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Kuwait FM heads delegation in OIC conference in Niger

Algeria calls for extra efforts to fight Islamophobia

NIAMEY: Foreign Minister and Acting Information Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah headed Kuwait's delegation in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) 47th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Niamey, Niger on Friday. During the opening session, Sheikh Dr Ahmad delivered a speech highlighting the warm welcome and kind words from various officials at the meeting, including sentiments regarding the passing of late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The Foreign Minister also spoke about OIC's historic role and achievements throughout the years.



Meanwhile, Algerian Foreign Minister Sabri Boukadoum reaffirmed his country's stance on fighting all forms and sources of Islamophobia. In a speech during the two-day meeting yesterday, he noted that the meeting comes at a critical time where Islamophobia and campaigns against Islam are rising especially in Europe, as well as terrorism and extremism. The rights of Muslims in non-Muslim countries are being violated, even in job

opportunities and education, Boukadoum said. The minister also called for signing an international agreement to fight terrorism and cut off all of its sources. Meanwhile, he said that the meeting is an opportunity to enhance cooperation between Muslim countries to achieve development and tackle stability and security issues.

The 47th session of OIC was held under the theme 'United against Terrorism for Peace and Development.' Placed on the agenda of this year's CFM session was a list of topics and issues of concern to the Muslim world. In addition to the Palestinian cause, the fight against violence, extremism and terrorism, Islamophobia and defamation of religions, the Council discussed the situation of Muslim minorities and communities in non-member states, fundraising for the Rohingya case at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), as well as the promotion of dialogue among civilizations, cultures and religions, and other emerging matters. The OIC foreign ministers also discussed political, humanitarian, economic, social and cultural and other issues related to science and



NIAMEY: Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah attends the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) 47th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Niamey, Niger. —KUNA

Muslim minorities' situation discussed

technology, the media and the progress made in the implementation of the 'OIC-2025: Plan of Action' document. The Council meeting also featured a

brainstorming session on 'Security and Humanitarian Challenges Confronting African Sahel States Members of the OIC.' —KUNA

Kuwait Foreign Minister, Niger leader discuss ties

NIAMEY: Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah held talks on Friday with President of Niger Mahamadou Issoufou, focusing on bilateral relations in addition to current happenings around the world. The meeting, held on the sidelines of pan-Organization of Islamic Cooperation talks in the Nigerien capital Niamey, brought together a bevy of Kuwaiti foreign ministry officials and diplomats.

Kuwait's Foreign Minister also discusses various issues with foreign counterparts in separate meetings held on the summit's sidelines. Sheikh Dr Ahmad met yesterday with Algerian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sabri Boukadoum, and they reviewed bilateral relations and discussed the latest regional and international developments. Deputy Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Foreign Minister's Office Counselor Ahmed Al-Shuraim attended the meeting.

During a meeting with his Ivory Coast counterpart Ally Coulibaly yesterday, the two sides examined bilateral relations between the two friendly countries, latest developments on the regional and international arenas. Separately, Sheikh Dr Ahmad met his Senegalese counterpart Aissata Tall Sall, discussing bilateral relations, regional and international issues. Later,



NIAMEY: Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah meets with President of Niger Mahamadou Issoufou. —KUNA photos



Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah meets Algerian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sabri Boukadoum.

he met Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, examining identical matters.

Sheikh Dr Ahmad met on Friday with his counterpart of Chad Amine Abba Siddick. The two ministers reviewed the relations between the two sisterly countries, and the latest developments on the regional and international arenas. Kuwait's foreign minister held similar meetings on Friday with foreign ministers of Tunisia Othman Jerandi, Afghanistan Mohammad Hanif Atmar, Mauritania Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, Libya Mohammad Siala, and Turkey Mevlut Cavusoglu. —KUNA



Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah meets Tunisian Foreign Minister Othman Jerandi.



Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah meets Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu.

Kuwait sees 319 new COVID-19 cases, one death

KUWAIT: Kuwait said yesterday it logged 319 new coronavirus infections over the previous 24 hours, raising the total to 142,195, while one fatality recorded over the same period upped its death toll from the outbreak to 875. The number of people hospitalized with the virus stood yesterday at 5,431, with 77 of them in intensive care units, according to ministry spokesman Dr Abdullah Al-Sanad. The spokesman revealed that 4,242 swab tests were conducted over the past 24 hours taking the total to 1,086,669 so far. The ministry had earlier reported that some 586 patients had recovered from the virus over the same period, raising total recoveries to 135,889. Dr Sanad went on to urge the public to abide by health precautions, mainly following social distancing rules as the only way to halt the spread of the virus. —KUNA

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