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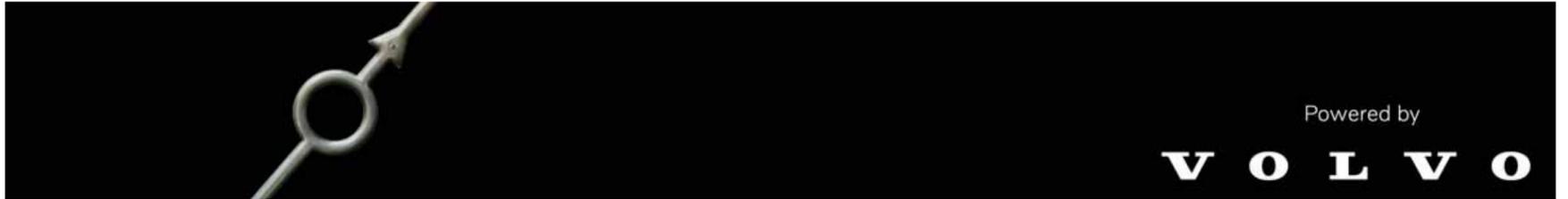
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Amir extends gratitude over condolences for late Amir

Sheikh Nawaf thanks leaders, sheikhs, editors-in-chief, nationals, expats



KUWAIT: The headstone of the grave of HH the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is seen at Sulaibikhat Cemetery.

KUWAIT: HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday expressed appreciation and gratitude to world leaders, including of Gulf Cooperation Council and Arab states, along with heads of regional and international organizations for their heartfelt condolences extended to Kuwait by letter or through attendance on the demise of HH the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf also expressed appreciation and gratitude to senior officials, sheikhs, nationals and expatriates for their heartfelt condolences extended through various means of communication over the demise of HH the late Amir Sheikh Sabah. Gratitude was also extended to local newspaper editors-in-chief, local official and private media bodies, NGOs and charity organizations.

The officials and sheikhs mentioned

include National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem, Kuwait National Guard Commander HH Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah, KNG Deputy Commander Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, HH Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, along with sheikhs, ministers and lawmakers.

The international organizations mentioned include the United Nations, Arab League, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Gulf Cooperation Council, NATO, World Health Organization, FAO, UNICEF, UNRWA and UNDP. Heads of agencies operating under the umbrellas of the UN and Arab League and heads of international charity bodies and NGOs were included in his praise. — KUNA



HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

News in brief

Oman reinstates envoy in Syria

DUBAI: Oman has sent an ambassador to Syria, becoming the first Gulf Arab state to do so after they downgraded or shut missions in Damascus in 2012 over attacks by the government there on protests at the start of what turned into a war. Syria's foreign minister on Sunday accepted the credentials of Oman's Ambassador Turki bin Mahmood Al-Busaidy, appointed to the post in a royal decree in March, state news agency ONA said. — AFP

UAE granting some work permits

DUBAI: The United Arab Emirates has resumed granting work permits for foreigners employed by government and semi-government entities as well as entry permits for domestic workers, the National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority said in a Twitter post yesterday. The UAE had in March suspended the issuance of all types of labor permits as part of measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus. — Reuters

Record 235 Iran virus deaths

TEHRAN: Iran yesterday announced 235 new fatalities from the novel coronavirus in the past 24 hours, a figure equaling the record high set nearly 10 weeks ago. The Islamic republic also announced a new record for the number of COVID-19 infections in a single day, for the second time in less than a week. Health ministry spokeswoman Sima Sadat Lari said the 235 deaths had brought the total number of fatalities to 27,192. Lari added 3,902 new infections were recorded in the past 24 hours, raising the country's overall caseload to 475,674. — AFP

103-yr-old survives COVID-19

MEXICO CITY: A 103-year-old Mexican woman suffering from a chronic pulmonary disease has survived a bout of COVID-19, the Mexican Social Security Institute announced. The institute said the woman, identified only as Dona Maria, had been hospitalized for 11 days. She had tested positive for the virus but, despite her pulmonary problems, did not have other aggravating factors such as diabetes, obesity or high blood pressure. — AFP

Trio win Nobel for discovery of Hepatitis C

STOCKHOLM: Americans Harvey Alter and Charles Rice together with Briton Michael Houghton won the Nobel Medicine Prize yesterday for the discovery of the Hepatitis C virus, paving the way for a cure, the Nobel jury said. The three were honored for their "decisive contribution to the fight against blood-borne hepatitis, a major global health problem that causes cirrhosis and liver cancer in people around the world," the jury said.

The World Health Organization estimates there are around 70 million

Hepatitis C infections globally, causing around 400,000 deaths each year. It is characterized by poor appetite, vomiting, fatigue and jaundice. Thanks to the trio's discoveries, highly sensitive blood tests for the virus are now available and these have "essentially eliminated post-transfusion hepatitis in many parts of the world, greatly improving global health", the Nobel committee said.

Their discoveries allowed the rapid development of antiviral drugs directed at Hepatitis C. "For the first time in history, the disease can now be cured, raising hopes of eradicating Hepatitis C virus from the world population," the jury said. Alter, 85, told Swedish Radio he was stunned to receive an early-morning call from the committee, saying it was "mind-boggling".

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STOCKHOLM: A screen displays the winners of the 2020 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (from left) American Harvey Alter, Briton Michael Houghton and American Charles Rice during a press conference at the Karolinska Institute yesterday. — AFP

Outrage after Trump visits supporters

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump sparked an angry backlash from the medical community Sunday with a protocol-breaking visit to his supporters outside the hospital where he is being treated for the highly-infectious, potentially deadly new coronavirus. He was masked as he waved from inside his bulletproof vehicle during the short trip outside Walter Reed military medical center near Washington, which appeared designed to take back the narrative on his improving health after a week-

end of muddled messaging from his doctors.

The last-minute limousine outing came with Trump's doctors satisfied enough about his progress to suggest the possibility of his being discharged yesterday. But experts complained that the outing broke his own government's public health guidelines requiring patients to isolate while they are in treatment and still shedding virus - and endangered his Secret Service protection.

Trump, who has been repeatedly rebuked for flouting public health guidelines and spreading misinformation on the pandemic, said in a video that dropped on Twitter just before the appearance that he had "learned a lot about COVID" by "really going to school" as he has battled the virus.

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BETHESDA, Maryland: A car with US President Trump drives past supporters in a motorcade outside Walter Reed Medical Center on Sunday. — AFP

Devils released on Aussie mainland

SYDNEY: Tasmanian devils have been released into the wild on Australia's mainland 3,000 years after the feisty marsupials went extinct there, in what conservationists described yesterday as a "historic" step. Aussie Ark, along with a coalition of other conservation groups, revealed yesterday that they had released 26 of the carnivorous mammals into a 400-

hectare sanctuary at Barrington Tops, about 3.5 hours north of Sydney.

Tim Faulkner, president of Aussie Ark, said the "historic" releases in July and September were the first steps in a project akin to the successful move to return wolves to Yellowstone National Park in the United States in the 1990s. After 16 years of work, including the establishment of mainland Australia's largest Tasmanian devil breeding program, Faulkner said it was "incredible and surreal" to have reached the goal.

"It's the stuff dreams are made of," he told AFP. "Our biggest native mainland predator is the tiger

quoll - and they're just over a kilo - so to be bringing back something of this enormity is huge." Tasmanian devils, which weigh up to 8 kg and have a black or brown coat, typically prey on other native animals or scavenge carcasses. According to government environmental authorities, devils are not dangerous to humans or livestock but will defend themselves if attacked and can cause serious injury.

The animals - known for their extremely loud growl, powerful jaws and ferocity when confronting rivals over food or mates - are classified as endangered after a contagious facial tumor disease

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