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# Arab foreign ministers reiterate commitment to Libya's stability

## Ministers refuse acts harming Egypt, Sudan's shares of River Nile



KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah takes part in Arab League online extraordinary session at the ministerial level. — KUNA



Participants in the meeting.

CAIRO/KUWAIT: Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah headed the Kuwaiti delegation in Arab League extraordinary session at the ministerial level held online, Tuesday, at the request of Egypt to discuss developments in Libya. During the meeting, member states affirmed commitment to unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity and stability of Libya and the security and safety of its brotherly people. They also emphasized support for international cooperation, initiatives and efforts aimed at a ceasefire, ending military operations and resuming the political process in the violence-torn Arab country. The Kuwaiti delegation included Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Arab World Ambassador Fahad Al-Awadhi, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Saleh Al-Loughani, and a number of senior ministry officials.

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### Kuwaiti, Brazilian FMs hold talks

#### Renaissance Dam

Meanwhile, Arab foreign ministers said water security for Egypt and Sudan was an integral part of the Arab national security, refusing any act undermining shares of countries in River Nile. The foreign ministers, holding an extraordinary virtual meeting over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) at the request of Egypt, expressed grave concern over the failure of ne-

gotiations between Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia, a final statement said. They said negotiations should be based on good will in order to reach an agreement honoring interests of all Nile basin countries. The ministers called on all parties to refrain from taking unilateral measures, including need of Ethiopia not to fill the reservoir nor operating the dam before reaching an agreement. Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia, they said, should abide by the international law. They called for finalizing technical studies over the economic, social and environmental impacts of the dam on Sudan and Egypt. They appreciated Sudan's call on Cairo and Addis Ababa to hold negotiations to reach an agreement on the filling and operation.



#### Phone call

In other news, Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad received on Tuesday a phone call from Brazilian Foreign Minister Ernesto Araujo. Both top diplomats

discussed bilateral ties and means to enhance cooperation in various fields, especially in combating the impacts of COVID-19. Recent regional and global political developments were discussed as well during the call. — KUNA

## Kuwait reiterates support to UNRWA

KUWAIT: Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah reiterated support to, and solidarity with, cash-strapped UN Relief Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA), amidst spread of coronavirus. Sheikh Ahmad, addressing a virtual ministerial meeting, co-sponsored by Jordan and Sweden, over promoting UNRWA's role, called for solidarity of the international community towards their "moral and humanitarian responsibility" to guarantee sustainability of UNRWA funding. This funding, he added, would alleviate suffering of the Palestinian people. UNRWA should continue its oper-

ations as mandated by the UN, said Kuwait's top diplomat, until a permanent and just solution was reached for the Palestinian refugees based on relevant UN resolutions.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres called for providing political and financial support for UNRWA which was carrying out vital operations, considered to be the lifeline for millions of Palestinian refugees thus contributed to regional stability. UNRWA contributes to educating more than half a million students, he said, and the UN agency reported more than eight million visits to its medical facilities every year. UNRWA, added Guterres, provide food and financial aid for around 1.8 million Palestinian refugees in Gaza Strip, as well as funding for businesses. He said UNRWA was contributing in human development and stability on a daily basis and in the midst of the spread of the coronavirus. Guterres said UNRWA has been providing essential sup-



KUWAIT: Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah speaks during the meeting. — KUNA

port for the Palestinian refugees for over 70 years. "We share the responsibility towards" the Palestinian refugees until a just solution for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is reached, he said. — KUNA



Participants in a virtual ministerial meeting co-sponsored by Jordan and Sweden over promoting UNRWA's role.

### News in brief

#### Amir congratulates astronomer

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Tuesday sent a cable to renowned Kuwaiti astronomer Dr Saleh Al-Ojairi, congratulating him on his 100th birthday. His Highness expressed sincere wishes of wellbeing for Ojairi, whose scientific achievements spanned for decades in serving and developing the fields of astronomy and meteorology in Kuwait and the world. 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 have sent similar cables to Dr Ojairi.

#### Silk City

KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah gave orders to shift supervision over the Silk City and Boubyan Island Development Authority to the Minister of State for Municipality Affairs.

#### Oil price up

KUWAIT: The price of Kuwaiti oil went up by \$1.04 to \$37.96 per barrel on Tuesday after it was \$36.92 pb the day before, said the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. Globally, the price of the Brent crude went down by 45 cents to \$42.63 per barrel, the same case with the West Texas Intermediate, which fell by 36 cents to \$40.37 pb.

#### Duo arrested

KUWAIT: Police arrested a fellow officer and a fugitive who attempted to escape from a check point on Al-Khattabi Road Tuesday. Police chased the suspects' vehicle as it drove wrong way to Blajat Road, before it stopped following a collision with a police patrol. The suspects were taken to the proper authorities for further action.

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