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US administration's representative offers condolences to Kuwait Amir



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Qatar's Father Amir offers condolences to Kuwait Amir



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets Qatar's Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. — KUNA

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday at the Amiri Terminal Qatar's Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani and the accompanying delegation who offered condolences over the passing of late Amir Sheikh Sabah A-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Sheikh Hamad also offered condolences to Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq

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Kuwait Amir hosts Saudi officials offering condolences



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets Prince Fahad bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Amir of Saudi Arabia's Tabuk Region. — KUNA

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday a delegation of Saudi Amirs who arrived in the country to extend condolences on the demise of the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. His Highness the Amir hosted the Saudi officials at the Amiri Terminal. The entourage included Prince Fahad bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Amir of Tabuk Region, Prince Khaled bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Adviser of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Prince Meshal bin Majed bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Jeddah Governor, Prince Turki bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Aseer Amir, and Prince Faisal bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Prince of Medina. The Saudi officials also expressed

consolations to National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem, Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Deputy Chief of the National Guard, Sheikh Jaber Al-Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, as well as a number of Sheikhs. The delegation arrived shortly earlier to extend condolences on the demise of the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Upon their arrival at the Terminal, the Saudi officials were welcomed by the Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs, Sheikh Mohammad bin Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah. — KUNA

Saudi CP condoles with Sheikh Mishal

KUWAIT: Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Deputy Chief of the National Guard, received on Saturday a phone call from

Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, expressing condolences on the demise of the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The Saudi Crown Prince addressed prayers for Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad's soul. Sheikh Mishal reciprocated, expressing deep gratitude to the Saudi Crown Prince for his brotherly sentiments, also voicing good wishes for the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques (the Saudi King) and the Heir Apparent. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah (right) and Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. — KUNA



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The late Amir balanced Kuwait's ties between larger neighbors Saudi Arabia and Iran and kept a strong relationship with the United States, which led a coalition that ended Iraq's 1990-91 occupation of Kuwait.

"He will be remembered as a great man and a special friend to the United States," US Defense Secretary Mark Esper said in comments tweeted by the US Embassy during his visit to extend condolences of the US administration. HH Sheikh Nawaf said he was glad that US President Donald Trump,

who has been hospitalized after being diagnosed with coronavirus, was "recovering and well". Esper thanked him for his "expression of concern".

In a divided region, Sheikh Sabah cultivated a role as a go-between and mediator, a status illustrated by yesterday's visitors. Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif met HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf and his Kuwaiti counterpart to pay his respects. Zarif "congratulated them on the election of the new Amir of Kuwait and stressed the support of the Islamic Republic of Iran", the Iranian foreign ministry said in a statement. Zarif also lauded the late Amir for fostering "moderation and balance". Iranian state media later carried a message by President Hassan Rouhani to HH the Amir: "I am confident that, as in the past, we will see a growing expansion of friendly and fraternal ties between the two countries." — Agencies

Trump makes calls, tweets...

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A confusing timeline provided by Trump's advisors and doctors suggested that he met with more than 30 donors on Thursday in Bedminster, New Jersey even after learning that close aide Hope Hicks had tested positive - and just hours before he announced his own positive test.

All this came in a week when one poll - taken in the two days after a bruising presidential debate with Democratic rival Joe Biden but before news emerged of Trump's illness - showed his approval rating hitting a low point for the year. The Wall Street Journal/NBC survey gave Biden a significant 53-39 percent lead among registered voters. News of Trump's hospitalization has drawn

widespread sympathy but also fueled a sense among some that he was paying a price for months of consistently downplaying the severity of the pandemic. He mocked Biden's mask-wearing during their debate Tuesday, even as Trump family members in the audience violated rules requiring masks.

Miller said yesterday that Trump had urged him to convey a message to the American people about the importance of wearing masks and taking other precautions - a message many Democrats said rang hollow. "You can't just say we need to do something but we're going to let the virus run free. Now it has even run free in the White House," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told CBS.

In a video released Saturday, the 74-year-old Trump said: "I feel much better now," adding, "I think I'll be back soon." He has thanked those sending him get-well messages. Dozens of Trump supporters have gathered outside the hospital, many waving pro-Trump signs and banners. — AFP

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Many families facing a similar problem have entrusted supervision of their children to their housemaids," Zankawi said.

"Before the start of classes today, the school conducted ample training for teachers and students, so I know everything will be okay. We are prepared, but we all have to understand the situation right now," she said. "We can use desktop computers, laptops or tablets for the online classes and must have a speedy Internet connection. So I bought devices for my three children. We were told to select a quiet and comfortable place and all distractions must be removed from the room. We were also told to guide our children if needed," added Zankawi.

Sarah Abdullah Al-Kandari, a single mother, said

her children are ready for online classes. She said since she is not working, she will be by the side of her students. "We are all experiencing a new and extraordinary era and things are not easy for parents, teachers and students, but we have to do what is right. My students are in high school and they know what to do," said Kandari, whose daughters are in grade 11 and 10 and son in grade 8.

"For me, it's a blessing, as I can help them because I will be at home all the time. It's also restful because usually I take them to school every day," she told Kuwait Times. Kandari's husband died a few years ago and she is raising her three children alone. "I am not working anymore, but all of my kids are supported by the Kuwaiti government," she added.

Classes for kindergarten will be held from 8 am to 9:30 am, with four classes daily of 15 minutes each. Elementary students will have four 30-minute classes for each subject from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Intermediate students will have four 30-minute classes daily from 8 am to 10:30 am, while secondary students will also have four classes daily from 10:40 am to 1:30 pm.

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laid out," the hajj ministry said on Twitter. A raft of precautions have been adopted to ward off any outbreaks, according to state media. The revered Black Stone in the eastern corner of the Kaaba - which it is customary but not mandatory to touch during the pilgrimage - will be out of reach, and the Grand Mosque is to be sterilized before and after each group of worshippers.

Each group of 20 or 25 pilgrims are to be accompanied by a health worker and medical teams will be on the ground in case of an emergency, Benteen said. Thermal sensors have been installed to measure the body temperature of the pilgrims, Makkah authorities said. The safety, comfort and health of the pilgrims is a priority for the kingdom, the general presidency for the affairs of the two holy mosques said, calling them the "guests of Allah".

Under the second stage from Oct 18, the num-

ber of umrah pilgrims will be increased to 15,000 per day. Visitors from abroad will be permitted in the third stage from Nov 1, when capacity will be raised to 20,000. A maximum of 40,000 people, including other worshippers, will be allowed to perform prayers at the mosque in the second stage and 60,000 in the third, according to the interior ministry.

The decision to resume the pilgrimage was taken in response to the "aspirations of Muslims home and abroad", the ministry said last month. It said the umrah will be allowed to return to full capacity once the threat of the pandemic has abated. Until then, the health ministry will vet countries from which pilgrims are allowed to enter based on the health risks.

At midnight, tens of registered pilgrims wearing face masks prepared to enter the Grand Mosque in small groups. "This year has been heavy and full of tragedies. I am praying for God's forgiveness for all mankind," said Eman, a Pakistani national who resides in Saudi Arabia, accompanied by her daughter. Some enjoyed a respite from the usual crowding. "This is the easiest umrah I have ever made," said a Saudi who identified himself as Abu Fahd. — Agencies