

# Kuwaiti mission marks 60th anniversary of UN membership

## Delegation shared Kuwait's heritage through musical performances, cultural exhibition



NEW YORK: Kuwait Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah speaking at the UN General Assembly's Hall. — KUNA photos



Ambassador Tareq Al-Bannai (center right) and Kuwaiti Ambassador to Washington Sheikhha Al-Zain Sabah Nasser Al-Saud Al-Sabah (center left) with other officials.

NEW YORK: The Kuwaiti mission at the UN headquarters in New York marked its country's 60th anniversary of membership at the international organization. The event saw the participation of a Kuwaiti national music band in addition to exhibitions displaying the history and culture of Kuwait. In a televised message, broadcasted at the UN General Assembly's Hall, Kuwait Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah affirmed that Kuwait, since joining the UN, had worked diligently to boost cooperation and understanding amongst all members of the international organization.

He affirmed that he was proud of Kuwait's 60 years of accomplishments on the regional and the international levels, saying that his country had called for boosting security, sustainable development and human rights during its membership. Sheikh Salem reflected Kuwait's keenness on continuing its efforts at the UN, affirming that his country was a reliable partner for the UN when it came to bolstering justice and moderation on a global scale.

Kuwait's Permanent Representative at the UN Ambassador Tareq Al-Bannai delivered a speech during the occasion, which commended the strong ties between Kuwait and the UN. Wherever the UN would seek virtue in the world, Kuwait would be there to support the international organization through commitment to the noble

tenets of the UN charter, he affirmed.

He added that "what binds the two parties is a close partnership and cooperation extending over the last six decades in various fields, most notably peace, security, humanitarian, development and economic spheres".

He touched upon the historical role of Kuwaiti women in the advancement of the country and their active participation in its development process. "The achievements, sacrifices and courage of Kuwaiti women is an integral part of the story of our country," he said.

In a statement to KUNA after the conclusion of the ceremony, Ambassador Al-Bannai praised the distinguished efforts, high professionalism and dedication of all members of the participating delegation from the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters. He explained that these efforts contributed to the success of this celebration and the transfer of the bright cultural image of the State of Kuwait and its people to the senior officials of the United Nations, the United States and the diplomatic corps in New York.

Speaking during the occasion, United Nations General Assembly President Csaba Korosi said that since joining the UN in 1963, Kuwait had been an active and valuable member of the UN through its commitment to its charter and efforts. Despite its small size, Kuwait is working



Al-Mass group performs during the Kuwaiti mission's celebration of the county's 60-year anniversary as a UN member.



(From left) General Assembly President Csaba Korosi, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations Amina J. Mohammed and Kuwait's Permanent Representative at the UN Ambassador Tareq Al-Bannai.

strongly to realize plans of the UN including the 2035 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He asserted that the international community depended on the rational voice of the State of Kuwait in issues pertaining to regional and international security including issues connected with the Middle East. Kuwait's humanitarian role also reflected its deep care regarding the plight of fellow human beings affected by conflict or natural disaster and the country plays an important role in reducing suffering worldwide, he said.

He stressed that the role played by the State of Kuwait proves that it is aware of

what is needed to overcome adversity, as it was able to rise to become a beacon of stability. Kuwait's understanding of what it means to re-build after disasters is what makes it a stable presence in the humanitarian field.

"The United Nations needs reliable partners more than ever to promote peace and dialogue. Every country has a role to play and Kuwait has a very special role, which is pivotal and very important," he said. Korosi stressed that "the State of Kuwait will remain the land of friendship and peace over time".

Along with Korosi, Deputy UN Secretary General Amina Mohammed, Kuwait

Ambassador to Washington Sheikhha Al-Zain Sabah Nasser Al-Saud Al-Sabah, Kuwait's General Consulate in New York City Azzam Al-Asfoor, and a huge number of Arab, Islamic, and foreign diplomats attended the celebrations. A performance was presented by the Kuwaiti National Band led by Maestro Dr Ayoub Khader, which included a collection of timeless songs from Kuwait's heritage.

The ceremony included an exhibition of photographs, fine art paintings, books, stamps, folders, maps, newspapers and rare magazines that reflected the culture, civilization and history of Kuwait. — KUNA

## 54 Kuwaiti families have registered property in Palestine

KUWAIT: The Palestinian Ambassador to Kuwait Rami Tahboub during a press conference at the embassy's premises said Kuwait-Palestine ties are very strong and distinguished, as he revealed that 70 Palestinian teachers will arrive in the country soon which confirms Kuwait's confidence in the Palestinian teachers.

He said during the press conference that was held on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Palestinian nakba that the total number of Palestinian teachers who had contracts with the education ministry is 1,250 teachers since 2017 including the new batch that will arrive in a few days. He said that around 500 Kuwaitis visited Palestine during the past five years, in addition to official and private entities.

Tahboub said there are properties belonging to around 54 Kuwaiti families in Palestine and are officially registered in their names, adding that there are strict instructions by the Palestinian President to protect Kuwaiti property. Those who wish to go to Palestine in order to claim their property can do so without any difficulty. Palestinian officials are ready to make immediate arrangements to facilitate their entry into Palestine, he said.

He said Kuwait is one of the countries in which Palestinians have the most confidence and its leadership in fighting for the Palestinian cause can't be denied. "We resort to Kuwait in anything Palestine needs. Kuwait enjoys major respect and appreciation by the Palestinian leadership," he said.

Tahboub added that Kuwait does not wait for Palestinians to ask for support, as the coordination is continuous between the two sides and the country plays an important integral part at the international and regional levels when it comes to the Palestinian cause. "We are always ready for peace, and what distinguishes the Palestinian people is the permanent optimism and hope," he said.

Tahboub asked the international community to "wake up" and refrain from the "double-standard policy" towards the Palestinian cause. It must instead take a stand to provide Palestinians with international protection.

The Palestinian cause, he said, remains a central cause and remains the axis of peace and war, so peace will only come from Palestine. He affirmed that and there will be no security or stability, neither for the Zionist entity nor the world, without finding a solution to the Palestinian people's plight. "The Arab peace initiative remains the foundation for solving the Palestinian-Zionist conflict in our view, in addition to the Security Council resolutions regarding the Palestinian cause," he said.



NEW YORK: Dr Hassan Ashkanani shows visitors the exhibition collection on the 60th anniversary of Kuwait's accession to the United Nations. — KUNA photos



## NCCAL official urges more presence in global events

NEW YORK: Assistant Secretary General for the Arts Sector in the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) Musaad Al-Zamil affirmed the importance of increasing Kuwaiti cultural participation in international forums especially the ones organized by the UN. This came in a statement by Zamil to KUNA, on the sidelines of the celebration organized by Kuwait's permanent delegation at the UN in the General Secretariat HQ in NYC, on the 60th anniversary of Kuwait's membership at the UN. Zamil said that he was honored to lead the Kuwaiti delegation, as assistant secretary for the arts sector in National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters in this historic and important event, at the invitation of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Zamil added that a specific scenario has been created for the celebration held by the Kuwaiti delegation to the United Nations, headed by Kuwait's permanent representative at the United Nations, Ambassador Tareq Al-Bannai, that includes an art exhibition of private possessions and paintings of pioneering artists in expressive art in Kuwait. Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology in the Department of Sociology and Social Work at the College of Social Sciences, Dr Hassan Ashkanani shared his valuable possessions of pictures, books and stamps, especially the ones related to Kuwait's membership in the United Nations, noted Zamil. The exhibition included many publications of the cultural sector, including books, Al-Arabi magazine, and all the publications of the NCCAL, as well as a documentary film and a concert led by a group of academic musicians from the Higher Institute of Musical Arts and a show about Kuwaiti folk heritage, he explained. The ceremony had a great success and concluded with a song about Kuwait and the Arab Gulf states, stated Zamil. — KUNA

## Kuwait welcomes truce in Sudan

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Foreign Ministry welcomed on Sunday the ceasefire pact between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces for seven days. The ministry expressed hope that this agreement might pave the way for reaching a permanent and comprehensive cessation of hostilities, which would pave the way for ending the armed conflict in Sudan.

It also reaffirmed Kuwait's support towards all diplomatic efforts to resolve the Sudanese issue by facilitating talks between the two sides and avoid conflicts in order to reach peace. Moreover, it praised the pivotal and continuous role played by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United States of America in reaching this agreement and

urging all parties to continue the dialogue. The ceasefire is set to take effect at 9:45 pm (19:45 GMT) on Monday, the United States and Saudi Arabia said in a joint statement after talks in the Saudi city of Jeddah. It "shall remain in effect for seven days and may be extended with the agreement of both parties", the statement added.

In a statement published Sunday by the official Saudi Press Agency, Riyadh acknowledged multiple truces have been violated since fighting broke out on April 15. "Unlike previous ceasefires, the agreement reached in Jeddah was signed by the parties and will be supported by a US-Saudi and international-supported ceasefire monitoring mechanism," the foreign ministry said.

### More aid

Kuwait's tenth planeload of relief supplies for Sudan flew from Abdullah Al-Mubarak Air Base on Saturday toward the afflicted African nation. The aircraft is boarding ten tons of relief and medical supplies and tents, said



An old newspaper displayed at the exhibition.

Khaled Al-Zaid, the director of public relations and information at Kuwait Red Crescent Society in remarks to KUNA. He affirmed determination to send further aid to the Sudanese people, currently suffering shortage of necessities and hard difficult conditions due to infighting.

### Urgent need

In Khartoum, doctors have repeatedly condemned bombardments on hospitals which have come under attack by both the air force's fighter jets and the RSF's artillery. Residents of densely-populated neighborhoods have accused RSF fighters of widespread break-ins and looting. Civilians and aid agencies have for weeks pleaded for both sides to secure humanitarian corridors to let in urgently needed assistance.

In the Vatican on Sunday, Pope Francis welcomed "the partial agreements reached so far" but called "on the international community to spare no effort ... to ease the suffering of the population". — Agencies