaza Strip, and expanding the Jewish settlements in the

Palestinian West Bank and the Syrian Golan Heights "in blatant defiance of the UN."

"The State of Qatar will continue offering political and humanitarian support to the Palestinian people until they regain their legitimate rights," Sheikh Tamim underscored. Regarding Syria, he said it was high time to solve the Syrian crisis in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions in a way that could maintain the country's territorial integrity and end the grave crimes being committed against the Syrian people. Sheikh Tamim termed these crimes as "a big shame to humanity." Meanwhile, he called on the United States to lift Sudan from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism after the political changes in the country, expressing confi-

dence in the ability of the Sudanese people to overcome the challenges of the transitional stage.

On the conflict in Yemen, Sheikh Tamim renewed support to the UN-led humanitarian efforts and mediation to end the conflict, as well as the efforts to relaunch the political process, and protect the country's national unity and territorial integrity. On Libya, the Qatari Amir blasted the attacks being launching on the capital city of Tripoli by rebel militias, noting that such militias committed war crimes against Libyan civilians. He underlined the need to create a regional security system to protect the stability of Middle East and the Gulf region in particular.

Separately, His Highness the Amir

Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a phone call yesterday from the President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Erdogan inquired about His Highness the Amir's health condition after recovering from a recent setback and undergoing regular medical checkups, wishing good health and wellness for His Highness. His Highness the Amir expressed deep gratitude and appreciation to the Turkish President's good sentiments. His Highness also appreciated such a brotherly gesture, which depicts depth of the good relationship between the two countries and people. His Highness the Amir wished Erdogan abundance in health and wellness, and further progress and prosperity for Turkey and the Turkish people. — KUNA



NEW YORK: Qatari Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani speaks at the United Nations General Assembly yesterday in New York City. — AFP

Sheikh Nawaf receives Acting Premier, officials



KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan palace yesterday Acting Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. His Highness Sheikh Nawaf also received Deputy Prime Minister, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, and Acting Interior Minister Anas Al-Saleh, as well as Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governor Mahmoud Abdulsamad Bushehri. — KUNA

DGCA president elected to senior ICAO post

WASHINGTON: President of Kuwait's Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) Sheikh Salman Al-Sabah has been elected as First Vice-President of the General Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), during its meetings in Montreal, Canada. The election of Sheikh Salman took place as ICAO General Assembly members were discussing a host of issues like safe integration of drones into airspace management, establishing a globally consistent approach to passengers with disabilities, and implementing modern and convenient measures for passenger identification. Saad Al-Enezi, DGCA spokesman, said in a statement in Washington, DC. He added that General Assembly members would also dis-



WASHINGTON: The Kuwaiti delegation to the meeting, led by DGCA President Sheikh Salman Al-Sabah (center). — KUNA

cuss means of implementing an international legal framework to manage unruly passengers, and how to reduce vulnerability of Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) to harmful interference. Enezi said the meeting would touch upon implementation of a

global plan for aviation security as well as UN Security Council Resolution 2309 regarding terrorist threats against international peace and security. Kuwait has been chairing the Arab Organization of Civil Aviation since May 2018. — KUNA

Civil Defense ready for rainy season

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Civil Defense Committee stressed taking all necessary preparations and measures in cooperation with the relevant authorities in the country to cope with the expected rainy season. This came in a statement issued by the committee after a tour by officials from the Interior Ministry, National Guard, Fire Service Directorate, and the Ministry of Public Works to inspect areas that have been exposed to the accumulation of rainwater that fell in the country last year. The statement quoted the committee Deputy Chairman, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior Lt Gen Essam Al-Naham as saying that Civil Defense, on the instructions of Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, took all



needed measures and preparations. Naham noted that the committee stands equipped and ready and continues to communicate with various state bodies to face any emergency. The tour was attended by Undersecretary of

the National Guard Lt Gen Hashem Al-Rifai, Director General of the Fire Service Directorate Lieutenant General Khaled Al-Makrad and Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Works Ismail Ahmad. — KUNA

Palestine calls int'l community to bear responsibility towards Israel violations



KUWAIT: Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Sulaiman Al-Jarallah meets with the Ambassador of Palestine to Kuwait Rami Ehsan Tahboub. — KUNA

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Sulaiman Al-Jarallah met recently with the Ambassador of Palestine to Kuwait Rami Ehsan Tahboub. Meanwhile, the Palestinian Foreign Ministry released a statement on the occasion of the beginning of the 74th meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, and the 42nd meeting of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. It indicated that the meetings are held as Israeli occupation forces escalate their "ferocious campaign against our people all over the occupied Palestinian territories," including violent escalation against protestors in Gaza, and "widening the scope of night raids on many areas, while spreading horror and terror among citizens."

Israeli forces also launched arrest campaigns against Palestinians in Eisawiya, Silwan, Azzon, Aizariya, Ramallah, Beereh and many other Palestinian cities and towns, the Palestinian Foreign Ministry said, noting that paramedics were also targeted in Aizariya. "[Israeli forces] shredded cities and towns with check points set up at entrances and exits," it said. "In addition, gangs of settlers use their bulldozers to scrap farm lands in the town of Termosayya North of Ramallah."

"The occupation continues its excavation near Bab-al-Amoud and the fences of the old city with an attempt to change the historical and legal reality there while giving Bab-al-Amoud Hebrew names," the statement further reads. "This continued dangerous escalation proves yet again the occupation's disregard of all international laws and resolutions, and flagrant disregard of the UN's ability, its departments and councils to stop its violations and grave crimes against the international law," the Palestinian Foreign Ministry said. "This compels the UN to bear its responsibilities and fulfill its commitments towards alleviating the suffering of our people."

"The ministry expresses its utter discontent towards the international community's inaction towards the implementation of international legitimacy, particularly resolution 2334, provide international protection to our people, and force Israel as an occupation force to end its occupation of the state of Palestine's territories including the occupied East Jerusalem," the statement indicates. "The ministry holds the international community fully responsible for its failure to end the occupation and settlements for being a continued crime against our people."



KUWAIT: The Ambassador of Nepal to Kuwait Durga Prasad Bhandari hosted a reception at Crowne Plaza Hotel recently on the occasion of his country's 'Constitution and National Day.' Senior officials, diplomats, a cross section of the Nepal community and media personalities attended the event. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat