

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: A picture taken yesterday shows a view of Kuwait Towers in Kuwait City. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Turkish-Kuwaiti joint committee bolstered ties: Assistant Foreign Minister Al-Khubaizi

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ANKARA: The high Turkish-Kuwaiti joint committee helped bolster ties between the two countries, said Kuwait's Foreign Ministry's Assistant Minister for European Affairs Waleed Al-Khubaizi yesterday. Speaking during the committee's second meeting in Ankara, co-chaired with Turkish counterpart Sedat Onal, Khubaizi said that the committee - formed in 2013 - focused on bolstering the 55 years of diplomatic ties. The strong diplomatic relations contributed to the strong commercial exchange between Kuwait and Turkey, which reached \$689 million last year, affirmed the Kuwaiti diplomat, adding that efforts to improve that digit will be discussed during the upcoming meeting for the Turkish-Kuwaiti high economic committee in Turkey in March 2020. Khubaizi revealed that the number of Kuwaiti tourists increased from 65,000 in 2012 to 259,000 this year, a testament of the strong desire to boost tourism ties. The Kuwaiti official took the chance to thank the Turkish authority for facilitating procedures for Kuwaiti citizens visiting Turkey, saying

that this would add to the level of relations between Kuwait and Turkey.

In the meantime, Onal lauded Kuwait's important position within the regional and international spheres, saying that the Gulf country plays an integral role in promoting peace, welfare, and stability worldwide. The Turkish official affirmed that both nations took strong strides to develop relations, indicating that joint meetings between Kuwait and Turkey were a major contributor to the bolstering of relations. Meanwhile, after a sideline meeting with Onal, Khubaizi said that the matter of resolving real estate dispute between Kuwaiti investors and Turkish owners was discussed, revealing that a protocol was signed in this regard. Khubaizi revealed that the final meeting for the Turkish-Kuwaiti joint committee - headed by Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu - would be held soon with several agreements expected to be signed. — KUNA



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ANKARA: The Kuwaiti delegation during the meeting. — KUNA