

Local

# Int'l cooperation within NAM vital to face challenges: Kuwait

Foreign Minister leads Kuwait's delegation at Non-Aligned Movement meeting



**BELGRADE:** Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah chairs Kuwait's delegation at the ministerial meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement countries yesterday.



Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah meets President of the 67th session of the UN General Assembly Abdulla Shahid.



Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah meets his Yemeni counterpart Ahmad Awad Bin-Mubarak. — KUNA photos

**BELGRADE:** Kuwait's Foreign Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah said yesterday that Kuwait affirmed the importance of continued international cooperation to face all challenges and achieve economic and social growth. This came during the minister's speech at the ministerial meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries held in the Serbian capital, Belgrade. "We are gathered here today to celebrate the 60th anniversary of establishing the movement, which is a good chance for us to discuss the challenges we have faced, probably the most urgent is the change in the scale of power 30 years after the cold war," said the Kuwaiti minister. "We appreciate the essential role the founders have made 60 years ago to contribute in achieving international balance."

"After more than a year of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we must praise the important role of Azerbaijan, the current President of the movement, for the call to hold two important meetings, the virtual summit in May of 2020 under the rubric (United against COVID-19), and the 31st extraordinary session of the UN General assembly, which led to more coordination and solidarity between members of the movement," he continued.

"In regard to our central issue, the Palestinian cause, we stress on gathering all forces and efforts to end the suffering of the Palestinian people that lasted more than 73 years, to end this hostile occupation that violates all international laws, and

restore security and peace in the Palestinian lands," he added. The Kuwaiti minister concluded his speech by reiterating Kuwait's commitment towards the principles and goals of which this movement was established upon 60 years ago, and Kuwait's willingness to reinforce the role of the movement.



**All effort to end Palestinians' suffering**

**Foreign Minister's meeting**

Sheikh Dr Ahmad held talks on Sunday with President of the 67th session of the UN General Assembly Abdulla Shahid on the sidelines of the session of the meeting. During the meeting, the Kuwaiti minister congratulated Shahid, of the Maldives, on the achievements he made during his leadership of the UNGA 76th session, "the presidency of hope." Sheikh Dr Ahmad expressed Kuwait's desire to work more closely with the UNGA for opening more horizons of peace and security across the globe, wishing the UNGA President success in his mission.



Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah meets Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabic.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Foreign Minister met with his Yemeni counterpart Ahmad Awad Bin-Mubarak on the sidelines of the session. Sheikh Dr Ahmad strongly condemned the terrorist attack on the convoy of Yemeni Minister of Agriculture and Aden Governor earlier Sunday. He expressed sincere condolence to those casualties of the blast. He stressed that implementing and adhering to the Riyadh agreement to unite efforts of all three references to

face terrorism in order to stand behind Yemen legitimate government.

In the meantime, Sheikh Dr Ahmad met yesterday with Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabic. The meeting discussed the 60th anniversary of the first NAM conference that is taking place in Belgrade, Serbia. During the meeting, the two officials also reviewed the Kuwait-Serbia bilateral ties and the latest regional and international developments. — KUNA

## Three dead, one injured in King Fahad Road crash

**KUWAIT:** Three people were killed and another was left in a critical condition following an accident reported yesterday at dawn in Kuwait. Ahmadi firemen rushed to the scene following a report about a car crash on King Fahad Road. They found out that the accident left three people, including a man and two children, dead, while another man was rushed to hospital with severe injuries.

An investigation was opened to reveal the cause of the accident.

Meanwhile, firemen extinguished a blaze reported in a mall under construction in the Sabah Al-Ahmad Sea City yesterday. No injuries were reported. Khairan, Zour, Mina Abdullah and backup fire stations participated in fighting the blaze which covered a 1,000-square-meter area, Kuwait Fire Force said.

In other news, drugs control department officers arrested a man with 10 kg of chemical derivatives and 100 gm of shabu. An undercover agent was sent to buy drugs from the suspect and the arrest was made during the exchange. When the suspect's residence was searched, the above-mentioned amounts of drugs were found. The suspect confessed to trading in drugs. He was sent to concerned authorities.



**KUWAIT:** This handout photo released by the Interior Ministry yesterday shows a man it says was arrested with possession of drugs.



This handout photo released by Kuwait Fire Force yesterday shows fire engines outside a mall under construction in the Sabah Al-Ahmad Sea City where a fire was reported.



**KUWAIT:** People receive their COVID-19 vaccines during a mass vaccination campaign in the Bneid Al-Gar district of Kuwait City yesterday. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

## Kuwait reaches out to people still unvaccinated

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Health launched yesterday a vaccination campaign in the Bneid Al-Gar district of Kuwait City, as part of a mass vaccination campaign to reach out to people around the country who are yet to be inoculated against the deadly virus.

The ministry had announced Sunday launching the campaign across several areas in Kuwait, starting in Bneid Al-Gar, with a layout to cover numerous areas to provide the service to all age categories. This campaign aims to raise vaccination rates, and to cover all workers who were not able to get the vaccine for any reason, it noted. The Ministry of Health has launched several vaccination campaigns to reach all parts of the community.

Kuwait had announced on Sunday 31 new coronavirus cases registered from 20,950 medical swabs taken over the previous 24 hours, taking the tally to 412,079, while zero deaths were recorded in the same period as the death toll stood at 2,454. Twelve patients were at intensive care units (ICUs) as of Sunday, while about 650 others are being hospitalized at wards. As many as 35 people recovered from the virus in the corresponding period, bringing the total recoveries to 409,002, the ministry's spokesman Dr Abdullah Al-Sanad said.

