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# GCC ministers' meeting to uplift armed forces' capacities, says Kuwaiti minister

New GCC Unified Military Command Headquarters inaugurated in Riyadh



RIYADH: A group photo of GCC Defense Ministers participating in the 18th session of the GCC Joint Defense Council. —KUNA photos



GCC Defense Ministers attend the session.

RIYADH: Kuwait's Acting Defense Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah yesterday noted that the 18th session of the GCC Joint Defense Council was designed to boost member countries' armed forces capacities. The holding of the session came as a "translation of the aloft and noble objectives set by Their Highnesses and Royalty, the leaders of the Arabian Gulf Cooperation Council States," said the minister in a statement to the press on the sidelines of the gathering. These goals will contribute to broadening inter-GCC military cooperation, attain defense interaction among the council member states and boost capabilities "of our armed forces to face various challenges and threats," Sheikh Thamer Ali stated further to the Kuwaiti news agency.

Bahraini Defense Affairs Minister Major General Abdullah Al-Nuaimi chaired the session that grouped GCC countries' ministers of defense and Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf, the GCC Secretary General. The ministers discussed during the session some

recommendations, latest developments on the regional and international arenas as well as several military related topics. Meanwhile, Minister Sheikh Thamer inspected the new headquarters of the GCC Joint Command Headquarters in Riyadh. He was accompanied by Kuwait Army Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Khaled Saleh Al-Sabah and ranking army officers. Moreover, he was accompanied by the State of Kuwait's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Ali Al-Khaled Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The new Unified Military Command Headquarters of the Gulf Cooperation Council opened yesterday in Riyadh under the patronage of Saudi Arabia Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Prince Mohammad bin Salman Al-Saud, and in the presence of Saudi Deputy Defense Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman Al-Saud on his behalf. In addition to Sheikh Thamer, the opening was attended by GCC defense ministers and the GCC Secretary General Dr Hajraf.



Kuwait's Acting Defense Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah attends the meeting.



Kuwait's Acting Defense Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah is seen during his visit to the GCC Unified Military Command Headquarters.

Hajraf stressed the inauguration comes as one of the most prominent GCC military gains, and a message of peace and determination to protect GCC security and stability from any external threat. —KUNA

## Kuwait strongly condemns Houthis' continuous attacks on Saudi Arabia

KUWAIT: The State of Kuwait strongly condemned and denounced the continuous Houthi militias attacks targeting Saudi Arabia, said a statement yesterday. According to the Foreign Ministry, the heinous attacks — which included the targeting of the Najran airport via four armed drones — displayed the aggressive and hostile nature of the Houthi militia. The militia insisted on attacking cities and civilians in Saudi Arabia, which is a clear violation of humanitarian and international laws, said the statement, calling the international community to hold the Houthis accountable. The Foreign Ministry concluded the statement with an affirmation that the State of Kuwait, leadership and people, stood in support with Saudi Arabia against aggressors.

In the meantime, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed Kuwait's welcoming of an agreement reached between parties involved in the transitional phase in the Republic of Sudan. In a foreign ministry statement, the ministry also welcomed the agreement on all tasks of the next phase, which includes restoring transitional institutions, holding elections on time, and forming a government of competencies to move forward and ensure the objectives of the transitional process in a manner that preserves the security and stability of Sudan. The statement affirmed the State of Kuwait's continued support for everything that would maintain security and stability and achieve the interests of the people of Sudan. —KUNA



KUWAIT: The Embassy of Bangladesh in Kuwait organized a reception on the occasion of the 50th Armed Force Day of Bangladesh this past Sunday. Several high officials from Kuwait, diplomats and other dignitaries attended the event. —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

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