

# US embassy commemorates Kuwait's national celebrations



KUWAIT: US Ambassador to Kuwait Alina Romanowski (left) and Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah pose with the glass sculpture. — Amiri Diwan photos



Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah speaks during the event.



US Ambassador to Kuwait Alina Romanowski delivers her speech.

## News in brief

### Kuwait denounces Irbil attack

KUWAIT: Kuwait yesterday denounced the rocket attack on the city of Irbil, the capital of the Kurdistan region of Iraq yesterday and caused several casualties. In a statement, the Foreign Ministry affirmed that such criminal acts will not discourage Iraq from continuing its efforts in restoring security and stability. The statement also stressed Kuwait's solidarity with Iraq and its support in all measures it takes to preserve its security and stability. Kuwait's foreign ministry expressed condolences to the victims' families, wishing the injured a speedy recovery. — KUNA

### Cabinet condemns Houthi attacks

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Cabinet expressed strong condemnation of the attacks against civilians and civil areas in Saudi Arabia, noting that these activities, launching booby-trapped drones and ballistic missiles by the Houthi militia, pose a threat to regional stability, constitute blatant violation of international laws and covenants and undermine international efforts aimed at establishing peace and ending the conflict. During its weekly meeting Monday, the Kuwaiti government also called on the United Nations Security Council to take immediate measures to repel the criminal attacks in a manner that may preserve security and peace in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf region. — KUNA

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah patronized yesterday an event at Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center (JACC) featuring a commemoration by the US embassy in celebration of Kuwait's 60th National Day and 30th Anniversary of the Liberation. The US embassy unveiled a glass sculpture at the JACC celebrating 60 years of strong diplomatic relations between the State of Kuwait and the United States of America. Delivering a speech at the event, representative of His Highness the Amir, Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah said "On behalf of His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to you for this celebration. It is a great honor that we meet here today to take part in the State of Kuwait's celebration of its 60th anniversary of Independence and the 30th anniversary of the Liberation of the State of Kuwait."

"The bilateral relations between the United States and the State of Kuwait have been exceptional in all fields," affirmed Sheikh Ali, adding "Today, we are looking forward to writing a new chapter in the history of our two countries, which have always been characterized by close cooperation and mutual respect as witnessed over the last 60 years."

"This solidarity reminds us of the firm stand the United States had taken to lead the international coalition to support and liberate Kuwait," he asserted. He said "We proudly recall all the sacrifices the United States had made ... I express my country's sincere gratitude to the people of your friendly country for defending the principles of freedom and sovereignty, which reflect the solid relations between

both friendly countries. In conclusion, I extend to you once again and on behalf of His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, our sincere appreciation and gratitude for this great honor."

Meanwhile, US Ambassador to the State of Kuwait Alina Romanowski said in her speech, "My deepest appreciation goes to Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah and the Amiri Diwan for agreeing to exhibit the sculpture at this world-class venue, Kuwait's premier center for the arts. I also thank Rana Al-Hamad and the staff here at Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed Cultural Centre for helping us install the sculpture and hosting today's ceremony." The Ambassador continued "The incredible sculpture that we are about to unveil is a gift from the people of the United States to His Highness Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the people of Kuwait. I hope that visitors to the Cultural Centre will be able to enjoy it for years. This sculpture is a symbol of what people can accomplish when we work together, despite challenging and even tragic conditions."

"Thirty years ago, the United States stood by "our Kuwaiti friends to build an international coalition that expelled Saddam Hussein's forces from Kuwait," the Ambassador pointed out, adding, "After the liberation, the US military and companies worked together with Kuwaitis to put out the fires caused by the retreating forces and help rebuild Kuwait. In the 30 years since, the United States and Kuwait have built a partnership covering not just defense and security, but also trade, investment, education, and collaboration on regional and humanitarian issues. And just as our peoples worked hand-in-hand to overcome the

tragedies of the invasion, the American and Kuwaiti artists who built this sculpture did not let the COVID-19 pandemic put a stop to the cultural partnership between our countries."

Ambassador Romanowski said, "Artists from the Corning Museum of Glass in New York, along with Lubna Saif Abbas and Mohammad Al-Duwaisan from Yadawi, found creative ways to collaborate over video conference and design the amazing piece that you're about to see. The American artists shipped their contributions to Kuwait, and then the Yadawi artists added their own brilliant and unique touches to the piece. The whole time, the artists kept in close contact to ensure that everyone provided ideas for the final piece."

"And thanks to the Amiri Diwan, we are able to display this wonderful creation at the most fitting place: the cultural center named after Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad, the visionary leader of Kuwait who led this country out of the invasion and into a new era of prosperity," added the Ambassador. "Sheikh Jaber and his successor Sheikh Sabah were great friends of the United States. Today, we honor the important contributions they made to build peace and security in Kuwait and in the region. The United States is just as committed to Kuwait's security and prosperity today as it was thirty years ago. Whatever challenges may come, Kuwait can always rely on the United States as a partner and an ally."

"Thank you again to our Kuwaiti friends for hosting this event. I look forward to unveiling this beautiful piece, and to the future of the US-Kuwait partnership," the Ambassador concluded. After the speeches, the sculpture was unveiled at the JACC. — KUNA

## FRONTLINE HEROES OF KUWAIT

### Student Art Competition 2021



It is our pleasure to welcome each and every youngster to our Student Art Competition. We hope that everyone is ready to create beautiful artworks and show support for our heroes of Kuwait! We're searching for great art – so get your paintbrushes, color pencils, crayons and markers ready. Let your talent flow and start painting. Good luck to our young artists!

- The competition is open to students aged 6-18 years with categories (6 - 8 years) (9 - 11 years) (12 - 14 years) (15 - 18 years) and special abilities students.
- The competition is open to all schools in Kuwait (government and private).
- Submissions are open from February 14, 2021 till March 31, 2021.
- 5 winners from each category will receive valuable prizes.
- All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation.
- All schools and individuals interested in participating in this competition are welcome.
- Participants in the ages 6 - 8 years may use marker colors only.
- You can use any drawing sheet, but of A3 size.
- All artwork must be hand drawn and not computer generated.
- All paintings should be submitted by email at [painting@kuwaittimes.net](mailto:painting@kuwaittimes.net) in PDF format ONLY.
- Participant must include on the bottom of the artwork the following: name, age, email address, phone number and school in legible font.

## Senegal president honors Kuwaiti ambassador

DAKAR: Senegal President Macky Sall has bestowed Kuwait's Ambassador in Dakar Saleh Al-Saqabi with the Order of the Lion Grand Cross Badge in appreciation of his contributions in strengthening both countries' relations. A farewell reception was held at the Palace of the Republic in the capital Dakar for ending Al-Saqabi's diplomatic tenure, Kuwait Embassy in Senegal said in a statement yesterday. During the reception, Ambassador Al-Saqabi conveyed greetings of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and expressed gratitude and appreciation for the Senegalese President for the support he had received that contributed in boosting the level of relations between the two friendly countries. President Sall decorated Al-Saqabi with the Order of the Lion Grand Cross Badge in appreciation of further promotion of ties and cooperation between Senegal and Kuwait, said the statement. — KUNA



DAKAR: Kuwait's Ambassador in Dakar Saleh Al-Saqabi poses with Senegal's Order of the Lion Grand Cross Badge. — KUNA



KUWAIT: An archive photo showing clouds over Kuwait City. — KUNA

## Weather turbulence peaks tonight, says meteorologist

KUWAIT: A weather turbulence is expected to climax tonight with passage of a cold wave, Kuwait's meteorological center reported yesterday, noting that the turbulence will begin to clear up as of tomorrow afternoon. The turbulence was

forecast to begin yesterday with expected rainfalls and robust winds, Kuwait Control and Meteorological Center (KCMC) reported. KCMC forecaster Yasser Al-Bloushi said an incoming Mediterranean-originating low depression would reach the country, creating clouds and medium and light rainfalls that may turn thunderous at times. Simultaneously, strong winds at 60 km per hour will whip the country, causing dusts and weak visibility lower than 1,000 meters. Severe drop in temperatures is expected in some regions and sea waves are expected to rage at more than seven feet high. — KUNA