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# Cabinet calls on Defense, KPC to support Kuwait's health system

**KUWAIT:** The Cabinet assigned the Ministry of Defense and Kuwait Petroleum Corporation to harness their hospitals to support health system in the country. The Cabinet also decided to shut down all summer clubs with children's activities, effective from Sunday July 25 until further notice. The decisions were made during the weekly Cabinet meeting, held on Monday under the direction of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah at Seif Palace.

On the advent of Eid Al-Adha, the Cabinet congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as well as Kuwaitis and residents on this occasion, wishing happy returns of this joyful occasion. Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah said after the meeting. The Cabinet decided that Eid holiday will start on July 18 until 22.

The Premier briefed the Cabinet on the gist of his talks with Speaker of Grand National Assembly of Turkey Mustafa Setop who is on an official visit to Kuwait. The talks covered the deep-rooted relationships and means of enhancing them to serve the two peoples, and a number of issues of common concern.

In light of the announcement by the

Foreign Ministry's committee of prisoners and missing persons on the identification of ten prisoners and missing martyrs through the analysis of genetic fingerprint of the remains that were brought from Iraq, the Cabinet offered condolences to the families of those martyrs who sacrificed for their home and its territorial integrity.

### Health developments

Within the government's attention to follow up the latest developments of health situation, the Cabinet listened to a presentation made by Minister of Health Sheikh Dr Basel Hmoud Al-Sabah on the numbers of infections, deaths and recoveries in all governorates. He added that the rate of recovery exceeded 94 percent, pointing to a rise in the deaths amongst unvaccinated people, and patients in the hospitals and ICUs. The minister also appraised the Cabinet of all efforts made by the ministry's staff in order to combat the pandemic and variant strains as well as complete vaccination of all segments, noting that the vaccine has proven high effectiveness against the virus variants. The Cabinet expressed appreciation to the efforts made by the entire ministry's staff to perform this humanitarian mission at these exceptional conditions. It urged the public for cooperation and continuing abidance by health requirements to ensure providing health services to all to



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chairs the Cabinet's meeting. — KUNA

overcome this crisis with minimal losses.

The ministers discussed the education, health and youth committee's recommendations on the integrated plan submitted by Kuwait University, General Secretariat of the Council of Private Universities, Higher Institute of Musical Arts, and Higher Institute of Theatrical Arts regarding resuming study at educational institutions as of September 2021. The Cabinet considered the committee's recommendation regarding the 2021-2026 Ministry of Information's strategy.

It commended efforts of those responsible for preparing that strategy aiming to develop media in order to achieve a vision of building sustainable and pioneering media of a meaningful content that combines citizenship, originality and modernity.

The strategy abides by Kuwait's values stemmed from moderate Islam and traditions, and aims to boost the country's history and media as well as its Gulf and Arab culture. The Cabinet assigned the Ministry of Information to

submit a report every three months on the strategy's implementation. In addition, the Cabinet discussed political affairs in light of the latest developments on the political arena on international and Arab levels. It followed with great concern the repercussions of Ethiopia's dam, expressing Kuwait's support to legitimate water rights of both Egypt and Sudan. The Cabinet lauded efforts by Egypt and Sudan to contain the crisis and solve it in line with the rules of international law. — KUNA

## Kuwait, France discuss security

**KUWAIT:** Undersecretary of Kuwait's Ministry of Interior Lt Gen Essam Al-Nahham met yesterday with the French Internal Security Attache in Kuwait Gendarmerie Colonel Stephane

Lacroix. A ministry statement said that both sides tackled topics of common interests, means to boost relations and exchange of information and expertise. During the meeting, Lt Gen Nahham stressed deep bilateral relations with France, while Lacroix affirmed the importance of the meeting as it improves level of cooperation between the two sides, it added. — KUNA



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## World should not wobble amid adversity: Kuwait

**KUWAIT:** The world should not wobble in the face of increasing adversity, Kuwait's foreign minister told his counterparts from countries that form the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) yesterday, citing the COVID-19 pandemic as an unprecedented challenge. As the world continues to grapple with hardships ranging from conflicts and crises to disasters and pandemics, Sheikh Dr Ahmad Al-Nasser Al-Sabah urged NAM member states, amid Serbia-hosted talks via video link, to navigate the COVID pandemic with "optimism." The Kuwaiti minister said the Cold War era bloc's "core mission" remains unchanged since its inception back in 1961, which is to ensure a world where "peace and parity" abound, as embedded in UN resolutions and conventions. "We remain shoulder-to-shoulder with the international community in the pursuit of global justice," the minister emphasized, saying the world is dealing with hardships at every corner, the latest of which was the coronavirus pandemic. On the COVID pandemic, he said it "caught the world off guard," but hoped that the next time the bloc meets, "the worst of the pandemic would have elapsed." — KUNA



**Dr Ahmad Al-Nasser Al-Sabah**

## Kuwait National Guard celebrates graduates



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait National Guard Undersecretary Lt Gen Hashim Abdelrazaq Al-Rifae said the guard is concerned with developing the human element and enhancing their skills so that they fulfill their duties towards the security

and stability of the country. Rifae spoke during the swearing-in ceremony of the 25th batch of non-commissioned officers who graduated from the non-commissioned officers institute at the interior ministry. He conveyed greetings of the

higher command, headed by Chief of National Guard HH Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah and Deputy Chief Gen Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Rifae wished the graduates all success.

## Gulf Bank shines in latest lyrical masterpiece

**KUWAIT:** Gulf Bank is celebrating the successful launch of its latest song, which was released in anticipation of the semi-annual Al-Danah account draw for the KD 1 million prize taking place tomorrow. The new song is performed by Abdulsalam Mohammed and Hadi, with a maritime melody that reflects the culture of the people of Kuwait and the spirit of Gulf Bank.

As is tradition, Gulf Bank's clients have become accustomed to expecting entertaining performances from the Bank in celebration of various national and social occasions. This time around, after Gulf Bank increased the Al-Danah account prizes with the promise to announce two new millionaires this year, the Bank launched a song that celebrates its relationship with its loyal customers, rewarding them in a similar fashion as to how the sea rewards its seafarers depicted in the music video. This is evident in the music video released with the song, which depicts the difficulty of pearl diving and the hardship that our forefathers endured while, at the same time, highlighting the ease of winning with Gulf Bank's Al-Danah account, and how life changing winning an Al-Danah prize can be.

During the course of the song, artists Abdulsalam Mohammed and Hadi refer to



**KUWAIT:** Group photo of the team.



**Najla Aleisa**

Gulf Bank's slogan, the Al-Danah account draws and prizes, and to the increase in the Al-Danah prize amounts.

Commenting on Gulf Bank's latest work, Gulf Bank's Deputy General Manager of Marketing, Najla Aleisa, commented: "At Gulf Bank, we have

grown accustomed to celebrating our national and social occasions with our dear clients. With this year's updated Al-Danah account prizes, we have even more reason to celebrate: the announcement of our upcoming millionaire in our semi-annual Al-Danah account draw! We are excited to have launched our latest song to highlight just how rewarding saving with an Al-Danah account can be, and to remind our clients that there are always plenty of chances for them to win with Al-Danah."

Gulf Bank's semi-annual Al-Danah account draw will take place tomorrow at 7 pm. Viewers can watch the live broadcast event on Al-Rai TV, Gulf Bank's social media channels, and via the event link at <https://www.e-gulfbank.com/kdm>.

## Arabian red fox thrives in Kuwait's desert



**KUWAIT:** The Arabian red fox, locally known as 'Al-Hesni', is common in the open desert of Kuwait, living in small groups and seeking refuge from the merciless sun by digging deep

holes in the ground. The animal — feeding on mice, gerbils, small rabbits and birds' eggs — is facing a bit of a struggle due to illegal hunting, which threatens its existence. — KUNA