

Saudi officials welcome Amir upon arrival for Arab Summit

Amir attends luncheon hosted by Saudi king



DHAHRAN: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Saudi Arabia's King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud attend the 29th Arab Summit in Dhahran yesterday. — KUNA



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DHAHRAN: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah arrived to Saudi Arabia yesterday to partake in the 29th Arab Summit, which took place in Dhahran. At His Highness's reception was Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Saud Bin Nayef Bin Abdulaziz and senior Saudi officials, in addition to Kuwait's Ambassador to the Kingdom Sheikh Thamer Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Later yesterday, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah attended a luncheon held by Saudi Arabia's King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud in honor of state leaders gath-

ered for the 29th Arab Summit.

Upon his departure from Kuwait, His Highness was seen off at the airport by His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, in addition to a host of senior state officials.

The delegation accompanying His Highness comprised of First Deputy Premier and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy

Premier and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh and Finance Minister Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf. The delegation also included Director of His Highness the Amir's Office Fahad Al-Fahad, Amiri Diwan Advisor Mohammad Abulhassan, Director of Amiri Protocols and Ceremonials Sheikh Khaled Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah Al-Nasser Al-Sabah, Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, Head of Cultural and Media Affairs at the Amiri Diwan Youssef Al-Roumi and Assistant Foreign Minister and Office Director for Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Ambassador Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah. — KUNA



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Amir condemns terror attack on Egyptian soldiers

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent Saturday a cable of condolences to Egyptian President AbdelFatah Al-Sisi on victims of a terror attack on an armed forces position in central Sinai, killing and injuring a number of servicemen. His Highness the Amir prayed to Allah the Almighty to bestow blessing upon the deceased, and wished rapid recovery for the injured.

His Highness the Amir also condemned this heinous criminal act, and expressed Kuwait's solidarity with Egypt and its people, as well as supporting all measures to preserve stability and eliminate terrorists. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah also expressed condolences to Sisi over the killing of eight Egyptian soldiers. His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent a similar cable.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti parliament speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem sent a cable of condolences to Egyptian parliament speaker Ali Abdulaal over the victims of the terror attack. Ghanem expressed full solidarity with Egypt and full support to all measures aimed at preserving security and stability of the nation. — KUNA

Kuwait urges UNSC members to end divisions on Syria

NEW YORK: Kuwait Representative to the United Nations on Saturday expressed regret over the escalation of the tensions among the UN Security Council member states over the Syrian conflict. In his address to an emergency Council meeting on the threats to international peace and the situation in Syria, Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi urged the Council members to shoulder their responsibilities for protecting peace and security worldwide pursuant to terms of the UN Charter.

"The Government of Kuwait has always been committed to the United Nations objectives and underscored respect for state sovereignty, non-interference in the affairs of other states, and peaceful settlement of dis-

putes," he said. "In Syria, there had been a stalemate of international efforts. The Council's inability to arrive at a political settlement had led to massive displacement and the death of hundreds of thousands of people," Ambassador Otaibi pointed out.

Noting that the Council had previously been unified against chemical weapons use in Syria, regardless of the perpetrators, he said the Resolution 2118 (2013) had imposed Chapter VII measures in the case of non-conformity of parties with its provisions. "To guarantee implementation, the Council had adopted the Resolution 2235 (2015), establishing the Joint Investigative Mechanism to determine those responsible for any chemical weapons use," he said, noting that the mechanism had identified the perpetrators of that crime.

"However, the Council's divide on the matter had only encouraged parties to continue violating its resolutions and international humanitarian law," he went on. Ambassador Otaibi reiterated the call for the Council members to overcome their differences and unify to shoulder their responsibilities for establishing a new independent body to identify those behind the recent chemical attack in



NEW YORK: Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi addresses Security Council meeting. — KUNA

Douma town, Eastern Ghouta, Syria. "There is no military solution to the crisis," he stressed, advocating the position of the League of Arab States and highlighting the importance of the Geneva communique in reaching a political settlement involving all parties to the Syrian conflict. — KUNA

Regulations for conflict of interest law prepared

KUWAIT: Justice Minister Dr Fahad Al-Afasi announced yesterday formation of a specialized team in charge of preparing the executive regulation for Law No. 13/2018 on banning conflict-of-interest. The ministry's step is part of implementing the directions of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Afasi, also Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, said.

His Highness the Premier has directed state bodies to take all necessary measures to face corruption and boost



Justice Minister Dr Fahad Al-Afasi

Kuwait's regional and international status in anti-corruption efforts, said the minister. The executive regulation includes rules and provisions that secure implementation of the law in full clarity and transparency, he said, adding he has also ordered speedy formation of the team and urgent drafting of the law. On March 6, the parliament unanimously approved a set of draft laws on banning conflict-of-interest. — KUNA

Deputy FM meets with US, British, French envoys

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah on Saturday met with the US and the UK ambassadors Lawrence Silverman and Michael Davenport respectively. Jarallah also met with the French Charge d'Affaires Sebastien Lesaulnier.

During the meeting, Jarallah and the diplomats discussed the latest developments in the region with the envoys. They also focused on military operations in Syria and discussions at the UN Security Council regarding this dossier. Assistant Foreign Minister for Deputy



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Prime Minister and Foreign Minister's office affairs Ambassador Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, and Deputy

Assistant Foreign Minister for Deputy Foreign Minister's office affairs Talal Al-Shatti were present at the meeting. — KUNA