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**KUWAIT:** Minister of Interior and Acting Minister of Defense Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah greets participants in the 'Gulf Shooting 2021' military exercise. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Lt Gen Fahad Al-Mtair, Commander of the Royal Saudi Land Forces, expressed his gladness to participate in this joint training, which included different military and field operations. "This training aims to raise the readiness and capability of the participating forces to protect the security of the Arabian Gulf and the region in general," he said.

"Such trainings increase the military cooperation of joint military operations to reach proficiency in this field. It also aims to exchange experiences for future military operations.

I am glad that this training was successful, and we thank the Kuwaiti forces for their hospitality," added Mtair.

Colonel Ruppel-Lee, TFS G3 (Duty Force Operations Manager), stated that the participating joint forces spent the last 10 days with lots of training with Bradley tanks, medical training, and other exercise.

"The soldiers came together and learned how to communicate both with simple words, and they started to use operational graphics to draw on the map, and then everybody

understood each other. And when they got inside the tank of the Bradley, they understood each other's jobs and learned different tactic techniques and procedures from each other. And today, we saw the result of their hard work and training," stressed Ruppel-lee.

The training showed shooting with rocket launchers of the joint forces on their target, Apache helicopter firing, and paratroopers with Kuwaiti, Saudi, and US flags.

