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Kuwait's Amir receives Crown Prince, Speaker, Prime Minister

Sheikh Nawaf receives congratulations from Oman Sultan



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. — Amiri Diwan photos



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. His Highness the Amir received National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem. Furthermore, His Highness the Amir received His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir received a cable from Sultan of Oman Haitham Bin Tariq, expressing sincere congratulations on the occasion of the first anniversary of assumption of power, praying to Allah Almighty to bestow His Highness the Amir with everlasting health and further progress and prosperity to Kuwait and its people, under His Highness the Amir's wise leadership. His

Highness the Amir replied to Sultan Haitham with a cable of thanks, expressing his deepest appreciation to the Sultan for his sincere congratulations on this occasion, praying to Allah Almighty to bestow him with everlasting health and wellness, and further progress and prosperity to Kuwait and its people, under his wise leadership.

Moreover, His Highness the Amir received a con-

gratulatory cable from President of Mauritania Mohamed Ould Ghazouani on the first anniversary of His Highness the Amir in office, wishing him long healthy life and further development to Kuwait. His Highness the Amir sent a cable to president Ghazouani, thanking him for his kind wishes, praising the strong Kuwaiti-Mauritanian relations and wishing him a long healthy life. — KUNA

British Ambassador congratulates Amir on coronation anniversary

KUWAIT: The United Kingdom's Ambassador to Kuwait Belinda Lewis released the following statement on the occasion of the first anniversary of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah's assumption of office:

"I would like to send my warmest congratulations to HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-



Belinda Lewis

Jaber Al-Sabah on the first anniversary of his coronation. It was a pleasure to meet His Highness the Amir when I submitted my credentials in May. Kuwait, under the leadership of HH the Amir, is a strong and important ally for the UK and I look forward to strengthen further this relationship between our two countries."

Japan's Ambassador congratulates Amir on first anniversary

KUWAIT: Japan's Ambassador to Kuwait Takaoka Masato released the following statement on the occasion of the first anniversary of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah's assumption of office:

"On behalf of the Government and people of Japan, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, on the first anniversary of the enthronement. I wish His Highness good health and all the best. I would also like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on the first anniversary of the assumption of office as Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait.

"We are all aware that the past one year has been full of challenges in the world, particularly

that of COVID-19. Yet, I would like to note that the State of Kuwait, under the wisdom of the new leadership, has remained stable, prosperous and peaceful. The State of Kuwait has also continued to play an important role for regional stability and for world humanitarian causes, as during the reign of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. As a friend, Japan values Kuwait as a force of peace and stability.

"This year, Japan and the State of Kuwait celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of our diplomatic relations. We have developed close ties of friendship and partnership over those years. I earnestly hope and expect that with the guidance of the new leadership we will further promote our cooperation bilaterally, regionally and globally."



Takaoka Masato

DPRK Embassy congratulates Amir on first anniversary

KUWAIT: Charge d'Affaires of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the State of Kuwait Ju Myong Chol released the following statement on the occasion of the first anniversary of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah's assumption of office:

"It is my pleasure to celebrate with the friendly Kuwaiti people the first anniversary of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's assumption of the reins of government. I have the honor to express my sincere congratulations to His Highness the Amir over the first anniversary of His Highness taking the reins of power.

"During the reign of His Highness, Kuwait began a historical stage in the process of building and giving to complete the stages started by its honorable predecessors, and many achievements were made in various fields, including society and economy, as well



Ju Myong Chol

as taking quarantine measures to prevent the spread of the pandemic and preparing a firm prospect for returning to normal life.

"His Highness the Amir's efforts culminated in the Gulf-Arab reconciliation, with the signing of the Al-Ula Agreement in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and continued the approach that Kuwait followed with regards to its relations with its Arab brothers. He was keen to solve the problems facing the Arab nation, with a focus on the Palestinian issue as the first Arab issue.

"On this auspicious occasion, I sincerely wish His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah everlasting good health, success in leading the country, greater progress and prosperity for the friendly Kuwaiti people and I am sure that the friendly and cooperative relationship between the two countries will further develop in accordance with the interest of the peoples of the two countries."

Kuwaiti artists remember late Amir



KUWAIT: The union of artists and journalists in Kuwait held yesterday an exhibition entitled 'In Memory of Humanitarian Amir', which displayed contributions of the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. Sixty artists recognized in paintings the late Amir's endeavors to address disputes among Arab brothers. — KUNA



Bouden named Tunisia's first...

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cabinet, repeatedly emphasized the "historic" nature of the nomination of a woman, calling it "an honor for Tunisia and a homage to Tunisian women". Saied, who was the only person to speak in the video, said Bouden's main mission would be to "put an end to the corruption and chaos that have spread throughout many state institutions".

Political scientist Slaheddine Jouchi welcomed the nomination of a female premier, but warned that Tunisia faces daunting economic and political challenges. "When we look at the CV of this lady, who is a geologist without other specializations or experience in sensitive

roles, I don't know how well she will be able to tackle these enormous, complex issues," he told AFP.

Jouchi said that by appointing Bouden, Saied "has avoided nominating a politician or anyone with a minimum of political experience. He doesn't want a rival or anyone with political opinions, who could enter discussions with him over the important decisions to come".

Some women in Tunis welcome Bouden's appointment, but media student Yasmine Benhassen said "that doesn't mean that we will support her whatever happens". "We'll pay attention to who she is, and what she does," the 21-year-old told AFP. Raoua Gorab, a jobseeker in her 30s, said the key issue was "improves the situation in the job market. After the coronavirus pandemic, there's nothing left, everything has closed."

With debt approaching 100 percent

of GDP as it negotiates with international lenders for a bailout, Tunisia has faced years of runaway inflation and high unemployment, exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. Bouden will be Tunisia's tenth prime minister since a 2011 uprising overthrew longtime dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, sparking the Arab Spring revolts.

The country has won international plaudits for its democratic transition, but many Tunisians have seen little improvement in their lives and have become disillusioned with a political process they say is dysfunctional and corrupt. Bouden, the same age as Saied at 63, is a former director at PromESSE, a higher education reform project, and has held senior positions at Tunisia's higher education ministry. The French-educated geologist with a PhD in geological engineering comes from the city of Kairouan, and is a lecturer at Tunisia's

national engineering school.

Tunisia has for decades been seen as a regional pioneer in women's rights, banning polygamy in 1956. The Tunisian Association for Democratic Women (ATFD) welcomed Saied's pick for prime minister, saying it had suggested Bouden for the role. Activist Bel Haj Hmida praised the symbolic nature of the appointment, but also pointed out Saied's previous positions on gender equality.

During the socially conservative constitutional law expert's 2019 presidential run, he was criticized for his opposition to an inheritance law enshrining equality between men and women. Also an academic and political outsider, Saied swept to power on a wave of anger against the political class, who have governed Tunisia since 2011 but failed to resolve pressing economic and social issues. While many



Najla Bouden

Tunisians praised his initial power grab, on Sunday more than 2,000 people demonstrated in central Tunis to demand a return to the constitution and Saied's resignation, accusing him of "stealing" the 2011 revolution. — AFP