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KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Seif Palace yesterday His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. His Highness Sheikh Nawaf also received the Chairman and General Director of Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) Sheikh Mubarak Al-Duaij Al-Ibrahim Al-Sabah. Separately, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem received in his office Ambassador Reem Al-Khaled on the occasion of her being assigned as Kuwait's envoy to Canada. — KUNA

Kuwaiti FM meets Algeria, EU envoys



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KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received yesterday the outgoing Ambassador of Algeria to Kuwait Abdulhamid Abdawi. During the meeting, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled hailed the efforts of Abdawi to boost the Kuwait-Algeria ties on all levels, while he worked in the country. The meeting was attended by Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for the

Office of Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ambassador Saleh Al-Loughani and a number of officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled also received credentials of newly appointed Ambassador of the Permanent Delegation of the European Union in Kuwait Cristian Tudor. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled wished the new diplomat best of luck and success in

carrying out his duty in Kuwait, as well as further progress and prosperity for the Kuwaiti-EU relationship. Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocols' Affairs Ambassador Dhari Al-Ajran and Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for the Office of Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ambassador Saleh Al-Loughani attended the meeting. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Kuwait's Directorate General of Civil Aviation President Sheikh Salman Al-Hmoud Al-Sabah and US Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration David Pekoske sign the agreement. — KUNA

Kuwait, US sign aviation security deal

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the United States' Transportation Security Administration (TSA) signed yesterday a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) to bolster aviation security. Speaking to the press after signing the agreement with US Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration David Pekoske, DGCA's President Sheikh Salman Al-Hmoud Al-Sabah said that the deal encouraged further cooperation between the two sides whether it was in the administrative, technical, or security levels. The current cooperation between the DGCA and the TSA led to vast improvement of security in Kuwait

International Airport (KIA), stated Sheikh Salman Al-Hmoud who affirmed that KIA status improved immensely regionally and internationally because of such collaboration.

Meanwhile, Pekoske affirmed that the level of cooperation between Kuwait and the US was excellent and it "Really formalizes a strong partnership we already have." "We both have worked very closely to get into improving aviation security in our respective countries," he said. The US official lauded the level of cooperation between Kuwait and the US, saying it will better security for all travelers. "We are always moving into an advance system because the threat is always ever present and we need as governments to be ahead of that threat the whole time," he added. "We could be best equipped to protect our citizens if we cooperate together and that's the essence of this agreement," the TSA official said. "There has been a lot of advancement in aviation security around the world. Kuwait is key among that overall effort." — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah meets with the US Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration David Pekoske. — KUNA

Interior Minister, US Security official discuss cooperation

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah met yesterday with visiting US Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration David Pekoske. The two sides discussed bilateral relations and ways to boost cooperation in various fields, especially in the security field, the Interior ministry said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Khaled also met with Kuwait Ambassador to China Samih Jowhar Hayat and tackled a number of common concern issues. A statement by the ministry said Sheikh Khaled praised Kuwait's Embassy in



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China for their role in bolstering ties between the two countries. The minister also met with President of the Municipal Council Osama Al-Otaibi, accompanied by his Deputy Abdullah Al-Mahri, the statement added. The meeting

delved into a number of issues of common concerns. Furthermore, Sheikh Khaled met with the President of the Communication and Information Technology Regulator Authority Salem Al-Othaina. — KUNA

Kuwaiti Customs signs agreement with NSA

KUWAIT: Kuwait's General Administration of Customs signed with United States National Security Agency (NSA) yesterday a cooperation agreement to launch the environmental connectivity operations between both sides in order to exchange information and means of electronic customs transport. Director-General of Kuwait Public Administration of Customs Counselor Jamal Al-Jalawi said in a speech following the signing of the agreement that this comes in response to the Kuwaiti public policy aiming at developing the customs work. The agreement will contribute in the exchange, flow, and use of information as well as means of transport and bodies that would pose danger to the international world chain, including institutions that would be involved in customs crimes, Jalawi affirmed. This agreement will help

reduce the smuggling process of all prohibitions and high-risk shipments, he said, indicating that it offers authority for Kuwait customs to view the full shipment information including the source, importer, means of transport, and itinerary. In case any kind of danger is inspected in the shipment, this should be reported in order to be inspected accurately and check all its documents he said. This agreement is not the first of its kind between both sides, as a group of agreements were signed beforehand and contributed in the success of the customs work in the country, he added. The agreement was signed from the Kuwaiti side by Jalawi and from the US side by US Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration David Pekoske. — KUNA

Kuwaiti Deputy FM meets Saudi envoy, US official

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah held talks yesterday with the Saudi Foreign Ministry's undersecretary for consular affairs Tamim Al-Dosari. The discussions, attended by a number of Kuwaiti diplomats, revolved around ties between the two Gulf neighbors in addition to the latest happenings in the region. The Kuwaiti diplomat went on to meet Acting US Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security David Pekoske, discussing with him matters of mutual concern. — KUNA



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KUWAIT: Director-General of Kuwait Public Administration of Customs Counselor Jamal Al-Jalawi and US Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration David Pekoske shake hands after signing the agreement. — KUNA