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Defense Minister visits Mohammad Al-Ahmad Kuwait Naval Base

Sheikh Hamad highlights importance of joint drills



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah is seen during his tour at the Mohammad Al-Ahmad Kuwait Naval Base. — Defense Ministry photos

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah visited yesterday the Mohammad Al-Ahmad Kuwait Naval Base, where he met Kuwait Army Chief of Staff Lt Gen Khaled Saleh Al-Sabah, Deputy Chief of Staff Lt Gen Fahad Al-Nasser and top army brass. The minister was then given a detailed presentation on the naval force's tasks and duties, in addition to its level of preparation and current coordination with the Interior Ministry's coastguards, the

Ministry of Defense's Moral Guidance Department said in a press statement. Sheikh Hamad conveyed to the navy forces greetings of Kuwait's leadership, and expressed gratitude for their "sincere efforts" in protecting Kuwait and its territorial waters. He also highlighted the importance of joint drills and operations between Kuwait's navy and that of other countries "especially in light of the circumstances the region is witnessing, which require maintaining a high level of alert constantly."



Two dead in vacuum tanker explosion

KUWAIT: Two people died and a third was injured in an explosion reported near Jahra Road Friday night. The explosion reportedly happened while workers were welding a vacuum tanker used to transport fuel. The blast was strong enough that it blew the truck 30 meters away

before it crashed into the Jahra Road Bridge. The incident left two expatriates, Arab and Asian, dead, while a third worker was rushed from the scene to the hospital with injuries as a result of the blast, Kuwait Fire Force said in a statement. A case was filed for further investigations.



Kuwait lists 922 COVID cases, four deaths in two days

KUWAIT: Kuwait listed 427 new coronavirus infections and two virus-related deaths on Saturday to raise the total to 153,900 and 942 respectively, the health ministry said. Kuwait had registered 495 new infections and two deaths on Friday. Meanwhile, Kuwait reported 245 recoveries yesterday, which raised the total to 148,728, while 244 recoveries were announced on Friday. The number of hospitalized patients stood yesterday at 4,230, with 51 of them in intensive care units, according to ministry spokesman Dr Abdullah Al-Sanad, down from 54 patients in intensive care units the previous day. The ministry announced 8,015 and 11,597 swab tests yesterday and Friday respectively, which raised the total to 1,319,646. Dr



Sanad further urged the public to abide by health precautions, mainly social distancing to help limit the spread of the virus. — KUNA

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