

'Kuwait plays vital role in regional security, stability'

PM hands over written message from Amir to Erdogan

ANKARA, Sept 13, (KUNA): His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, at the onset of his official visit to Turkey on Wednesday, met Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the Presidential Palace in capital Ankara.

Emerging from the meeting, His Highness the Premier said that he handed over a written message from His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to President Erdogan, dealing with the means of

boosting bilateral relations and issues of joint concern.

His Highness the Premier indicated that the meeting touched on regional, international issues and the two countries' stances toward these topics.

His Highness, accompanied by a delegation of ranking officials, arrived in Ankara, earlier today. His Highness the Premier's delegation was received at the airport by Turkish Minister of Economy Nihat Zeybekci and Kuwaiti diplomats. He expressed in arrival remarks pride

of the historic and deep-rooted relations between Kuwait and Turkey, affirming that his visit depicted mutual desire to develop further the close ties.

These relations have recently witnessed tangible improvement in political, commercial, economic, tourist and cultural domains, he said, "however we have always aspired to bolstering the cooperation between the two countries in many other domains." Kuwait, which views Turkey as a key economic partner, has always sought to deepen the

bonds with Ankara, enhancing commercial exchanges and creating new joint investment opportunities, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak added.

He confirmed that his talks with Turkish leaders would tackle means of cementing the bilateral relations and co-operation at diverse levels.

Meanwhile, Kuwait, under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, plays a vital role in maintaining regional security and stability, said

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim Wednesday.

In an exclusive interview with KUNA, Yildirim indicated that the visit by Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah will contribute to the development of ties as desired by both Kuwaiti and Turkish leaderships as well as people.

Bilateral relations are strong and both countries are eager to pursue more cooperative venues, said Yildirim who revealed that there were more than 40

signed agreements and memos between the two nations.

He indicated that cooperation in the defense domain is one of the sectors that his country was eager to develop with Kuwait. He added that regional challenges required such solidarity among world countries.

Yildirim called for expanding the volume of commercial exchange with Kuwait, increasing the number from \$1.2 billion in 2016 to \$5 billion in the near future.



KUNA photo
His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah meets with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.



Al-Qabas daily photo
Abdullah Al-Twarawah and Suad Abdullah in 'Nawaya' (Intentions)

2nd part of 'Nawaya' series eyed

Ministry of Information is working on bringing back the pioneers of art to the television screen especially during the holy month of Ramadan next year, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The ministry has made progress in negotiating and agreeing in principle with the renowned artiste Suad Abdullah to produce the second part of the series "Nawaya", which was pre-

sented last year and achieved great success.

Suad Abdullah visited Ministry of Information mid of last month, met with the Assistant Undersecretary for Planning and Development and spokesman of Ministry of Information Mohammed Abdulmohsen Al-Awash and discussed the issue, which was described as fruitful.

Al-Ghunaim attends 36th session of UNHRC

Kuwait fully 'supports' global efforts on peace culture: official

GENEVA, Sept 13, (KUNA): Kuwait expressed full commitment to spread peace culture around the world.

This came during the 36th session of the UN Human Rights Council on Tuesday.

Kuwait strongly believes in protecting the economic, social, political, cultural and civil rights of all people, said Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the European headquarters of the UN and international organizations in Geneva Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim.

Every society should have the freedom to apply human rights laws in accordance with their culture and beliefs, without the interference of outsiders in the name of international human values, the ambassador said.

For example, the call for international human rights principles does not mean following rules that go against the teachings of our own religion "Islam", he explained.

Meanwhile, Al-Ghunaim noted that Kuwait is deeply concerned about ongoing armed conflicts in the Arab World that claim many lives, violate human rights laws and halt the development process.

He spoke about the Israeli crimes against Palestinians and the international community's failure to put an end to such violations.

Al-Ghunaim also expressed Kuwait's full support to the international fight against terrorism and extremism.

The Kuwaiti official called on the international community to provide financial support for the UN Commission on Human Rights to enable it to expand and develop its work.

The ambassador affirmed that Kuwait is willing to cooperate with the commission on all levels to protect human rights and achieve sustainable development.

Kuwait invests oil revenues to attain HH Amir's vision: minister

Al-Sabeeh speaks at launch of 'Mapping oil, gas industry to SDGs' report

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13, (KUNA): Kuwait invests oil and gas revenues to achieve His Highness the Amir's vision to turn the country into a regional financial and commercial hub, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Sabeeh said Wednesday.

Such a pioneering role is carried out through implementing the government's national development plans, including diversifying the Kuwaiti economy's production base, Al-Sabeeh added.

She made her remarks in a speech marking the launch of "Mapping the oil and gas industry to the Sustainable Development Goals: An Atlas" report held at the UN House, aka (also known as) Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's Building.

Since its independence, Kuwait has linked the oil industry to the sustainable development goals, and also harnessed its resources to enhance infrastructure and social development, said the minister.

Al-Sabeeh also pointed out the report's importance in highlighting Kuwait's status as one of the important oil-producing countries in the world, and a country that utilizes oil and gas incomes to implement its government's development efforts.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International Finance Corporation (IFC) and IPIECA launched the joint report, "Mapping the oil and gas industry to the Sustainable Development Goals: An Atlas," on July 24, according to UNDP's website.

Report

The report illustrates how the oil and gas industry links to and can contribute to address each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by integrating into core business operations and by identifying opportunities for oil and gas companies to collaborate with other stakeholders, and leverage experiences and resources to implement each goal.

Meanwhile, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Economic Affairs affirmed on Wednesday the government keenness on buttressing renewable energy sector.

Kuwait has made tangible progress in sustainable development, said the minister in remarks to KUNA, on sidelines of a ceremony marking launch of the international report on linking up oil and gas with sustainable development objectives, held at the local UN headquarters (named Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Humanitarian Action Center).

The cabinet is currently pondering a mega renewable energy project following the successful venture in Al-Shaqaya.

The National Fund for Small and Medium Enterprise Development has encouraged young entrepreneurs to invest in sustainable energy projects, such as treating plastic and paper waste and transforming them into energy.

A plant, run by young Kuwaitis, will be launched in October. It will be the first of its kind in the country.

The UN report said that emissions from oil and gas sectors can be totally stopped. It also noted that the sector could help in the efforts against poverty by securing energy to all parts of the world.

Moreover, these sectors can be helpful for attaining goals of sustainable development by improving teaching, achieving gender equality and securing clean water resources.



Premkumar receiving the award in New Delhi.

CBSE honors principal of Bhavans-Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: T. Premkumar, Principal of the Indian Educational School (Bhavans), Kuwait has been honored by the Central Board of Secondary Education with the 'CBSE Teachers' Award 2016' for his hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, passion for excellence.

One of the most successful CBSE principals in the Middle East, he is the only awardee from abroad among the 33 teachers from across India.

The award ceremony was held recently in New Delhi in the presence of newly appointed CBSE Chairperson Anita Karwal IAS, Member Secretary NCTE Sanjay Awasthi, Director NCERT Dr Hrushikesh Senapaty, Secretary of CBSE Anurag Tripathi and several other distinguished dignitaries from the MHRD, representatives of NVS, KVS and government schools.

The selection of the awardees is based on the academic efficiency and improvement, interest, reputation in the community, perseverance, and commitment towards education.

The award has been instituted by the Central Board of Secondary Education

to honor and acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the great educators.

Premkumar began his career as a research assistant at the Indira Gandhi Atomic Research Centre, Chennai and later at the Tarapur Nuclear Reactor, Mumbai, in 'the extraction of uranium in spent fuels'.

He forsook well-paid government job to follow his heart and become a teacher. He found little happiness in dealing with exanimate chemical elements and decided to pursue his dream.

The newly-recruited middle school teacher rose to the rank of a senior PGT within no time and in due course of time was promoted to the position of the Head of the Faculty, Department of Chemistry following his ascension to the position of the vice-principal of the higher secondary section of one of the largest co-educational schools in the Gulf region, Indian School, Muscat.

His contribution to the field of private education in Muscat, Oman earned him a letter of commendation from Simon's College, Boston, USA.

He also served the CBSE Muscat Chapter as the Educational adviser. He was nominated as the convener of the

Oman Chapter for two years consecutively.

A major milestone in the career of Premkumar was his decision to be a part of the renowned Bhavans group of institutions in the Middle East.

He joined Indian Educational School in 2010 as the principal of the flagship school owned by the Abu Dhabi based Bhavans Middle East which runs nearly a dozen premium schools across the Middle East.

In his pursuit for perfection, Bhavans Kuwait found itself as the 'Gulf Topper School, Center for CBSE Math Olympiad, and many more literary and language events such as the Balakalamea championship, Xpression Championship, St. Berchaman's Xtempore Speech Competition, etc. Bhavanites have even left their footprints in Slovenia where they have proved their might and mettle in the International Debate Contest.

Premkumar acknowledges the invaluable guidance of N.K. Ramachandran Menon, Chairman, Bhavans Middle East, Abu Dhabi in transforming Bhavans Kuwait into a school with a vision and a mission for the global learners of the 21st century.

News in Brief

Plots for young entrepreneurs:

The capital commission in the Municipal Council on Wednesday blessed a plan to allocate plots of land in the country's governorates for young Kuwaiti entrepreneurs to display their products and promote their ventures.

Dr Hassan Kamal, member of the committee, said in a statement to journalists that the commission recommended forming a team to specify the locations and work out permits' mechanisms. The State of Kuwait adopts a strategy aimed at encouraging young businesspersons and enterprises. Authorities have recently invited such businesspersons to erect kiosks at the public schools, as part of this approach. (KUNA)

Bid to combat terrorism:

Kuwait National Security Bureau Chief Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali Al-Sabah discussed with Australia's official in charge of counterterrorism Paul Foley issues related to combating terrorism and strengthening bilateral cooperation.

In a statement Wednesday, Sheikh Thamer stressed out Kuwait's efforts with the international community to counter terror and dry up its sources.

The meeting was attended by the Australian Ambassador to Kuwait Warren Hauck and Assistant Director of the counterterrorism Department for the Middle East and Africa at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Bred Jung. (KUNA)

'Sajjel', 'Utrujah' launched:

Director of the Islamic Studies Department at Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Dr Fahd Aljenfawi declared the launch of the campaigns titled "Sajjel" and "Utrujah" for the first semester students of the year 2017/2018 at the Quranic centers, reports Al-Seyassah daily. He explained that students of both genders, of different levels and of different nationalities can register.

Applicants have to be 15 years or more of age and should have completed the elementary level. The courses are available in the morning and evening shifts and in all six governorates. Joining the Islamic Studies Institute requires passing the exams of the Quranic centers. The institute has a Quranic Affairs Department and a Department for Islamic Propagation. The course study lasts for two years, divided into four semesters and the classes will be held three days per week.

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