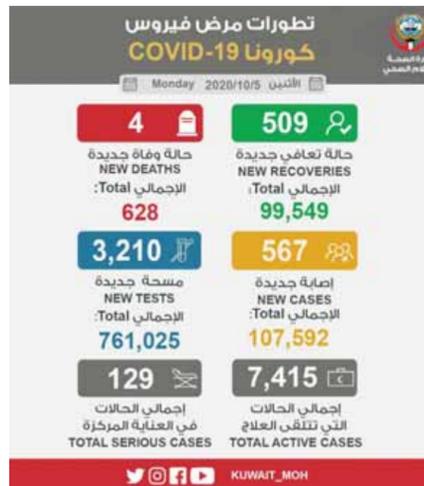


Kuwait COVID-19 cases rise by 567, deaths by four

KUWAIT: Kuwait's confirmed coronavirus cases increased by 567 to 107,592 with four people having succumbed to the disease, raising the death toll to 628 in the past 24 hours, the health ministry said yesterday. The figures include people who have come into contact with infected individuals, and others whose source of infection is currently being investigated, read a ministry statement. In terms of health zones, 135 cases were reported in Al-Ahmadi, 127 in Hawalli, 119 in Farwaniyah, 96 in the Capital and 90 in Jahra, the ministry's official spokesman Dr Abdullah Al-Sanad revealed. Earlier, the ministry said 509 people have recovered from the virus, upping the total number of those to have overcome the disease to 99,549. There are 129 people currently receiving treatment in intensive care units out of a total 7,415 patients being hospitalized. Some 3,210 swab tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, out of a total of 761,025 so far, added the spokesman. The official reiterated the strict need to abide by health precautions, urging nationals and expatriates alike that following social distancing rules is the only way to keep the virus at bay. —KUNA



Indian embassy pays respects to late Amir

KUWAIT: The Indian national flag flew half-mast at the Embassy of India in Kuwait on Sunday. All officials of the mission and that of the Indian public sector undertakings observed two minutes silence at 11 am on Sunday.

Indian nationals in Kuwait from all walks of life, including school students, teachers, academicians, scientists, doctors, businessmen, professionals, skilled and unskilled workers, joined their 1.3 billion brothers and sisters in India to pay homage to the departed leader by observing a two-minute silence from their respective homes and work places.

India had observed a day of state mourning on Sunday, and Indians across the country paid homage to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the late Amir of the State of Kuwait, who passed away on September 29, 2020.

The national tricolor flag flew half-mast atop Rashtrapati Bhavan (Presidential House) and at all government buildings across India and at all buildings of Indian high commissions, embassies, consulates and India houses all over the world.



Shuwaikh Industrial engulfed in darkness

By Nawara Fattahova

KUWAIT: For almost a month, a great part of Shuwaikh Industrial goes dark as night falls. Streetlights have been out of service since last month in almost the entire block, including many streets. Packs of stray dogs roam in this area, and it can be dangerous at night without lights.

Kuwait Times called the emergency line of the Ministry of Electricity and Water (152), which is responsible for resolving this problem. After three complaints made on the MEW hotline and follow-ups after a week of each complaint, the technician of the MEW said this is not their responsibility as these streetlights are located in an industrial area.

Presidents, heads of states commend Sheikh Nawaf as Kuwait's new Amir

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received cables from several presidents and heads of states on Sunday, congratulating him on taking the oath as Kuwait's new ruler.

Russia

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a cable of congratulations from Russian President Vladimir Putin on his taking of the helm of power. The Russian president, in the cable, affirmed his determination to pursue cooperation for boosting security and peace in the Middle East. Sheikh Nawaf replied, extending gratitude for President Putin's kind sentiments, noting that he shared the Russian leader's aspiration to broaden cooperation further.

China

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a cable of congratulations from Chinese President Xi Jinping on his taking of the helm of power. The Chinese president affirmed his keenness on boosting relations and expressed good wishes to His Highness the Amir. Sheikh Nawaf replied, extending gratitude for the kind sentiments, noting that he shared the Chinese leader's aspiration to strengthen the relations further.

Jordan

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a cable of congratula-

tions from Jordanian King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein, in which he congratulated him on the occasion of assuming power. In the cable, he hopes to continue joint work to develop the existing cooperation between Kuwait and Jordan in various fields, wishing His Highness the Amir for continued success, goodness and development in the homeland. His Highness the Amir sent a cable back, in which he thanked and appreciated the positive message, embracing historical and close ties between Kuwait and Jordan, wishing him good health, as well as progress and prosperity under his leadership.

Egypt

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a cable of congratulations from Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, on His Highness's ascension to power. In a reply, His Highness the Amir expressed appreciation for the sincere sentiments, wishing the President good health and the brotherly people utmost prosperity.

Thailand

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a cable of congratulations from Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn, on the occasion of His Highness' ascension to power. In reply, His Highness the Amir sent a letter appreciating the King's heartfelt sentiments and extolling the deep-rooted bilateral relations. His Highness the Amir wished the Thai King everlasting good health, and his country further progress and prosperity.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

Czech Republic

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a cable of congratulations from President of the Czech Republic Milos Zeman on assuming the top post. The president affirmed in the cable keenness on boosting the bilateral relations. Sheikh Nawaf replied, thanking him for the kind feelings, also hailing the solid ties between the two countries. — KUNA

Foreign Minister hosts France Armed Forces Minister



KUWAIT: Foreign Minister and Acting Minister of Defense Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah meets French Minister of the Armed Forces Florence Parly. — KUNA

KUWAIT: Foreign Minister and Acting Minister of Defense Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah met yesterday the visiting Representative of France President, French Minister of the Armed Forces Florence Parly and her accompanying delegation. Parly was in Kuwait to offer condolences on the passing of the late Amir His Highness Sheikh

Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. During the meeting, the French envoy expressed deepest sympathy and sorrow over loss of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Sabah. Parly and Sheikh Dr Ahmad also discussed issues of common concerns and latest regional and international developments. A score of Kuwaiti and French officials also attended the meeting. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Foreign Minister and Acting Minister of Defense Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah meets Bangladesh's Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen — KUNA

Foreign Minister receives Bangladeshi counterpart

KUWAIT: Foreign Minister and Acting Defense Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah received yesterday Bangladesh's Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen and his accompanying delegation. Minister Abdul Momen visited the country to convey his

condolences over the demise of the late Amir His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. During the meeting, the two sides discussed bilateral relations and mutual developments between both countries on the regional and international sides. — KUNA

Palestinian Ambassador congratulates Amir

KUWAIT: Palestinian Ambassador to Kuwait Rami Tahboub released a statement yesterday, congratulating His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on his taking of the helm of power.

"On behalf of the Palestinian community in the State of Kuwait, myself, my family and Palestine embassy personnel, I am honored to congratulate His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on the occasion of assuming power," Tahboub wrote in the statement. "I pray to Allah Almighty to guide him for the sake of the prosperity of Kuwait, as well as the Arab and Muslim nations," the ambassador said, wishing His Highness Sheikh Nawaf good health.

"We undertake that the Palestinian community will always be faithful to His Highness the Amir, Kuwait, and its people who welcomed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians since the 1948 catastrophe and before," Ambassador Tahboub concluded.



Palestinian Ambassador Rami Tahboub



KUWAIT: Street lights turned off in Shuwaikh Industrial. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

director. But most numbers are out of service and two numbers did not answer. This reporter also sent an email describing the problem, in addition to

posting the same complaint on the PAI website. In response, an email was sent noting that the complaint was received and they will respond soon.