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Kuwait's Foreign Minister delivers letter to Qatari Amir

Kuwait, Qatar foreign ministers visit embassy in Doha



DOHA: Qatari Amir Sheikh Tamim Al Thani reads a letter from Kuwaiti Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, delivered by Kuwait's Foreign Minister and Acting Defense Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah. —KUNA photos



Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah meets with Qatari Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al Thani.

DOHA: Qatari Amir Sheikh Tamim Al Thani received yesterday Kuwait's Foreign Minister and Acting Defense Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah, who delivered a letter from Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah dealing with the "solid relations between the two countries," Kuwait's foreign ministry said in a statement. The letter also included issues of mutual interest, the ministry added.

Sheikh Dr Ahmad had arrived in Doha, Qatar earlier yesterday for a visit as representative of Kuwait's Deputy Amir and Crown Prince, Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) said in a statement. He also met with Qatari Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al Thani, and discussed with him bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest. The two ministers then visited Kuwait's Embassy in Doha, where they were received by Ambassador Hafeedh Al-Ajmi and Embassy staff. — KUNA



Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah meets Qatar's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al Thani and pose for a group picture with Kuwait's embassy staff members.

Kuwait, US discuss culture, arts cooperation

KUWAIT: The Secretary General of the National Council for Culture, Arts, and Letters Kamel Suleiman Al-Abduljaleel welcomed to his office the Ambassador of the United States of America to the State of Kuwait Alina Romanowski yesterday morning. The two parties discussed aspects and ways of sustainable cultural and artistic cooperation.

Abduljaleel described the meeting as fruitful and constructive, as several proposals and ideas were discussed to be formulated into programs and implemented in the future through the proper official channels. Among these topics was the interest in the film industry and benefiting from the experiences and long history of the United States, and its long-standing institutions in this important and influential field. In this regard, discussion talked ways to create opportunities for national companies to strengthen their expertise and development in the field of film directing and its branches such as sound, montage, and others, in addition to

seizing the opportunity for virtual cooperation in light of the COVID-19 pandemic in the fields of film production, directing, and gaining experience in its wide fields.

In regards to artistic cooperation between the State of Kuwait and the United States, Abduljaleel affirmed that his meeting with Ambassador Romanowski also included the possibility of hosting concerts for musical bands known for their valuable contributions in this field, in addition to boosting bilateral cooperation in the field of fine arts, such as painting, sculpting, and others, by attracting artists from different art schools, especially contemporary ones. This is in order to keep up to date with the Kuwaiti Fine Arts scene that was created decades ago, thanks to the efforts of the founding artists and those who have come after them, as well as the efforts of the Academy of Arts and Media at the Public Authority for Youth.

In the meantime, Abduljaleel affirmed Ambassador Romanowski's appreciation of



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the legislative progress and the constructive cooperation between the National Assembly and the government, which resulted in issuing the copyright and related rights' law. Abduljaleel said that this achievement is a step forward "consistent with the cultural reputation of the State of Kuwait," adding that it provides a legal framework

that protects creativity and creators in the field of culture, arts and literature. Towards the end of the visit, Abduljaleel showed Ambassador Romanowski examples of the periodical and special publications that NCCAL sponsored. Assistant Secretary General for the Culture and Arts Sectors in NCCAL Dr Essa Al-Ansari attended the meeting.

Solar panel dust platform wins US patent

KUWAIT: Three Kuwaiti researchers working with the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research has obtained a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for an invention measuring the effect of dust and other pollutants on solar panels. Dr Firas Al-Zoubi, Engineer Abdullah Al-Kandari, and Engineer Abdel Wahab Al-Asfour succeeded in designing the platform that will allow testing photovoltaics of all kinds and under different pollution conditions, allowing the invention to have a wide range of potential applications.

The invention uses a single solar cell, which is measured under three different conditions in three stages within a very short period of time.

Stage one: full and direct exposure to sunlight. Stage two: exposure to light through clean transparent glass. Stage three: exposure to light through transparent glass that is exposed to dust or any natural pollutant, as the solar cell is allowed to move in two directions to measure the energy produced under different points of the contaminated glass, which is the distinctive feature of this invention and the first of its kind.

Measuring the effect of the accumulation of pollutants on photovoltaic devices is still in its infancy, and with regard to the invention presented, irregular pollution can cause a greater reduction in energy compared to regular pollution. The information may be utilized in the future in the construction and design of layouts for solar panel farms as well as cleaning cycles and potential losses due to pollution. Kuwait has in recent years pushed forward with a variety of sustainable energy initiatives aimed at preparing the country for a future without oil.



News in brief

Quarantine violators prosecuted

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Health has filed up to 80 cases against people who violated mandatory home quarantine since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis in Kuwait late February, Al-Qabas daily reported yesterday. The ministry is continuously coordinating with the interior ministry to take legal action against patients who test positive to COVID-19 and leave their houses before the end of their quarantine period, said sources quoted in the report.

Judges stuck in Egypt

KUWAIT: The Supreme Judicial Council has assigned the Ministry of Justice to coordinate with relevant authorities in order to return to Kuwait 120 judges and consultants currently stuck in Egypt, Al-Jarida daily reported yesterday. The judges' services are urgently required to process several cases at the public prosecution and courts that have been put on hold pending their return back to their work there, according to sources quoted in the report.

Tests in classes

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Education is preparing to carry out make up tests for 1,679 grade 12 students who failed in their finals, days after the final results were announced. The students will take their paper tests in school buildings under strict health precautions, such as having a maximum of seven students inside a classroom and 30 inside halls and theaters, Al-Jarida daily reported yesterday quoting ministry sources.

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