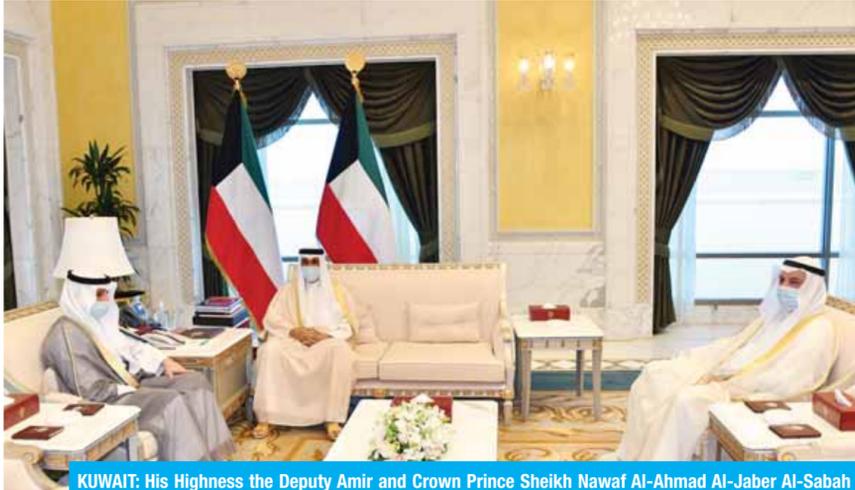


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# US honoring source of pride for honorable Kuwaiti people: Amir

## Sheikh Sabah thanks Sheikh Nawaf for warm sentiments



KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem and State Audit Bureau President Faisal Al-Shaya. — KUNA photos



His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable of gratitude on Saturday in response to His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. In the cable, His Highness the Amir said he had received "with appreciation" the congratulations, extended by His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince, on the occasion of him being awarded the Legion of Merit, Degree Chief Commander by US President Donald Trump. His Highness the Amir went on to express his "deep gratitude" for the warm sentiments and sincere

wishes. This high-level honor is a "source of pride for us and the honorable Kuwaiti people," he added. "It represents the depth of historical ties and the strategic partnership that binds the State of Kuwait and the friendly nation of the United States of America," read the message, expressing His Highness the Amir's appreciation for this "distinguished decoration."

In other news, His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem at Seif Palace yesterday. His Highness also

received State Audit Bureau President Faisal Al-Shaya. Furthermore, His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince received His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, as well as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh. In addition, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf received Foreign Minister and Acting Defense Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah. Also yesterday, His Highness the Prime Minister received the State Audit Bureau chief at Seif Palace. — KUNA



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with State Audit Bureau President Faisal Al-Shaya.

## Zain takes part in biggest national cleanup campaign



KUWAIT: Zain Kuwait CEO Eaman Al-Roudhan speaks with Head of Al-Nowair Initiative Sheikh Intisar Al-Sabah and US Ambassador to Kuwait Alina Romanowski.

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, recently took part in Al-Nowair's 'Let's Do it Kuwait' campaign, which coincided with World Cleanup Day on September 19, 2020 with the participation of nearly 5,000 volunteers. The event, considered the biggest national cleanup campaign in the history of Kuwait, witnessed the presence of Zain Kuwait CEO Eaman Al-Roudhan, along with many public and private sector officials, diplomats, and representatives of global organizations. The event also featured the Kuwait Army, Ministry of Health, Ministry of State for Municipal Affairs, and the Environment Public Authority.

Zain's participation in this national campaign, considered the biggest of its kind, came as part of its

extended partnership with Al-Nowair, the non-profit initiative that aims at bringing positive, social behavioral change in Kuwait. The partnership falls under Zain's Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility strategy, through which the company is keen on supporting such innovative initiatives that contribute to reflecting a positive image of the Kuwaiti society.

'Let's Do it Kuwait,' organized by Al-Nowair in line with World Cleanup Day, mainly aimed at promoting and enriching the importance of preserving the environment and keeping Kuwait clean. The campaign featured the participation of nearly 5000 volunteers, including many ministers, undersecretaries, public and private sector leaders, representatives of global



Zain Kuwait CEO Eaman Al-Roudhan with Kuwait Army officials during the campaign.

organizations, ambassadors, and more. The event also featured the Kuwait Army, Ministry of Health, Ministry of State for Municipal Affairs, and the Environment Public Authority. The campaign covered a large and diverse geographic area, including Al-Khowaisat beach at Al-Jahra, and witnessed high levels of commitment and implementation of official health guidelines to protect participants from COVID-19.

Zain's extended partnership with Al-Nowair, a non-profit initiative that aims at bringing positive, social behavioral change in Kuwait all year round, comes to affirm the company's extreme keenness in supporting such national efforts that aim at promoting positive change and spreading values within members of the society.

Al-Nowair is an initiative driven to spread positive attitudes and happiness within all age groups and all sectors of the community through the organization of events, activities, and campaigns all year round. Al-Nowair's efforts are centered around encouraging a more positive lifestyle and creating positive environments that drive positive change, ultimately imprinting a positive impact within participants.

Zain believes in the development of the communities in which it operates, and it is a very important part of its overall success. The company considers the preservation of the environment a core element in its commitment towards the nation, and will continue to support this cause to contribute to the further progress of the country.

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ignored "America's request (and) held no session to consider their request". The Security Council was what "the Americans always thought of as their point of strength," he said.

The sanctions in question had been lifted when Iran, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (Britain, China, France, Russia and the US) and Germany signed the 2015 treaty on Iran's nuclear program, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

But US President Donald Trump withdrew from the JCPOA in 2018, saying the deal - negotiated by his predecessor Barack Obama - was insufficient. He also renewed and even strengthened Washington's own sanctions as part of a "maximum pressure" campaign against the Islamic republic.

The US insists it is still a participant in the agreement that it stormed out of - but only so it can activate the snapback option, which it announced on Aug 20. Virtually every other Security Council member disputes Washington's ability to execute this legal ploy, and the UN body has not taken the measure any further.

Yesterday, France, Germany and Britain issued a joint statement saying Washington's "purported notification" was "incapable of having any legal effect". Russia also said the US lacked legal authority and that its "illegitimate initiative and actions" could not have "international legal consequences" for others.

Rouhani thanked UNSC members who had "stood against America's illegal request" and said that if remaining signatories let Iran access the deal's economic benefits, Iran would reinstate nuclear commitments it had dropped in response to the US withdrawal. Iran's foreign ministry brushed off the move and called on the rest of the world to unite against what it called the US's "reckless actions". "I imagine these are the most bitter days and hours for" the United States, said spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh. — AFP

## How Tehran transformed...

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Ibrahim Al-Jaafari, Nuri Al-Maliki and Adel Abdel Mahdi, who resigned last year.

Badr Corps officials still hold top positions in the security forces. Masrour and Nechirvan Barzani, whose families sought refuge from Saddam in Iran, are now respectively the prime minister and president of Iraq's Kurdish region. "Iran has cunning politicians," Jaber said. "It did not develop proxies solely for the purpose of war - it has benefitted from them since they came to power until today."

In Iran, too, the war remains a powerful symbol: medics battling the novel coronavirus this year are likened to "martyrs" who lost their lives fighting Saddam's forces. The annual parade honoring the war's victims is often used to showcase new weapons includ-

ing ballistic missiles, while veterans now occupy top military posts in Tehran.

The relationship goes far beyond politics. While there was no bilateral trade under Saddam, Iranian goods were smuggled into Iraq through the porous 1,600-km border during the 1990s, when Baghdad faced crippling sanctions. Following Saddam's toppling, normal trade could begin, said Esfandiyar Batmanghelidj of Bourse & Bazaar, a news and analysis website supporting business diplomacy with Iran. "It's the natural order of affairs for two countries that border one another to engage in commerce. You can make a similar argument about Poland and Germany after the horrors of World War II," he told AFP.

As Iraq sought to rebuild following the US-led invasion, cheap construction materials from Iran were an appealing choice. That trade expanded to include food, cars, medicine and now, even electricity imports. From apricots to painkillers, Iranian goods are sold across Iraq, at lower prices than domestic products. Iraq is the top destination for Iran's non-hydrocarbon goods, worth \$9 billion between March 2019 and March 2020, according to Iran's chamber of commerce. — AFP