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# Arabs seek British role to support their causes: Kuwaiti Ambassador

Arab envoys attend dinner on the sidelines of the Conservative Party's annual conference



MANCHESTER: A group photo taken during a dinner held on the sidelines of the annual conference of UK's Conservative Party. — KUNA photos



The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Kuwait's Ambassador to the United Kingdom Khaled Al-Duwaisan delivers his speech.

MANCHESTER: The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Kuwait's Ambassador to the United Kingdom Khaled Al-Duwaisan said that Arab states look forward to a British role that would support the Arab causes, mainly the Palestinian cause. This came during a speech Duwaisan delivered at a dinner held by Arab ambassadors accredited in the UK Tuesday night. The dinner was held on the sidelines of the annual conference of the ruling Conservative Party in attendance of a large

number of British MPs and politicians. In his speech, Duwaisan appreciated the British stand toward the Palestinian cause, most notably the refusal of moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. He pointed to the "honorable position" adopted by the British parliament in 2014 to recognize the Palestinian state, noting that although it was a symbolic vote, it was "an important and courageous step."

Ambassador Duwaisan stressed the importance of the meeting, saying it is an

"important occasion" to present the views of representatives of Arab countries on international issues of common interest with Britain, foremost the Palestinian issue. Meanwhile, the Arab League's Ambassador to the United Kingdom Ibrahim Mohieddin stressed the importance of Arab-British relations and the desire of both sides to strengthen them at all levels. He further indicated that despite the British government's refusal to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, it still refuses to recognize a Palestinian state too. "The British

government's excuse not to recognize Palestine as an independent state is that the time is not right," he said and expressed surprise at those calling for a two-state solution and recognizes only one state of Israel.

In the meantime, Director of the Board of Governors for the Middle East in UK's Conservative Party Charlotte Leslie praised her country's strong relations with the Middle Eastern countries. She hoped for strengthening these relations further after the completion of the exit procedures from

the European Union. In a speech, Leslie said that British politicians and MPs, especially the Conservative MPs, could not understand the current developments and changes in the region without the long-standing friendship between the Board of Governors for the Middle East and Arab countries. She expressed the hope that her country would succeed after its exit from the European Union in building wide relations with all countries of the world based on respect for the rule of law. — KUNA

## Saudi names road after late Kuwaiti ruler

JEDDAH: Saudi Arabia has named a road in its southwestern city of Abha after the late Kuwaiti Amir Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to commemorate his memorable contributions. The initiative is a token of appreciation for the late Kuwaiti Amir's political accomplishments and a testament to the admi-

ration he has garnered from the Saudi people, the secretary of the kingdom's Asir region Dr Waleed Al-Humaidi told state-run Saudi Press Agency (SPA) yesterday. The bustling road dotted with national landmarks in this southern Saudi city now carries the name of the late Kuwaiti Amir, he said. — KUNA

## Suad Al-Sabah Publishing awards winners in India

KUWAIT: Suad Al-Sabah Publishing and Distribution House distributed awards to winners competing in fields of Arabic poetry, writing and sermon at Farook College in Calicut city, India. The international workshop, titled 'Reading Arabic Language and Literature: A Functional Approach,' was organized by the Department of Arabic Studies at Farook College, in collaboration collaborated with Ansar Arabic College, Suad Al-Sabah Publishing and Distribution House said in a statement in Kuwait yesterday. Dozens of students competed,

varying in topics of Arab, Islam and Indian issues. First place was Heba Rashid, who won in the field of Arabic sermon, second came Mohammad Komat and thirdly Shadia Sebi. In the Poetry section, first place was Mohammad Shafee, second was Mohammad Sinan, followed by Mohammad Ansarki, and in Master studies, first place went to Mohammad Azhar and second was Bashnin Al-Huda. Dr Suad Al-Sabah is a Kuwaiti poet and writer who is recognized for her cultural, literary and intellectual contributions. — KUNA



Winners awarded during the workshop. — KUNA photos

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