

# Amir receives top state officials, outgoing ambassador at Bayan Palace



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Italian Ambassador to Kuwait Giuseppe Scognamiglio. — Amiri Diwan and KUNA photos



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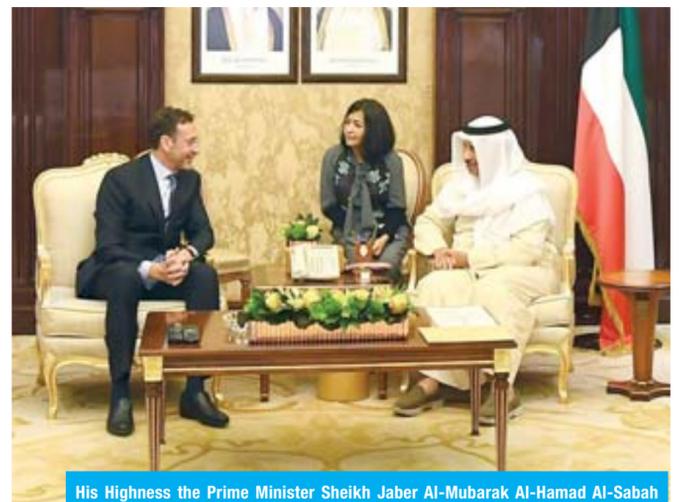
KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday at Bayan Palace His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. His Highness also received National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and Italian Ambassador to Kuwait Giuseppe Scognamiglio on the occasion of ending his tenure. His Highness later received Abdullah Yacoub Bishara where he presented to His Highness a book titled "Invasion in the invading time .. Kuwait before and after the invasion."

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince received Speaker Ghanem, His Highness the PM Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak, as well as Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. His Highness the Crown Prince then received Abdullah Yacoub Bishara who presented to His Highness a book on the invasion of Kuwait. In the meantime, His Highness the Prime Minister received the outgoing Italian Ambassador to Kuwait Giuseppe Scognamiglio, as well as Abdullah Yacoub Bishara, who handed His Highness a book about the invasion of Kuwait.

In other news, His Highness the Amir sent a cable of condolences to Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck over the death of his grandfather. His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister sent similar cables to King Wangchuck. — KUNA



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives a book from Abdullah Yacoub Bishara.



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with Italian Ambassador to Kuwait Giuseppe Scognamiglio.

## Defense Minister visits Kuwaiti troops in Saudi Arabia



RIYADH: First Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and other officials pose for a group photo with Kuwaiti troops in Saudi Arabia. — Defense Ministry photo

RIYADH: First Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on Tuesday visited Kuwaiti troops participating in the 'Operation Restoring Hope' in Saudi Arabia, on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan. He was accompanied by

Kuwait's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Sheikh Ali Al-Khaled Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Kuwaiti Army Chief of Staff Lt Gen Mohammad Khaled Al-Khodhr and a high-level military delegation, the Defense Ministry's Moral Guidance Department said in a statement yesterday.

## KD 500,000 to support indebted citizens

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and State Minister for Municipality Affairs Fahd Al-Shulaa said the Awqaf Secretariat General has donated KD 500,000 to support the "gharimeen" (those in debt and unable to pay back) campaign during the holy month of Ramadan. Shulaa said the secretariat general seeks to remove arrest warrants against 400 Kuwaitis - 300 women and 100 men - in coordination with the

Takaful society for care of prisoners, which studies deserving cases and guarantees that they meet the conditions to benefit from this support. He said the campaign aims at keeping families together and prevent them from breaking apart.

### Expat engineers

Deputy Director General for Planning and Administrative Development at the Manpower Public Authority Mubarak Al-Azmi said the authority held a

meeting on Tuesday with representatives of Kuwait Engineers Society, Union of Engineering Offices and Kuwait Industries Union to discuss the latest developments with regards to the mechanism of approving technical skills of expat engineers in Kuwait and the tests held by the Kuwait Engineers Society.

Azmi said the authority works within a framework of coordination with concerned authorities to achieve the national policy to approve professional skills' levels in many professions, including registering engineering professions in all specialties, as this cooperation succeeded in achieving the goals the tests were made

for. He said engineering and consultation offices as well as Kuwait Industries Union demanded further activation of procedures related to engineers' tests and hastening of the test process through a totally automated link between concerned parties to ease the procedures and shorten the documentation cycle.

Chairman of Kuwait Engineering Society said the society welcomes all those with ideas to improve the current mechanism to inform the society about any obstacles any engineer faces while seeking approval. He said the society carried out a deep-rooted overhaul of the computer network and software used by the society.

## Anjeri urges KCCI, concerned bodies to attract more tourists

KUWAIT: The General Manager of Leaders Group Company for Consulting and Development, representative of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in Kuwait and the head of HORECA Kuwait's organizing committee Nabila Al-Anjeri stressed the need to 'revive' the private sector in terms of promoting the growing number of hospitality projects abroad in order to attract more tourists and increase these projects' investment revenues.

Commenting on official statistics about Kuwaitis' high spending on travel and tourism abroad last year, Anjeri said that it is the private sector's fate to endure the government's blunders and mismanagement. "Kuwait does not have official bodies to promote the country abroad tourism-wise," she underlined.

"It is high time to coordinate efforts led by the private sector without waiting for any help from the government," Anjeri added, noting that, for the first time in 17 years, the ministry concerned with this task was even absent at the Arab Travel Market Fair recently held in Dubai.

Further, Anjeri elaborated that the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), the Kuwait Hotel Owners Union, national airlines, travel agents and companies and representatives of mega hotel investment companies should combine efforts in order to help achieve His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's vision of turning Kuwait into a financial and commercial hub. Anjeri, stressed that innovative unconventional economic policies could add new resources to countries such as Kuwait only if governments utilize various sectors, resources and potentials wisely.



Nabila Al-Anjeri

## PAAET to accept 18,000 students

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: Dean of admittance and registration at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) Dr Rabah Al-Najada said the higher admittance committee approved the admittance policy for 2019-2020 by designating 18,000 seats for the new academic year in various specialties in colleges, institutes and training centers. She said the higher acceptance committee agreed to announce the date of receiving applications online to study at PAAET - June 12.

Najada said the minimum GPA for high school graduates for admittance was reduced from 80 percent to 75 percent for those desiring to join the commercial studies college, as it used to be previously, to give better opportunity for previous secondary school certificate holders who were not accepted in past years. She said the deanship will open the applications for English secondary graduates for two days after their results are announced.

### Health Ministry employees

Health Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative Affairs Marzouq Al-Rashidi said the total number of workers at the health ministry is 63,752 employees

in various sectors medical, technical, nursing and administrative sectors based on the latest statistics. He said there are 61,814 employees in general jobs, and second contract, and 1,938 employees who are on the rewards item.

Rashidi said the number of doctors at the ministry is 11,009, including 10,818 in general jobs and 191 on the reward system. He said the number of pharmacists in the health ministry is 1,704 including 1,590 in general jobs and second contract and 114 on the reward system. The number of nurses at the ministry is 23,172 including 22,377 in general jobs and second contract and 795 on the reward system. He said the number of technicians at the ministry is 10,515, 10,150 of whom are in public jobs and second contract, and 365 in the reward system. He said the number of administrative employees at the ministry is 17,352, 16,879 in general jobs and second contract, and 473 employees on the reward system.

### Farmers' products

Head of the cooperatives union Khalid Al-Hudaiban said the union is ready to follow and resolve issues of farmers and coordinate with concerned authorities to resolve this problem. He said a meeting was held with co-ops and farmers' representatives to discuss their demands. He said that among the suggestions to resolve this problem is to widen areas designated for farmers in co-ops to display their products and sell them. He said national products must have priority at co-ops and markets due to their true value and quality.

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