



Left: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah with National Assembly Speaker. Center: With Prime Minister and right: With Foreign Minister.



Left: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah with Interior Minister. Center: With Cabinet Affairs Minister and right: With National Assembly Affairs Minister.



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### His Highness the Crown Prince audience

HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received on Tuesday, Feb 27, in Bayan Palace Speaker of National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim.

HH Crown Prince received HH Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak.

HH Crown Prince also received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

HH Crown Prince received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah. HH the Crown Prince received Deputy

Prime Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh.

Later, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace on Tuesday Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Adel MUSAED Al-Jarallah Al-Kharafi. (KUNA)

# Kuwaiti national fervor continues sweeping over missions overseas

Triumvirate of photographic exhibitions held in Mumbai

**KUWAIT CITY, Feb 27, (KUNA):** The gaieties of Kuwait's national celebrations continue to pervade its overseas missions, as the Gulf country marks its 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day, in addition to the 12th anniversary of His Highness the Amir's ascendancy.

Kuwait's embassy in the Indonesian capital Jakarta held a gala Tuesday, where a number of senior government officials joined a bevy of Kuwaiti diplomats to get the festivities underway, read a statement by the mission.

Abdulwahab Al-Sager, Kuwait's ambassador to the world's largest island nation, said bilateral ties are outstanding and date back five decades, expressing hope for more progress in relations between the two countries.

In Vietnam, Kuwait's Consulate General celebrated the joyous occasion with much fanfare, as consul Khaled Al-Mutairi took the opportunity to deliver a speech on his country's ties with the Southeast Asian nation, conveying his heartiest congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and the Kuwaiti people.

Kuwait's embassy in the Sultanate of Brunei joined in the celebrations as well, as ambassador Fahad Al-Thefeeri wished his country continued prosperity, security and peace.

#### Exceptional

The Kuwaiti envoy described bilateral ties as "exceptional", saying His Highness the Amir's historic visit to the sultanate back in 2016 was the catalyst that helped transform relations.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Consul General in India's financial capital Mumbai, Mansour Al-Alaimi, presided over a cultural festival in the sprawling city, which included a triumvirate of photographic exhibitions that brought together notable personalities and a number of international diplomats.

In neighboring Bangladesh, Kuwaiti ambassador Adel Hayat used the occasion to hold a reception for a number of top government officials as well as chief lawmakers in the country.

Meanwhile, in Kuala Lumpur, the Ambassador Saad Al-Asouli led a reception marking the occasions, grouping diplomats, dignitaries and Kuwaiti students.

He extended congratulations to the top leaders, namely His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, as well as the Kuwaiti people on the national days.

During the celebration, Malay-



Kuwait Embassy in Slovakia celebrate the 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day.

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Kuwait Embassy in the Sultanate of Brunei celebrate the National Days.



Children dressed in Kuwaiti national colours form part of Qatar's participation in celebration of the Kuwaiti National Days.

sian Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Shahidan Kassim praised the distinguished bilateral relations between the countries.

In Slovakia, the Kuwaiti mission in the capital Bratislava held a similar reception, comprising senior Slovakian officials.

Kuwaiti Ambassador to Slovakia Essa Al-Shimali conveyed sincere congratulations to the people of Kuwait on the joyous occasion.

He pointed out that ties between Kuwait and Slovakia have made palpable headway in recent times, citing agreements for economic and health cooperation signed by both nations.

Furthermore, the Kuwaiti embassies in Khartoum and Amman marked Kuwait's 57th National Day, 27th Liberation Day and the 12th anniversary of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's ascension to power.

Kuwaiti Ambassador to Sudan Basam Al-Qabandi held a reception, which was attended by ministers, diplomats, businesspersons and officials of civil society organizations.

In a speech, the ambassador extended congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the Kuwaiti people.

Al-Qabandi prayed to Allah to maintain security, progress and prosperity of

Kuwait, greeting martyrs who offered their souls for the liberation of Kuwait.

He noted that Kuwait has represented a platform for development across the world through carrying out many projects, which are highly appreciated by the international community.

Such projects prompted the United Nations to honor His Highness the Amir as a "Humanitarian Leader", he stated.

"The Kuwaiti envoy pointed out that the Arab region is facing many challenges that necessitate cooperation, affirming Kuwait's supportive role aiming to counter threats surrounding the region and work to settle disputes peacefully as well as discard violence and terrorism.

#### Touched

He touched upon the bilateral relations between Sudan and Kuwait, referring that they have witnessed continued development, thanks to the support and attention by His Highness the Amir and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir.

For his part, Sudanese Finance Minister Mohammad Al-Rekabi congratulated His Highness the Amir, the State of Kuwait, the Kuwaiti government and all Kuwaitis on this great occasion, praying to Allah to maintain stability and prosperity of Kuwait.

He hoped for further development in the bilateral ties, voicing his appreciation of Kuwait's continued support to

Sudan to set up several strategic projects and successful investments in the fields of communication, oil and real estate.

On the sidelines of the festival, the embassy held an exhibition on humanitarian activities of charities in Sudan.

In Amman, Ambassador to Jordan Dr Hamad Al-Du'aj hosted a function to celebrate Kuwait's national days in the presence of a large number of Jordanian officials, Jordan-based diplomats from the GCC states and other friendly countries, and representatives of the civil society institutions.

Ambassador Al-Du'aj congratulated His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah on the national days.

This occasion materializes the achievements made by the Kuwaiti people under the wise leadership of the country, he said in statements to KUNA.

He lauded the exemplary relations between Kuwait and the Kingdom of Jordan on all levels.

On his part, Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Jamal Al-Sarayra congratulated the Kuwaiti leaders and people on the national occasion.

He said that both countries enjoy deep-rooted historical relations that kept growing in the course of time.

### Aims to assist students enhance academic capabilities

## PAAET offers 'library service' to students with special needs

**KUWAIT CITY, Feb 27, (Agencies):** The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) has launched the "Light and Hope Corner" at the library of Basic Education College, to help students with special needs, the PAAET announced Tuesday in a press statement.

The corner aims to assist students obtain and enhance their academic, research, educational and social capabilities, PAAET Assistant Dean for Students Affairs Dr Latifa Al-Kandari said in a press statement.

It includes a multitude of general and specialized books, and encyclopedias, covering science, religion and education and other fields, she added.

It also offers many audio and Braille books, she added.

This is an ambitious program in Arabic and English to support the students with special needs at the College, as well as library visitors, giving them access to various sources of knowledge, Al-Kandari said.

Meanwhile, about fifty contracts are expected to be signed soon by the Educational Buildings Sector of Ministry of Education, reports Aljarida daily quoting educational sources.

They explained that these contracts include those for establishment of ten gym halls in five educational zones - Jahra, Capital City, Mubarak Al-Kabeer, Hawally, and Ahmadi.

The cost of constructing a gym in Mubarak Al-Kabeer is KD 2.190 million and that contract has already been signed.

The contracts for establishing gyms in Ahmadi and Capital educational zones will be signed soon.

The sources said the Educational Buildings Sector will soon finish preparing eight contracts for establishing various educational buildings.

They explained that the floated projects include those for building three kindergarten schools in Hawally Edu-

cational Zone, one primary school and two elementary schools in Farwaniya Educational Zone, two kindergarten schools in Ahmadi Educational Zone, and a car park in Capital Educational Zone.

The sector has also signed a contract for establishing a car park in Mubarak Al-Kabeer Educational Zone at a cost of KD 2.994 million, and another for constructing a kindergarten school in Mubarak Al-Abdullah area at a cost of KD 1.585 million.

Concerning the ongoing projects, the sources revealed that the establishment of Abdulrazzaq Al-Baser Secondary School for Boys in Rumaithiya costs KD 3.679 million and the rate of completion is currently 85 percent.

The rate of completion of a car park project in Hawally Educational District reached 15 percent. The total cost of the project is KD 3.37 million.

The project for establishing Ishbiliya Secondary School for Boys reached 50 percent of completion at a total cost of KD 3.2 million, while the establishment of Ishbiliya Secondary School for Girls reached 78 percent at a total cost of KD 3.705 million.

Also, the establishment of Ishbiliya kindergarten school has reached 12 percent at a total cost of KD 1.539 million. The establishment of Al-Salaam kindergarten school costs KD 1.219 million. In addition the establishment of Al-Shuhada'a Kindergarten School costs a total of KD 1.574 million.

Furthermore, the latest educational statistics showed low illiteracy rate in the last school year 2016/2017 with 131,503 citizens and foreigners who cannot read nor write and 60,885 of them are males, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The daily obtained a copy of the statistical report which revealed that the number of illiterate citizens reached 24,390 - 90 percent of them are females (21,772) and 10 percent are males (2,267).

The illiteracy rate among citizens and foreigners reached 2.98 percent, while that of citizens alone reached 1.80 percent and the rate for foreigners is 3.50 percent.



Dr Latifa

### News in Brief

**Sultan honored:** Yousif Sultan, the Kuwaiti contestant in the talent search program "The Voice", captured the attention of the audience and panel of judges for the fourth season of the program through his rendition of a song in Turkish and Arabic, reports Al-Rai daily.

The program is aired every Saturday evening on MBC1 and MBC2 Egyptian channels.

**Kuwaiti-funded schools opened:** Secretary General of the Iraqi Cabinet Mahdi al-Alaq has inaugurated ten Kuwaiti-funded schools in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul.

Speaking to KUNA on Sunday, Ahmad Al-Heity, chairman of the United Iraqi Medical Society (UIMS) which supervised the establishment of the schools, pointed out that six of the schools were built in the right side of the city, while the other four in the left side.

Each school has a capacity of 640 students.

The schools are fully furnished and equipped with air conditioning systems and power generators as well as all necessary requirements, he added.

The Iraqi government announced earlier that the fund provided by the State of Kuwait exceeded all funds of

other Arab countries.

It lauded Kuwait's finance to the construction of a number of schools and medical centers across Iraq. (KUNA)

**MoF accepts conditions:** Ministry of Finance has accepted recommendations approved by the lawmakers regarding the six conditions stipulated for government loans, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The first condition stipulates drastic economic and financial approaches in dealing with budget deficits through diversification of revenues and the second stipulation entails frugal management of fund by directing the loans toward capital expenditure (development projects) rather than the recurrent expenditure.

The third condition is about quick issuance of Islamic bond law and the fourth one insists Kuwait's high credit rating should be maintained taking into consideration the dangers of compromise.

The fifth condition says that government should set a clear schedule for refunding the loan, while the last provision states the need for collecting all government revenues to boost non-oil revenues that fell within the past two years.