

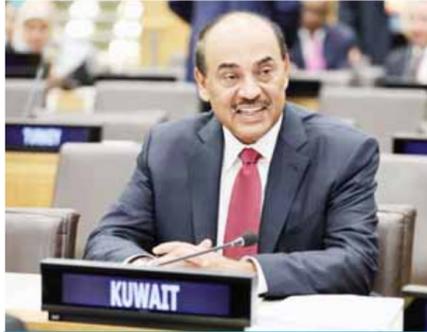
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UN Secretary-General commends Kuwait's 'effective role', peacemaking efforts

Kuwaiti FM meets UN chief, Iranian counterpart



NEW YORK: Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. — KUNA photos



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NEW YORK: Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah held talks with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on the fringes of the 74th UN General Assembly session. The meeting, which took place on Friday night, focused on cooperation between the State of Kuwait and the various UN agencies, a number of regional and global challenges and the UN program of action for the coming years. The UN chief commended the 'effective and constructive' cooperation with Kuwait and applauded the leading role of Kuwait in humanitarian action and peacemaking efforts regionally and globally. He praised Kuwait's highly significant position in the international community and its relentless efforts to boost security and peace around the world. Also attending were Kuwait's Assistant Minister Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, Permanent Delegate to the UN Mansour Al-Otaibi and Minister Plenipotentiary and Assistant Foreign Minister for International Organizations Nasser Al-Hain as well as other senior diplomats.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif held a meeting in New York Friday, discussing various issues including ways to bolster ties. On the sidelines of the 74th UN General Assembly, the two officials touched on the latest developments within the regional and international scenes. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled also held similar meetings on Friday with his Greek counterpart Nikos Dendias, Brazil's Foreign Minister Ernesto Araujo, and Algeria's Foreign Minister Sabri Boukadoum.

OIC meeting

In the meantime, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled took part Friday in the consultative meeting for members of the Organization Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held on the sidelines of the 74th UN General Assembly in New York. In his speech to the meeting, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled stressed the importance of expanding cooperation amongst OIC members to address issues of common interest. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled affirmed it was important to address major topics such as the Palestinian cause and ways to support Palestinians to gain their right in an independent state within the 1967 borders and Jerusalem as the capital of the future country.

Matters such as countering terrorism of all kinds, including Israeli terrorism against Palestinians, fighting

Islamophobia and hate speech, which resulted in massacres against Muslims such as the one in New Zealand's Christchurch town and elsewhere, are vital to discuss to find adequate solutions, he indicated. Back to the Palestinian cause, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled said it was the most central issue for Islamic nations, adding that supporting the economic and social levels would hopefully overcome some of the injustices inflicted by Israelis against Palestinians. Israel should be stopped from attempting to annex lands in the West Bank and other areas in the region, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled indicated, saying that such responsibility falls in the hands of all OIC members.

Syrian crisis

On the Syrian crisis, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled expressed utter condemnation of the degrading humanitarian situation in the war-torn country. He called for all parties involved in the conflict to abide by the UNSC resolution 2254 and the Geneva 1 accord of 2012, adding that the OIC supports all UN and global efforts to end the war in Syria. The current situation in Idlib,



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with the displacement of over half million human beings is alarming, said the Kuwaiti top diplomat, adding that there should be measures to halt the deaths of thousands of civilians in Syria. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled expressed sorrow over the veto against a UNSC draft resolution last week, which called for a ceasefire in Idlib, pointing out that political gains should not trump efforts to end the humanitarian catastrophe in Syria.

The Kuwaiti Foreign Minister discussed the situation in Yemen in his speech, saying that Kuwait supported the legitimate Yemeni government. Kuwait is for solving the situation in accordance with the GCC initiative, the



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resolutions of the national Yemeni dialogue, UNSC resolutions 2216 and 2451, and the Stockholm accord for Yemen, affirmed the Kuwaiti Minister. In regards to the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled expressed Kuwait's detest of all acts of genocide against the Muslim minority, saying that his country, alongside members from the UK and Peru, headed last a UNSC delegation to Myanmar to view first the plight of the oppressed Rohingyas.

Meeting on Yemen

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled had also headed Kuwait's delegation to a ministerial meeting on Yemen held on the sidelines of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly in New York Thursday. In his speech at the meeting which was co-chaired by Kuwait, the UK, and Sweden, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled reaffirmed Kuwait's full support to all efforts exerted to end conflict and restore security and stability in Yemen. He also reiterated Kuwait's readiness to provide all support to Yemeni people. The Kuwaiti top diplomat urged the international community intensify efforts to restore security and stability in Yemen according to the three agreed terms of reference, implement the Stockholm Agreement, and render the UN-led political process a success. He called

for greater backing for the United Nations Secretary-General Special Envoy to Yemen efforts to achieve these goals. The meeting tackled the framework for resuming negotiations in Yemen to reach a final agreement for the crisis and help preserve the country's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

GCC-EU meeting

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled also took part in the Gulf-European meeting held on the sidelines of the 74th session of UN General Assembly in New York. Sheikh Sabah Khaled led the Kuwaiti delegation to the meeting presided over by Oman's Foreign Minister Yusuf bin Alawi. The meeting discussed the friendly relations and cooperation as well as coordination between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states and the EU member states. It also focused on means of promoting and developing these ties in all domains, including politics, economy and investment. The gathering dealt with the developments of regional and international situations, and issues of common concern. The two sides affirmed all common goals and principles, and commitments towards building constructive cooperation and partnership between the two sides. — KUNA

Kuwait committed to Africa's sustainable development goals

NEW YORK: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah affirmed on Kuwait's commitment to continue supporting sustainable development goals in Africa, whether through governmental or public cooperation or through institutions affiliated to it, like Kuwait Fund for Arab and Economic Development (KFAED). The remarks were made in a speech by Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled at a UN Security Council session on security and peace in Africa, under the title 'Partnership to Promote Security and Regional Peace.'

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled called for maintaining the Peacekeeping Action Initiative in order to enable peacekeeping missions to be more efficient, better equipped, more secure and more robust, which calls for strong Security Council mandates and sustainable funding, praising the AU's continued commitment to cover 25 percent of the cost of operations and supporting peace. The minister stressed that rigorous efforts to respond to challenges to peace and security through preventive diplomacy and mediation should be the first line of defense for conflict prevention, pointing out that in order to achieve lasting peace and sustainable development goals of 2030, the root causes of violence and conflicts must be addressed before they erupt.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled called for consolidating a culture of peace and tolerance through educating children and youth, as well as the concepts of good governance, democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and justice, along with addressing the roots of multiple and intertwined differences. He stressed on the importance of tripartite cooperation and coordination between the United Nations (UN), the African Union (AU), Arab League, and the Arabian Gulf Council (GCC), on regional peace and security issues. "The participation of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as a guest of honor at the African Union summit held in Addis Ababa in 2012, who as the first Arab leader from outside the African Union countries," he said, adding "showed how important this continent in general and to the African Union in particular."



NEW YORK: Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah speaks during a UN Security Council session on security and peace in Africa. — KUNA

The Kuwaiti Foreign Minister pointed out that Kuwait pledged during the summit to provide soft loans worth one billion dollars in addition to the amount of one billion dollars to invest in infrastructure under the supervision of the General Authority for Investment in addition to the announcement of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah of one million US dollar annual prize to support development research in food, health and education in Africa.

Kuwait is counting on the United Nations and its affiliate organizations to enhance African countries' capabilities, and to implement the initiative to end violence and guns in Africa in 2020, which was already highlighted by the Security Council in its resolution 2457/2019 in addition to achieving the agenda of the African Union for 2063, which is consistent with the objectives of development Sustainable Development of the United Nations 2030 in collaboration with donor countries. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled concluded by saying Kuwait will continue to improve AU's ability to embody the vision of peace, progress, prosperity, and prevent and resolve conflicts, safeguard peace and security and achieve stability in the African continent. — KUNA

FM meets Kuwait's mission to UNGA session

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Kuwaiti official partakes in ACD meeting

NEW YORK: A senior official at the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry took part Friday in the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) meeting held on the sidelines of the 74th UN General Assembly in New York. Assistant Minister for the Affairs of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah's office Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah stressed during his speech to the meeting the importance of boosting cooperation amongst Asian nations especially within the economic mainframe. Kuwait is very eager to contribute to Asian economic prosperity, he affirmed, adding that this was evident in the hosting of the very



NEW YORK: Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah participates in the ACD meeting. — KUNA

first ACD meeting in Kuwait. The headquarter of the ACD's General Secretariat is also located in Kuwait, another example of the Gulf country's commitment to the cause of Asian cooperation, he affirmed. —KUNA