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New Chairman of Kuwait's Supreme Judicial Council takes oath before Amir

Sheikh Nawaf gives full support to new judiciary officials



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KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Seif Palace yesterday Chairman of Kuwait's Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) and the Cassation Court Ahmad Musaad Al-Ajeel, and several other SJC officials, who took oath on the occasion of assuming their new posts. His Highness the Amir expressed full trust in the new senior judiciary officials, wishing them further success in solidifying the Kuwaiti judiciary's march towards continued justice and integrity. Minister of Justice and Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Dr

Fahad Al-Afasi attended the meeting.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah also received the SJC chief and members at Seif Palace. His Highness congratulated them and wished them further progress during their journey. Furthermore, His Highness expressed his trust in the Kuwaiti judiciary to achieve justice and integrity, and advised them to follow the law and enforce it on everyone, regardless of their position or status with no exceptions. The top judiciary officials later met with His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-

Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, who congratulated them and wished them further success and progress. His Highness also praised the efforts of the Kuwaiti judiciary in establishing the principles of law and order and achieving justice.

Also yesterday, His Highness the Amir received His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah at Seif Palace, while His Highness the Crown Prince received His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak, as well as Chairman and Director General of Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) Sheikh Mubarak Duaij Ibrahim Al-Sabah. — KUNA

“ Follow the law without exceptions ”

Oxford COVID vaccine prompts...

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Work began on the Oxford vaccine in January. Called AZD1222 or ChAdOx1 nCoV-19, the viral vector vaccine is made from a weakened version of a common cold virus that causes infections in chimpanzees. Immunogenicity blood tests carried out on a subset of older participants echo data released in July which showed the vaccine generated “robust immune responses” in a group of healthy adults aged between 18 and 55, the Financial Times reported earlier.

“We need to see the data before concluding that the responses were ‘similar.’” Stephen Evans, a professor of pharmacoepidemiology at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, said. He said that reactogenicity, which refers to common side-effects of vaccines like soreness and redness of the arm, was “often, but not always” associated with a vaccine’s immunogenicity. “Studies carried out in the first stage of development of a vaccine will result in choosing a dose that does not cause too much reactogenicity,” he said.

AstraZeneca has signed several supply and manufacturing deals with companies and governments around the world as it gets closer to reporting early results of a late-stage clinical trial. It resumed the US trial of the experimental vaccine after approval by US regulators, the company said on Friday. Staff at a London hospital trust have been told to be ready to receive the first batches of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, The Sun newspaper reported yesterday. — Reuters

France urges end to boycott...

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“As it has been said in France, ‘don’t buy Turkish-labeled goods’, I call on my people here. Never give credit to French-labeled goods, don’t buy them,” Erdogan said during a televised speech in Ankara. French goods have already been pulled from supermarket shelves in Kuwait and Qatar, among other Gulf states, whereas in Syria people have burned pictures of Macron and French flags have been torched in the Libyan capital Tripoli.

In Kuwait, the non-governmental Union of Consumer Co-operative Societies, which groups more than 70 establishments, issued the boycott directive in an Oct 23 circular. Several co-ops visited by Reuters on Sunday had cleared the shelves of items such as hair and beauty products made by French companies. Union head Fahd Al-Kishti told Reuters the products had been removed in response to

“repeated insults” against the Prophet (PBUH).

The co-ops, some the size of hypermarkets, carry government-subsidized staples and account for a big part of retail in Kuwait. Kuwait’s imports from France stood at KD 255 million (\$834.70 million) in 2019, according to Kuwait’s Central Statistics bureau. In Saudi Arabia, the Arab world’s largest economy, a hashtag calling for the boycott of French supermarket retailer Carrefour was the second most trending on Sunday. After a Danish paper first published the cartoons in 2005, protests and boycotts on Danish goods swept the Islamic world.

Yesterday, the head of MEDEF - France’s largest employers’ federation - said the boycott, which he described as “foolishness”, was clearly bad news for companies already hard hit by the coronavirus pandemic. “But there is no question of giving in to blackmail,” Geoffrey Roux de Bezieux told broadcaster RMC. “It is a question of sticking to our republican values. “There is a time to put principles above business.” He said MEDEF supported the government’s stance and urged companies “to resist this blackmail and, unfortunately, to endure this boycott”, which he said remained “fairly local-

ized” for now.

Erdogan yesterday compared the treatment of Muslims in Europe to that of Jews before World War II, saying they were the object of a “lynching campaign”. “You are in a real sense fascists, you are in a real sense the links in the chain of Nazism,” he said, calling on Europe to end its “Macron-led hate campaign” against Muslims.

On Sunday, Macron said in a tweet: “We will not give in, ever” to Islamist radicals. “We do not accept hate speech and defend reasonable debate,” the French leader added. Macron added that France “cherished” freedom, “guaranteed” equality, and experienced fraternity “intensely” in a reference to the nation’s credo. “Our history is one of fighting tyranny and fanaticism. We will continue,” he said.

Earlier this month, Macron unveiled a plan to defend France’s secular values against a trend of “Islamist separatism,” and described Islam as a religion “in crisis”. His stance has fuelled tensions with Turkey particularly. On Saturday, Paris announced it was recalling its envoy to Ankara after Erdogan, who has styled himself a defender of Muslims worldwide, questioned Macron’s sanity. — Agencies