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## Kuwait PM holds discussions with Iraqi PM

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah held official talks with visiting Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammad Shia Al-Sudani on Wednesday at Bayan Palace. They looked into bilateral relations and ways to boost them in several fields to serve the common interests of both countries.

The two sides also discussed the latest regional and international developments and the importance of continued coordination on issues of common interest. First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Talal Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Oil Dr Bader Hamed Al-Mulla, Chief of His Highness

the Prime Minister's Diwan Abdulaziz Dakhil Al-Dakhil, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Minister of Commerce and Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology Mazen Saad Al-Nahedh, senior state officials and His Highness the Prime Minister's Diwan officials attended the talks.

The Iraqi prime minister and his accompanying delegation arrived in Kuwait on Wednesday on a single-day-long official visit. He was welcomed by HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. An official reception was held for the Iraqi guest, in the presence of First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh

Talal Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Barak Ali Al-Shaitan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Oil Dr Bader Hamed Al-Mulla, Chief of His Highness the Prime Minister's Diwan Abdulaziz Dakhil Al-Dakhil, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Minister of Commerce and Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology Mazen Saad Al-Nahedh, senior commanders of the army, police, National Guard, General Fire Force, senior state officials, His Highness the Prime Minister's Diwan, and the ambassadors of the two countries. —KUNA



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## Korean Embassy holds culinary festival, introduces kimchi

## Ambassador commends Kuwaiti interest in Korean culture and cuisine

By Faten Omar

**KUWAIT:** The Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Kuwait and the Middle East Chapter of the Peaceful Unification Advisory Commission (PUAC) held a Korean culinary event 'Kuwait Kimchi Class 2022' on Tuesday, titled "Discover the kimchis across the Korean Peninsula". South Korean Ambassador to Kuwait Chung Byung-ha said Nov 22 marks Kimchi Day to recognize the importance of the Korean dish and celebrate Korean culture. "Kimchi Day is marked on November 22 because it has 11 ingredients and 22 health benefits," he said.

"We started the event last year when we hosted kimchi-related events. Last year, we had a food competition using kimchi, and this year we invited experts to tell us about the dish. The discovery of a new dish means happiness for human beings. I think the discovery of kimchi will be the best way to understand and discover the Korean people and culture," Chung noted.

"We see today that many Kuwaitis show interest in Korean culture, K-drama, K-films and even K-pop stars. If you watch Korean films, you will say that you love Korea, but if you have a taste of kimchi, understand it and make it, you are already a Korean. It is really good to see many



**South Korea's Ambassador to Kuwait Chung Byung-ha**



**KUWAIT:** Dr. Ji-Young Hong, professor at the College of Southern Nevada, speaks during the festival.



Kuwaitis showing interest in making Kimchi, and I think it is kind of a way to better understand the Korean culture," he said.

The ambassador revealed the embassy will organize a food festival to introduce the culture of Korea. "Wintertime in Kuwait is the best season. We are going to host a food festival in December at the embassy from 5 pm to 8 pm to let people enjoy Korean street food."

Regarding the BTS member who performed at the opening of the World Cup in Qatar, he said the performance of the K-pop superstar Jung Kook was great, adding it represented the power of Korean culture and made a contribution to the success of the World Cup, hoping to arrange a visit of the band to Kuwait.



Dr. Ji-Young Hong, a Professor at the College of Southern Nevada and an expert in K-culture, spoke about the history of kimchi, its origin and the science behind it. She explained how to cook the spicy, salty and sour traditional Korean side dish that has gained international popularity. "I created special ingredients for Kuwait. The kimchi that will be made today will not be authentic kimchi. I used local ingredients from the market of Kuwait to make all people enjoy the kimchi with Kuwaiti ingredients," she said.

"We have our own way to make kimchi. I tried to follow the authentic way but with local ingredients, lowering the level of spiciness and adjusting the sweetness. The main ingredients are cucumber, onion, green onion, sugar, garlic, red pepper, salt and spices. I asked around what the level of spiciness Kuwaiti people enjoy and adjusted the recipe

according to that. Korean people love it spicy," Hong pointed out. She said this is her first participation in Kuwait, her third country to have a kimchi class after the US and Cuba.

Kimchi is not simply a side dish for most Koreans but a representative cultural icon of Korea. This typical Korean food is world-renowned as the most authentic Korean dish, praised for its nutritional value as well as unique flavor and taste. The Korean Embassy and PUAC partnered to bring the kimchi class to Kuwait, which covered everything about making and enjoying kimchi from scratch.

This culinary event also allowed all participants to experience hands-on kimchi making and sampling six kinds of kimchis with different ingredients and recipes. Chung introduced kimchi as Korean soul food having historical and sentimental ties and a distinct identity.



**KUWAIT:** Director-General of Kuwait News Agency Dr Fatima Al-Salem receives Austrian Ambassador to the country Marian Alexander. —KUNA

## KUNA DG, Austrian envoy discuss media role in promoting ties

**KUWAIT:** Director-General of Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) Dr Fatima Al-Salem discussed Wednesday with Austrian Ambassador to the country, Marian Alexander, role of media in promoting bilateral ties between the two nations, and support-

ing diplomatic efforts. Dr Al-Salem, during the meeting in her office, affirmed KUNA's keenness on boosting Kuwaiti-Austrian relations across various fields, and hoped for more development and progress especially in media and diplomacy.

The Austrian Ambassador, on his part, congratulated Dr Al-Salem on her appointment, and commended the agency's sense of responsibility, fortitude, and its role in advancing media in Kuwait. He also noted the significant role of Kuwaiti media as a whole in supporting bilateral ties, and thanked KUNA for its efforts in connecting people and its credibility and objectivity in relaying facts and events. —KUNA

## Municipality shuts fitness centers, arrests workers

**KUWAIT:** The Kuwait Municipality sent an emergency team for field inspections on several fitness and wellness centers in Jabriya and Salmiya areas in Hawally governorate. The inspection resulted in the arrest of a number of workers who were taken into custody for engaging in immoral activities. The team also issued violations on three stores in addition to shutting down two others.

Head of the emergency department in Hawally Municipality, Ibrahim Al-Sabaan said: "The campaign in Jabriya and Hawally was carried out to enforce safety and security of the people and ensure health regulations are strictly complied by the businesses at all health centers."

"We have arrested a number of workers who were involved in immoral acts and issued three violations on stores that did not follow regulations such as advertisement, licensing and expired health insurance. Moreover, two stores were shut down. The first, the owner exceeded space indicated in



licensing, while the other in Salmiya, has changed the location of the store without obtaining a license from the municipality," he clarified.

He said the Municipality will make sure that regular field inspections are conducted by supervisory teams at all governorates and called on business owners to strictly follow regulations stipulated by the Municipality.



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