

GHANEM MEETS SPEAKER OF UK HOUSE OF COMMONS

KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem held official talks yesterday with Speaker of the UK House of Commons John Bercow at the British parliament building. The talks tackled a wide array of key issues with focus on bilateral cooperation, especially parliamentary ones, and the developments in the Gulf and the Middle East regions. MPs Ahmed Alqudaibi, Rakan Al-Nisf, Askar Al-Eenzi and Majed Al-Mutairi as well as Kuwait's Ambassador to UK Khaled Al-Dowaisan attended the meeting. Ghanem arrived in London Monday night upon an official invitation from the House of Commons Speaker John Bercow.

delegation met UK House of Commons' Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Crispin Blunt at the House of Commons' premises. The meeting focused on issues of common interest between Kuwait and Britain and the relations between the two friendly countries.

The conferees tackled the latest development in the Arab and international areas, especially the Syrian crisis and the continuing influx of Syrian refugees into European countries. They touched upon the security and political challenges facing the Middle East and Gulf regions, notably the Palestinian cause, the Gulf countries' security, the war on terror and the developments in Iraq and Yemen. —KUNA



LONDON: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem is pictured with Speaker of the UK House of Commons John Bercow at the British parliament's building. —KUNA



Marzouq Al-Ghanem and his delegation meet the UK House of Commons' Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Crispin Blunt.



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah receives the credentials of newly-appointed ambassador of China Wang Di. —Amiri Diwan photo



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah receives the credentials of newly-appointed ambassador of Sri Lanka Kandeepan Balasubramaniam.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah receives the credentials of newly-appointed ambassador of Egypt Yasser Mohammad Atef Abdelkader.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah receives the credentials of newly-appointed ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Frans Potuyt.

AMIR RECEIVES CREDENTIALS OF NEWLY-APPOINTED AMBASSADORS

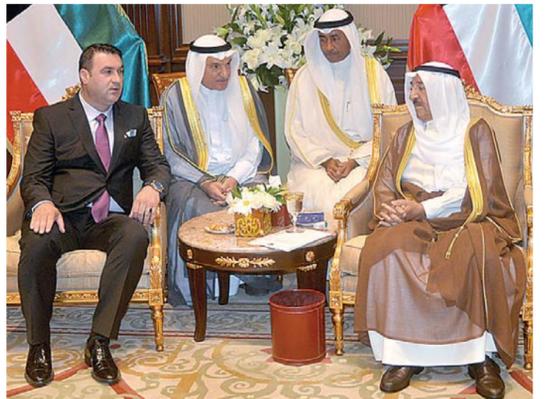
KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday the credentials of newly-appointed ambassadors of China and Sri Lanka Wang Di and Kandeepan Balasubramaniam respectively. His Highness also received the credentials of Yasser Mohammad Atef Abdelkader of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Mohammed Halilovic of Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as that of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Frans Potuyt.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, acting deputy Amiri Diwan Affairs Minister Advisor Mohammed Daifallah Sharar, Director of the Office of His Highness the Amir Ahmad Fahad Al-Fahad and the Advisor at the office of His Highness the Amir Mohammad Abou Al-Hassan, Chief of Amiri Protocol Sheikh Abdullah

Sabah Al-Nasser Al-Sabah, in addition to other senior officials.

Earlier, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, First deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and Chairman of the Central Tenders Committee (CTC) Ahmad Al-Kulaib.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammed, Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governor General Ahmad Al-Rujaib, Deputy National Assembly Speaker Mubarak Al-Khurainej, Minister of Public Works and Minister of Electricity and Water Ahmad Al-Jassar and Chairman of the Central Tenders Committee (CTC) Ahmad Al-Kulaib. —KUNA



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah meets the newly-appointed ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mohammad Halilovic.

OMAN, AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE FOR EVERYONE

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: Oman's ministry of tourism in cooperation with Oman Air organized a party for partner travel agencies and members of the local media in Kuwait. The event was held at Crowne Plaza Hotel to convey their gratitude for making Oman the number one destination for Arabs and other expats from Kuwait. "We are number one in the hearts of our Kuwaiti brothers and the rest of Arabs and other expat communities in Kuwait. The trend is spreading from Kuwait to all GCC countries - so we are really very grateful to Kuwait for trusting the tourism destinations we offer in Oman," said Gamal Sadek, Director of Oman's Tourism Ministry.

Apart from its favorable climate, Oman is a member of GCC and its proximity is very tempting for people who want to make a short visit. "We really thank Kuwait for its continuous trust and confidence in our market and what Oman has to offer. You are our greatest ambassadors who will share the beauty of our country and our diverse and unique destinations," Gamal noted. "We are here to invite you to visit Salalah, where the weather is not more than 25 degrees," he added.

Attendees at the event experienced unique Omani experiences including foods, clothing and traditional items. Oman's flag carrier Oman Air is proud of its various achievements since its establishment in 1993. Currently, according to an Oman Air representative, the airline flies to over 26 destinations. It has 39 aircraft and planning to reach 70 by the end of 2020.



Gamal Sadek



KUWAIT: Some attendees receiving gifts from Oman's Ministry of Tourism. —Photos by Joseph Shagra

KUWAIT REITERATES BACKING TO OHCHR

GENEVA: Kuwait has vowed that it would continue its support for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and its great role in the development of human rights across the world.

Addressing the 30th session of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), Kuwait's permanent delegate at the UN and international organizations Jamal Al-Ghunaim said: "The State of Kuwait will maintain its support for the OHCHR and the great effort it exerts in order to promote worldwide human rights."

He added that the UNHRC's achievements reflect its interest in the promotion and safeguarding of human rights during a year that was full of challenges that faced the international community to protect human rights. He regretted that civilians are still affected by wars and armed conflicts; mainly human rights violations and displacement.

Citing the Palestinian people as an example, the Kuwaiti diplomat said Palestinians have been under Israeli siege on the Gaza Strip since 2007, calling on the international community to punish Israeli authorities for their

crimes against Palestinian civilians.

He emphasized that the international community should live up to responsibility by protecting the Palestinian people who have been suffering from the oppression and suppression of the Israeli occupation for over four decades.

Ghunaim reiterated support for



Jamal Al-Ghunaim

the Palestinian people in face of Israel's repeated aggressions and violations, noting that his country has recently provided \$200 million in aid for Gaza reconstruction efforts, in addition to economic and infrastructure projects.

Human rights violations

On Syria, he said Kuwait was alarmed by the UNHRC's report on serious human rights violations in Syria, urging all warring parties in this Arab country to stop attacking civilians and to allow in humanitarian aid.

Kuwait has also hosted three donor conferences for Syria in response to an appeal from the UN in order to provide humanitarian support for the Syrian people, he said, adding that pledges worth \$7.5 billion have been made. Out of this figure, Kuwait pledged \$3.1 billion, and has already dispersed \$1.3 billion, including \$300 million in 2013, \$500 million in 2014 and \$500 million in 2015, he added.

On a domestic level, Kuwait has taken many arrangements and measures in order to fight intellectual extremism and to promote peace and tolerance as well as human rights in the society, he noted.

The 30th session of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), which began on September 17 and lasts until October 2, reviews experts' reports on human rights in several countries. —KUNA

KUWAIT CONDONES USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

VIENNA: Kuwait cooperates with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in its aspiration to augment its energy capacities with the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, said a Kuwaiti official yesterday.

Addressing the 59th regular session of the General Conference of the IAEA, head of the Kuwaiti delegation to the session Jassim Al-Mubarak reviewed Kuwait's commendable record over the years regarding its cooperation with the international nuclear watchdog.

For instance, he said Kuwait has recently given the agency \$3 million and has allotted a one million dollar annual prize for the best scientific researches on growth and development in Africa. He applauded the close cooperation between Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and the IAEA and extolled the agency-sponsored nuclear safety agreement.

Mubaraki furthermore praised in his speech the agreement between the group of 5+1 and Iran, urging the latter to cooperate with full transparency with the IAEA. He also regretted the fact that Israel would not sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, keeping its nuclear facilities from being inspected by the IAEA.

Commenting on the agreement to launch the IAEA Low Enriched Uranium (LEU) Bank at the Ulba Metallurgical Plant in Oskemen, Kazakhstan, he said Kuwait had donated \$10 million for that important project which he noted would provide low enriched uranium to countries requiring it to operate their nuclear reactors for peaceful purposes. —KUNA

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