

# HH the Amir returns home after China visit



Above: His Highness the Amir and the accompanying delegation being received at the Kuwait International Airport.

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KUWAIT CITY, July 10, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah returned home on Tuesday after concluding an official state visit to the People's Republic of China.

At His Highness's reception at the airport were His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah,

National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and top state officials.

The delegation accompanying His Highness comprised of Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet

Affairs Anas Al-Saleh, Minister of Finance Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh, Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan and Minister of Oil and Minister of Electricity and Water Bakheet Al-Rasheedi.

The delegation accompanying His Highness also included, Chief

of Staff of His Highness the Amir's Office Ahmad Fahad Al-Fahad, Advisor at the Amiri Diwan Dr Youssef Al-Ibrahim, Amiri Diwan Advisor Mohammad Abulhassan, Chief of Amiri Protocols and Ceremonials Sheikh Khaled Al-Abdullah Al-Nasser Al-Sabah and Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Suleiman Al-Jarallah.

The delegation also gathered the

Chairman and CEO of the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority, Eng. Salem Al-Othaina, Director General of Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development's (KFAED) Abdulwahab Al-Bader, Head of Media and Cultural Affairs at Amiri Diwan Youssef Al-Roumi, Head of Political and Economic Affairs at Amiri Diwan Sheikh

Fawaz Al-Saud Al-Nasser Al-Sabah, Director General of the Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) Sheikh Dr Meshal Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, CEO of the apparatus for developing the Silk City (in Al-Sabbiah) and Boubyan Island, Faisal Al-Medlej and top officials at the Amiri Diwan, Foreign Ministry and Oil Ministry.



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Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah meets with Acting US Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Sigal Mandelker.

## 'Committees in charge find some errors'

### Anti-graft body receives 11,315 disclosures as of June 25, 2018

KUWAIT CITY, July 10: The official in charge of receiving disclosures and monitoring database in Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (NAZAHA), Maitha Muhammad Al-Dahhan, stated that the number of disclosures received as of June 25, 2018 reached 11,315 – 10,632 initial and 683 final disclosures, reports Al-Rai daily.

In her interview with the daily, Al-Dahhan disclosed the committees in charge of examining disclosures perused through some of them and found some errors which are expected to occur due to novelty of the financial disclosure system.

According to Article 24 of the executive regulations of Law No. 2/2016 on establishing the authority and provisions about financial disclosure, three committees have been tasked to examine financial disclosures. Every committee examines a certain class of government officials.

#### Errors

Regarding errors found in the disclosures, most of them are due to failure to follow basic instructions on how to fill the financial disclosure form as indicated in the filling guidelines, and that is sorted by informing the concerned person to rectify the error and resubmit the form.

However, if the examining committee gets suspicious about the information contained in the disclosure, there are several procedures it has to follow such as summoning the person for clarification or requesting assistance from experts to prove any racketeering suspicion, and then the committee refers the report to the authority for

action.

Al-Dahhan emphasized that the anti-corruption agency facilitated every available capacity to set up an integrated system which guarantees confidentiality and privacy of submitted disclosures, as it has designed envelopes and security stamps which will seal the disclosures properly and prevent any attempt to open them by unauthorized people.

#### Track

It has also provided envelopes with electronic chip to track them, in addition to installing high-resolution alarm system and security cameras in the storage compartment of the disclosures to monitor any attempt to divert it away from the exact route.

Regarding the report which went viral on social media concerning dismissal of cases of those who failed to submit their declaration on time due to procedural errors, Al-Dahhan explained the agency followed up the claims and reviewed the procedures which were taken and it was found that there were no errors in the process.

Instead, the decision to dismiss the cases was due to the fact that those who failed to submit their declarations on time managed to submit them afterwards.

According to regulations, failure to submit initial disclosure within the 60 days warrants a fine of KD 500, failure to submit its amendments within another 60 days warrants a fine of KD 1,000 and failure to submit the final disclosure report within another 90 days warrants a fine of KD 30,000.

## Kuwaiti team tours Europe to bring 'awareness' on Crohn's

Interior minister, US official discuss cooperation

By Mariam Al-Zanki

PARIS, July 10, (KUNA): A group of Kuwaiti youth went on a tour on bicycles through Europe to bring awareness towards Crohn's disease, in cooperation with the Global Biking Initiative (GBI).

Speaking to KUNA on Tuesday, Kuwait Ambassador to France Sami Al-Suleiman who received the team, stressed the importance of the youth's tour to spread awareness towards a disease suffered by many people in Kuwait and the world.

He noted that the team chose France as a start point for their tour since the country is very famous in treating medical cases and conducting research in the field.

On her part, head of the team Sara Al-Hubail said the initiative aims to aid those suffering the disease and many of them are young people, due to lack of awareness on the sickness.

The Kuwaiti group along with 400 others from around the world went on a tour last week visiting different international organizations related to education, health and sports in Denmark, Germany, Sweden and finally Paris, where they learned the causes and symptoms of the disease and ways to prevent it, she added.

Al-Hubail noted that this is the first time a Kuwaiti team takes part in this event, adding that the tour also aims to fund local charitable bodies such as the Patients Helping Fund Society and Kuwait Food Bank. Crohn's disease is an inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) that causes inflammation of the digestive tract, leading to abdominal pain, severe diarrhea, fatigue, weight loss and malnutrition. The disease is chronic and inflammation caused by it can involve different areas of the digestive tract in



KUNA photo  
Kuwait Ambassador to France HE Sami Al-Suleiman poses for a group photo with the Kuwaiti youth team concerned with spreading awareness about Crohn's disease.

## MoH takes delivery of project after a long wait

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regard entails lack of employment vacancies due to suspension of all necessary budgets needed for the operation, which has been identified as a major challenge testing the ministry's ability to operate the hospital amidst rumor that it appointed a company to manage affairs in future.

Assistant Foreign Minister for the Affairs of the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister's Office Ambassador Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah.

The talks, which brought together senior officials and diplomats from both nations, primarily dealt with Kuwait's contributions towards the global fight against terrorism, the Kuwaiti foreign ministry said in a statement.