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Amir congratulates Crown Prince on first anniversary of post assumption

KUWAIT: HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Wednesday congratulated HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on the first anniversary of assuming his post. In a letter sent to HH Sheikh Mishal, HH Sheikh Nawaf extolled the achievements of HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince in the first year. He praised Sheikh Mishal's hardwork and devotion to serving the dear homeland.

HH the Amir wished HH the Deputy Amir everlasting wellness and success in his mission. In a reply letter, HH the Deputy Amir thanked HH the Amir on his noble sentiments. He wished HH the Amir everlasting wellbeing and prayed to Almighty Allah to bless HH the Amir's efforts to lead Kuwait to greater welfare and progress.

Meanwhile, HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal received a congratulatory cable yesterday from Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah on the occasion of the first anniversary since he took office. In the cable, the minister wished him success in permanently supporting HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf. HH Sheikh Mishal also received a congratulatory cable yesterday from the chief of

the Crown Prince's Diwan Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. In the cable, he wished him success in supporting HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf in his national development march.

HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal also received a congratulatory cable from National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem. He received a similar cable from HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. He also received a cable from Head of Kuwait National Guard HH Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah on the same occasion. HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince also received a congratulatory cable from HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

HH Sheikh Mishal received similar cables from Deputy Head of Kuwait National Guard Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and Sheikh Mubarak Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. In their cables, they expressed to HH Sheikh Mishal their sincere congratulations and wished him success in permanently supporting HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf in his national development march. HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince sent a reply to the top officials, in which he expressed his appreciation for their sincere sentiments and wishes. — KUNA



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



HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah



KUWAIT: HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chairs a Cabinet meeting at Sheikh Jaber Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah International Tennis Complex. — KUNA

Kuwait to assign parks, open spaces for investment

KUWAIT: The Cabinet, in its extraordinary meeting on Wednesday, instructed the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) to work out a plan to open public parks and spaces in residential areas for investment. The Cabinet also ordered the PAAAFR to coordinate with other relevant bodies to allocate plots of lands for organizing entertainment activities and events in the agricultural areas of Wafra in the south and Abdaly in the north, said Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohamad Al-Sabah in a statement following the Cabinet meeting.

HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chaired the Cabinet meeting at the Sheikh Jaber Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah International Tennis Complex. At the advent of the meeting, the Cabinet congratulated HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-

Sabah on the first anniversary of his assumption of the post. They wished him everlasting wellbeing and success in his mission. The prime minister and the ministers then toured the recently-inaugurated tennis complex. Several officials of the Public Authority for Sports (PAS) and the tennis complex briefed the premier on the different facilities and amenities of the complex.

They pointed out that the complex houses 18 tennis courts, two courts with the ability to host spectators and a world-class tennis academy. They also informed the ministers about the other ongoing PAS projects. HH the Prime Minister expressed admiration of the complex, which would be of great benefit to national tennis teams and players. He also lauded the effective role played by the private sector to execute state development projects and improve the performance of the national economy. PAS officials made a presentation in front of the Cabinet members about the authority's roadmap to make the best use of youth clubs across the country to hone the skills of youth in a wide array of domains. The Cabinet hailed PAS' sincere efforts to empower youth and increase their contributions to nation building and societal development, urging the authority to persist with their endeavors to serve national youth. — KUNA

Senior journalists commend KUNA's professional role

KUWAIT: Senior Kuwaiti journalists have commended the "leading" role of Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) as a "national professional institution", which conveys Kuwait's voice to the entire world. The journalists, in statements to KUNA a day after the agency celebrated its 45th anniversary, said the national news agency is a "media icon". They said they get "reliable" news, specially local stories, from KUNA, which made it a "trusted source" which publishes accurate and objective stories.

Abdullah Boftein, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Kuwait Times, said KUNA has contributed to the documentation of Kuwait's history in the Arabic and English languages. Kuwait was established by an Amiri decree on Oct 6, 1976. Fatma Hussain, Chairperson of Kuwait Journalists Association (KJA), said she was proud of KUNA's contribution to the media since its establishment 45 years ago. Hussain said the national agency is keen on conveying a "national and responsible" message to the public as well as highlight Kuwait's achievements on political, cultural, artistic and sport levels.

Ahmad Al-Jarallah, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Seyassah daily, said KUNA started with modest and limited capabilities, but developed into a full-fledged agency. He said KUNA is distinguished with its photo service, and has been excelling in photo features, reports and features. Waleed Al-Jassem, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Rai daily newspaper, said relations between KUNA and the local press were "old and deep-rooted", since the agency is the official source of government news. Jassem said KUNA played a big part in reporting

Waleed Al-Nesf, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Qabas daily, said KUNA has been witnessing and was part of many local and regional events since its establishment. KUNA, he added, helped cover many events around the world through its bureaus and correspondents in major capitals. Nesf commended the state-owned agency for the services it was providing to local newspapers before the introduction of the Internet and social media.

Editor-in-Chief of Al-Anbaa newspaper Yusuf Al-Marzouq said KUNA "has been a major part of our official media which we are proud of, and it is an added value to honest and objective reporting". Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Al-Jarida newspaper Nasser Al-Otaibi said the anniversary of KUNA reflects 45 years of "seriousness, dedication and the desire to constantly improve; a history of credible news and objective reporting". He said KUNA emerged stronger following the Iraqi invasion in 1990, and worked hard during the coronavirus pandemic despite the difficult conditions. Dr Zuhair Al-Abbad, Editor-in-Chief of Kuwaitiya newspaper and Chairman of Kuwait Journalists Union, said KUNA is the facade of Kuwaiti media, whether conventional or electronic. KUNA is an important medium which offers many services to the audience, he said. — KUNA