

# Kuwait expresses appreciation of Arab League's honoring of HH Amir

'Amir engaged with the world in a wise, balanced way'

**CAIRO, May 14, (KUNA):** Kuwait has expressed appreciation of the Arab League's honoring of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

"We are deeply grateful to the Arab League for sponsoring and hosting the honoring of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah," Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the Arab League Ambassador and Representative of His Highness the Amir, Ahmad Al-Bakr, said in his speech at the Arab function to honor His Highness the Amir.

The Arab honoring to His Highness was held Sunday in Cairo under the rubric: "Honoring of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah ... Man of Peace ... Humanitarian Leader," in the presence of Arab, Kuwaiti, regional and international figures.

The event featured a documentary and a seminar on the experience of Kuwait and the Amir in supporting world peace.

This event "aims to shed light on the march of an Arab leader works relentlessly and sincerely to raise the standing of his country and defend Arab and Muslim interests and causes," Ambassador Al-Bakr said.

He noted that His Highness the Amir "has engaged with the world in a wise and balanced policy that focused on spreading values of dialogue, peace, moderation and humanitarian action until he was deservedly proclaimed a 'Man of Peace' and a 'Humanitarian leader'."

He described Kuwait's diplomacy as moderate and balanced throughout history.

"This approach had been instilled by His Highness the Amir since he was the foreign minister of Kuwait and the dean of diplomacy in the world," he said.

He went on to say that His Highness the Amir has based the foreign policy of Kuwait on solid foundations, mainly balanced relations with all parties which paved the way for Kuwait to have an influential role on the world stage, thanks to the wisdom of His Highness and world's respect of him.

Al-Bakr stressed Kuwait's keenness on cementing joint Arab action.

Kuwait under His Highness the Amir deeply believed that strengthening Arab unity is the best guarantor of the stability of the Arab region in a turbulent world, he said.

"This belief was translated into an unlimited political and financial support to the Arab League and effective contribution to empowering it to have its aspired standing in the world stage," he argued.

He boasted that Kuwait stands in support of its Arab brethren and defending their fair Arab in all international and regional fora.

## Issues

Kuwait through its non-permanent membership in the Security Council is doing all in power to defend Arab issues, mainly the Palestinian cause as the unrest in Syria, Libya, Yemen and other areas of conflicts and tension, he pointed out.

He added that Kuwait had also been champion of dialogue to iron out Arab differences.

Kuwait believes that a transparent and constructive dialogue is the best way to resolve these differences and avoid any undesired escalations, he said.

Ambassador Al-Bakr noted that Kuwait sought to spread the culture of dialogue and peace and creating relations based on mutual respect for sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs and common interests.

"Kuwait had made several attempts to persuade some Arab neighbors to adopt these principles in their relations with other Arab countries," he said.

He suggested that humanitarian action under the leadership of His Highness the Amir had become a main character of Kuwait's foreign policy.

"Kuwait has been trying to guarantee a decent life for those affected by crises," he said, adding that Kuwait had dealt with many of the Arab crises through this particular angle.

"Through this approach, Kuwait has been able to build an international reputation which resulted in the UN proclamation of His Highness the Amir as Humanitarian Leader and the State of Kuwait as a Humanitarian Center," he explained.

The ambassador recalled Kuwait's continuing support to Arab economies and development aspirations "through its development and economic arms, as well as the adoption by His Highness the Amir of the idea of holding a specialized Arab summit to boost economic, developmental and social cooperation among Arab countries." The Arab Summit in Kuwait in 2009 was the first to focus on social and economic development issues away from political ones, he argued.

Al-Bakr pointed out in 2009 summit, His Highness the Amir launched a special fund with a capital of \$2 billion to support small and medium-sized enterprises in Arab countries.

Moreover, His Highness launched another initiative at the Arab-African Summit in Kuwait in 2013 to allocate \$1 billion fund for financing development projects in Arab and African countries in addition to a special humanitarian award for Arab youth to promote humanitarian action in the Arab world, he added.

He noted that His Highness the Amir had also encouraged civil society and non-governmental organizations to play a bigger role in the development of Arab societies. His Highness the Amir backed the parliamentary diplomacy and its efforts to serve Arab causes, he said.

His Highness the Amir also embraced an approach to fight extremism through immunizing societies from this scourge by spreading moderation and tolerance, he concluded.



KUNA photo  
Secretary General of Arab League Ahmad Abdul-Gheit and Chairperson of Kuwaiti Women's Institute Kathwar Al-Jowaan during the ceremony for honoring HH the Amir in Cairo.



KUNA photo  
Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the Arab League Ambassador and representative of His Highness the Amir Ahmad Al-Bakr speaks during the ceremony to honor the Amir.

## 'Symbol of humanitarian work'

# Afro-Asia Economic Council hails honoring of HH Amir

**CAIRO, May 14, (KUNA):** The President of Afro-Asia Economic Council in New York Tareq Al-Obaid stressed Sunday that honoring His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was well deserved since he became the symbol and leader of humanitarian work around the world.

Al-Obaid made his remarks to KUNA, on the sideline of his participation in an Arab function to honor His Highness the Amir.

Al-Obaid expressed on behalf of many Kuwaiti officials in the Afro-Asian Council's appreciation on for this honor, noting on the council's adoption of the title of "global humanitarian Knight and the symbol of humanitarian action" in reference to His Highness the Amir relentless efforts.

Al-Obaid pointed out that the council will mobilize foreign and Arab civil society organizations and international organizations in this regard to honor His Highness the Amir for his efforts, adding that they "will also have another honor for the Amir in the corridors of United Nations in New York and Geneva." Al-Obaid also expressed hope that this honor will be extended by the Arab League to become an international action through also loving nations and institutes in recognition of His Highness the Amir humanitarian role.

The council's chief recalled the title of "Sheikh of Diplomacy", which referred to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah when he was Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Meanwhile, an Egyptian official said Sunday His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-

Jaber Al-Sabah's humanitarian vision alleviated suffering of Arab people, particularly in Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Sudan.

Dr Mufid Shehab, chairman of Egypt's international law society, said Kuwait has been a pioneer in philanthropy.

Shehab, former minister of Higher Education of Egypt, was speaking in a ceremony to honor His Highness the Amir of Kuwait.

He said Kuwait's humanitarian contributions over the past five years exceeded USD two billion, thus leading the world in terms charity-to-GDP ratio.

Shehab said Kuwait also offered help for countries suffering from natural disasters like Japan, the Philippines and Turkey.

The Gulf country also hosted three international conferences to help the Syrian people, as well as allocating \$100 million for the Yemeni people.

The Palestinian cause occupied great attention from Kuwait's foreign policy, he said, and the Gulf country was the birthplace of the Palestinian Fatah group. Kuwait also hosted an international conference to rebuild Iraq and pledged \$2 billion. Donors, NGOs and financial institutions pledged \$30 billion for Iraq.

Kuwait former Information Minister Sami Al-Nesf said His Highness the Amir played a leading role in addressing crises when he was foreign minister, citing conflicts in Bangladesh, between Yemen and Oman, Lebanon and unity of Yemen.

His Highness the Amir, said Al-Nesf, has always been keen on unity of Arabs and resolution of their conflicts.



KUNA photo  
Kuwait-based Al-Najat Charity's Ibrahim Al-Bader with Turkey's Governor of Sanliurfa Abdullah Erin and other officials open a new school for Syrian refugees in Turkey.

## Kuwaiti charities support for Syrians hailed

# Kuwait opens new school for refugees

**ISTANBUL, May 14, (KUNA):** The Kuwait-based Al-Najat Charity opened Sunday a new school for displaced Syrian children in the southern Turkish province of Sanliurfa.

A plethora of local officials — including Governor of Sanliurfa province, Abdullah Erin — and representatives of several Kuwaiti, Qatari, Syrian and Turkish civil society organizations and charities attended the opening ceremony.

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In his speech on this occasion, Erin hailed the great support offered by Kuwaiti organizations to Syrians in Turkey.

He also underlined the need for more schools to cater for the huge number of Syrian students who fled to Turkey to escape the conflict in their home country.

He spoke highly about the strong

Kuwaiti-Turkish relations.

For his part, head of overseas education department at Al-Najat Charity Ibrahim Al-Bader said that Al-Najat underlined the importance of education for displaced people.

He noted that the school accommodates for 800 students.

He unveiled plans to build 25 schools in Sanliurfa to serve displaced Syrian children.



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## News in Brief

### Health services for citizens free:

The Ministry of Health is keen on offering health services to citizens without depleting the public funds, reports Al-Rai daily quoting Undersecretary Dr Mustafa Reda.

Reda stressed that the ministry is looking into all aspects of the retirees insurance tender to ensure everything is done in accordance with relevant laws.

**Ramadan timings of traffic:** The General Traffic Department (GTD) has announced that the official working hours during Ramadan in the vehicle licensing, driving license and traffic citation departments will be two shifts — from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm and from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting sources.

Sources added the Ramadan working hours in car technical examination centers will be two shifts also — from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm and from 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm.

### Kuwaitization policy continues:

Governmental authorities are complying with the Kuwaitization policy to replace expatriate workers with citizens, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources. Sources affirmed the ministries of Education, Health and Awqaf are among the governmental authorities committed to implementing decision number 11/2017 issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to replace expatriates working in the public sector with citizens. On the appointment of 11,000 citizens in the private sector, sources

disclosed the approval of the Cabinet is required to increase the number of nationals employed in private companies.

**PAM link with PIFSS:** The Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) has completed the automated linking with the Public Institution for Social Security (PIFSS), reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

Sources explained this is part of the authority's plan to improve procedures and stop the use of paper documents.

In another development, sources said PAM formed special teams to inspect open working areas during summer — from June 1 to Aug 31 — through the new electronic mechanism.

### Property rights body urged:

Director of Property Rights Center at Kuwait Lawyers Association Nour Al-Abdulrazzaq has demanded for the establishment of an independent body concerned with intellectual property rights, patents and trademarks; indicating the biggest intellectual property rights theft is committed by professors and high school students who claim to have done researches copied from the Internet, reports Al Shahed daily.

Al-Abdulrazzaq made the statement in an interview with Al Shahed TV along with Attorney Dr Hessa Al-Obaid. They talked about intellectual property rights and the need to enact laws which protect these rights.

She disclosed Kuwait is one of the countries on the intellectual property rights violation watch list.

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