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# Amir meets top Kuwaiti officials, visiting Iraqi figure

## Dr Bahr Al-Oloom grateful for Kuwait's supportive stance to Iraq



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His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets First Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with Iraqi figure Dr Ibrahim Mohammad Bahr Al-Oloom.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at Bayan Palace yesterday. His Highness the Amir also received His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. Among His Highness the Amir's audiences were Acting National Assembly Speaker Essa Al-Kandari, First Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and visiting Iraqi figure Dr Ibrahim Mohammad Bahr Al-Oloom. The meetings were attended by Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince received

Dr Bahr Al-Oloom, who briefed him on the latest developments in Iraq. Dr Bahr Al-Oloom expressed gratitude towards Kuwait's supportive stance to Iraq. His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad affirmed during the meeting that the stability and development of Iraq would bring welfare to the region, adding that hopefully the fellow Arab country would return to the forefront of the regional and international scenes. His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak and Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad also met Dr Bahr Al-Oloom yesterday.

In the meantime, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad received His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak, Kandari, and Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad. His Highness the Crown Prince then received

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. His Highness the Crown Prince also met Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah. His Highness the Crown Prince later met Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh. Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad finally met Kuwait's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Sheikh Ali Khaled Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In other news, His Highness the Amir sent yesterday a cable of congratulations to newly sworn-in president of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa. In the cable, His Highness wished Ramaphosa and the friendly people of South Africa utmost prosperity and for bilateral relations further development. His Highness the Crown

Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister sent similar cables.

Separately, His Highness the Amir sent a cable of condolences to Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari over the victims of a terrorist attack on a bus in north Nigeria, which left a number of people dead or injured. In the cable, His Highness the Amir prayed Allah Almighty to bestow mercy on the deceased and swift recovery for the injured. His Highness the Amir voiced Kuwait's strong condemnation of this heinous terrorist act that targeted innocents and runs counter to all religious and human values. Two more cables of similar sentiments were sent to the president of Nigeria by His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister. — KUNA

## KFH organizes Umrah trip for its employees

KUWAIT: Provident Fund at Kuwait Finance House (KFH) organized a trip for its employees to the holy city of Makkah to perform Umrah. This comes as part of the Bank's keenness on enhancing the one-family spirit amongst all employees and as part of its social activities and Ramadan program 'Increase Good Deeds in Ramadan 5'. Members of KFH volunteers team were part of the Umrah trip. They distributed iftar meals in Makkah.

Meanwhile, KFH volunteers team continues its efforts in distributing daily 1,000 iftar meals at 6 locations. The locations are: Nayef Palace, Alshaman Mosque, Souk Al-Mubarakiya and Hawally Park and Ramadan Aman Traffic intersections. KFH's efforts in Ramadan underline the bank's pioneering role in the social responsibility, while contributing in strengthening the social ties.

KFH's Ramadan program includes various visits and voluntary work, social and humanitarian events and activities stemming from the bank's endeavors to solidify its commitment towards the society, while supporting all social and humanitarian initiatives.



KUWAIT: The British Ambassador to Kuwait Michael Davenport and Canadian Ambassador to Kuwait Louis-Pierre Emond visited Kuwait Times yesterday and met with Abd Al-Rahman Al-Alyan, member of the board of Kuwait Journalists Association and Kuwait Times Editor-in-Chief, to discuss topics of mutual interest and issues related to the freedom of the press. — Photo by Joseph Shagra

## NBK's team concludes its participation in 'Innovation Challenge'

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) team concluded its fifth season of the Innovation Challenge Program organized by Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) in collaboration with the prestigious University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Anderson School of Management.

The four-months program, launched by KFAS for the first time in 2015, aims to develop innovative human capabilities in the private sector and foster a culture of creativity and knowledge growth to transform Kuwait's economy into a knowledge-based economy.

NBK team presented its project revolving around innovative banking services after discussing it with NBK top management headed by Salah Al-Fulaij, CEO of NBK Kuwait, Emad Ahmad Al-Ablani, General Manager, Group Human Resources at NBK, and Mohamed Al-Othman, General Manager, Consumer Banking Group, as well as a number of NBK executives.

The Innovation Challenge program provides an

opportunity to develop participants' innovation capabilities through developing innovative solutions to challenges faced by banks over the course of their business. The program focuses on a number of topics including: building a culture of innovation, generating new business models, design thinking and innovation and value proposition design.

The program is centered around real business challenges that each team identifies the areas where they need to innovate. That challenge is explored throughout the program phases and teams apply their learning on their innovation projects.

Teams work on their innovation challenge with specific deliverables and are required to complete all deliverables in order to participate in the final module which includes a mixture of lectures and site visits to innovative companies.

NBK's strategy is based on continuous innovation and development, which has been reflected in achieving its unique position as a top innovative bank, both locally and regionally. The bank always strives to maintain its leadership in this field by introducing innovative approaches and further developing its human capital skills through providing creative training programs designed in accordance to the highest standards of excellence, covering both training and skill development to produce highly trained professional staff. NBK attains the best banking experts to share their expertise with NBK employees.

