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Chief of Staff of Kuwait Armed Forces Lieutenant General Mohammad Khaled Al-Khudher meets the Commander of the Peninsula Shield Joint Forces Major General Abdulaziz Ahmad Al-Balawi

## Army chief for revising of academy programs

Khudher, Balawi discuss vital issues

**KUWAIT CITY, Sept 2, (KUNA):** Kuwait's Army Chief of General Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Al-Khudher affirmed on Sunday necessity of revision and follow up of the Ali Al-Sabah Military Academy educational programs to make sure of their suitability for students.

Al-Khudher checked in his meeting with the academy's command during an inspection tour on the process of the education and training of the college students who have recently joined the academy.

He stressed importance of providing all services needed in the facility and emphasized its appropriateness for students' daily activities.

His visit to the academy was by order of the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah in which he stressed importance of tackling all

### 'No import of foods from Iraq'

**KUWAIT CITY, Sept 2:** Kuwait has slapped a ban on the import of all types of foodstuffs from Iraq. The ban came in coordination between the Ministries of Health, Commerce, the General Administration of Customs and the Public Authority for Food and Nutrition, as an urgent precautionary measure because of the spread of cholera in that country, an informed source told Al-Rai daily.

The daily said among the urgent measures that have been taken include all types of foodstuffs, especially vegetables, fruits, dates and drinking water in all its forms.

obstacles that may hold back the educational process. Minister Al-Sabah also ordered to provide all basic needs and suitable atmosphere for the students to have a complete and regular military education.

Al-Khudher was accompanied by Deputy Chief of Staff of the Kuwaiti Army Col Gen Abdullah Nawaf Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, Chief of Staff of Kuwait Armed Forces Lieutenant General Mohammad Khaled Al-Khudher met Sunday the Commander of the Peninsula Shield Joint Forces Major General Abdulaziz Ahmad Al-Balawi and his accompanying delegation.

The two sides discussed issues of common interest particularly in military aspects, said the Directorate of Moral Guidance and Public Relations of Defense Ministry in a statement.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief of Staff Abdullah Nawaf Al-Sabah and Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Planning Brigadier General Mohammad Al-Kandari.

The joint Peninsula Shield forces delegation also met with Lieutenant General Mohammad Al-Kandari, discussing aspects of military cooperation.

The meeting was attended by a number of senior army officers.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

## 'Human resources road to success'

"IT LOOKS like Iran has returned to the tone of threat and this is evident through the remarks made by the commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, General Ali Reza Tenkeseiri, who said yesterday 'Iran exercises its control of the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz, and will prevent US troops from being in its waters'." Kuwaiti columnist and former ambassador Ahmad Al-Dawas wrote for Al-Seyassah daily.

"However, we have said in previous articles that Iran cannot close the Strait of Hormuz in the face of maritime navigation because there is the so-called 'Carter's principle', declared by former US president Jimmy Carter in 1980.

"This principle was issued in the wake of the former Soviet Union's occupation of Afghanistan and he sent an indirect strong message to the Soviets by saying 'any attempt made by any foreign power to dominate the Gulf region, will be considered as an aggression on the vital interests of the United States of America and this aggression will be resisted by all means including the use of military'."

"In this context, the recent quick reaction by the US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to Ali Tenkeseiri's comments said 'Hormuz is not and will not be under Iran's control. The Strait of Hormuz is under international navigation and Iran does not control it. It is an international corridor and the United States will continue to work with allies in the region to ensure free international shipping and commercial traffic in international waters.'"

"Anyways, when Iran announces that it will close the Strait, it may have another undeclared goal of 'diverting the attention of the Iranian people from their suffering at home to toe back its leadership'."

"In this context, the American writer Matthew Reisner notes in the Aug 21 issue of National Interest that 'The drought crisis in Iran threatens the stability of the country, especially the suffering of Iranians living in southwestern Iran in the Ahwaz province, who have strongly protested the situation and the deterioration of their conditions'."

"For his part, Anthony Cordesman, a military expert at the Center for International and Strategic Studies in America says, 'If Iran mines the Gulf waters or closes the Straits of Hormuz, America has many means in its arsenal that can deter it. The Iranians know exactly what we did with the electricity and transportation network in Iraq in 1991 we

had a very precise air force with extreme accuracy.'"

"If I were the president of Iran, I would form an efficient committee, exploit natural resources, tourism and geographical space to make it a better country than Singapore, or even better than a small country like Japan, and open a new page with neighboring Arab countries not to interfere in its internal affairs.

"Apart from the above, I would not squander money in support of a proxy war on behalf of one party or another, and I would think of a civilized vision, taking into account the lessons of history, but is looks the leaders of Iran will take such an approach.

"However, the officials in Iran may say, 'the force is now economic and not military'. The proof is that North Korea was interested in military weapons and neglected the citizens. It has become backward, while South Korea has advanced because it cares about the development of the citizens.

"In this context, concern about human beings is the most important thing in the contemporary life, but not waging wars on behalf of third parties and squandering the funds of the nation through foreign adventures as well as through intervention in the internal Affairs of the Arabs as Iran does now, which has lost many opportunities and lives."

**Also:**

"The possible military standoff between China and the United States is inevitable unless the United States backs down and paves the way for a definite Chinese move to restore Taiwan, Taipei or Formosa or Nationalistic China," columnist and director-general and the Editor-in-Chief of Sawt (Voice) Al-Arab Channel," Dr Hesham Al-Diwan wrote for Al-Shahed daily.

"Taiwan actually is an island called the epicenter of the 'Devil' such as the Bermuda Triangle and some consider it more dangerous than the Bermuda Triangle.

"The Portuguese called it the island of Formosa which means beautiful island. This name was given to the main island on which Taiwan is located. The island was in the hands of the Japanese until their defeat in World War II, and then returned it to China.

"The Portuguese did not colonize this island, leaving it to the Dutch, and the Chinese liberated it during the 17th century through an offensive in 1662 and expelled the Dutch from the island.

"For their part, the Japanese had their own ambitions and tried to occupy it more than once until they succeeded during the first Sino-Japanese War between 1894 and 1895. It is said that perhaps Gog and Magog were retained within it, no wonder that it is inhabited and full of natural dams, and also has multiple

languages, which represents the dogma of all people in the area.

"With regard to the Republic of Taiwan, this was called the Republic of Formosa. It briefly lasted on the island of Taiwan in 1895 after the Chinese Qing dynasty gave up Taiwan to the Emperor of Japan under the Shimonoeki Treaty until the arrival of Japanese troops and the beginning of Japanese rule. Taiwan remains one of the marvels of small countries in the world. I was a journalist with the newspaper Al-Anba. I visited there in 1984 and met with the minister of industry but actually I was not on a journalistic mission.

"Anyway I asked the minister about the type and size of the industry in her country which is separate from China, and said that Taiwan is capable of manufacturing anything and imitate every industry on the surface of the earth with government guarantees for quality.

"When I asked her to what extent she replied, 'We make everything except humans, but one day we will compete with the most advanced countries in the world, including the robots.'"

"Anyway, this is Taiwan, which at the moment represents the issue of the postponed war between China and the United States, but not the commercial war which the American Department of Defense (The Pentagon) fears that the latter will be transformed into a military war.

"Taiwan is written in more than one way in traditional Chinese or simplified Chinese, as Tyuan, but officially this state is known as the Republic of Nationalist China and on behalf of Chinese Taipei at the International Olympic Committee and the World Trade Organization, is an East Asian country that forms the island of Taiwan.

"It is a state situated in East Asia with Taiwan Island constituting as much as ninety nine percent of its land and prior to 1949 represented part and parcel of the Grand Chinese State and was deemed as one of the United Nations founding members.

"It was one of five permanent members in the UN Security Council, but this entity was changed in 1971 where the right of the permanent membership was shifted to the People's Republic of China according to the UN General Assembly Resolution No. 2758 and the latter was called the People's Republic of China as the sole legitimate representative of the former political entity that was known as the Unified China Republic prior to the civil war which erupted in China in 1949 and resulted in the communists dominating China which is currently known as The People's Republic of China."

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## KUWAIT ENGLISH SCHOOL EXCELLENT START TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019



Early morning, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, found a large school population of eager students attending KES and its four Departments – KG to Year 2 headed by Mrs. Helen Searle, Primary Years 3 – 6 headed by Mrs. Una Barras-Hargan, Senior High School, headed by Principal, Mrs. Janet Carew and the Special Education Green Unit, headed by Mrs. Yolanta Pol-Bayyoud.

No tears were visible from students newly joining the School and if there were any at all, they quickly turned to smiles with helping hands and re-assurance from staff members and returning students.

Throughout the Summer vacation and in a number of departments throughout the school, principally in Primary Years 3 to 6, the Senior High School and in the Green Unit extensive refurbishments have taken place providing updated facilities in an atmosphere promoting positive learning experiences. Staff members of the Senior High School,



along with the Principal, Mrs. Janet Carew returned from the summer vacation to learn that a favourable percentage of Senior High School students had achieved highly commendable grades in the June examinations at IGCSE, GCSE, GCE, AS and A Level and had earned places at some of the world's most prestigious Universities. Among these KES successes are: Tanay Baswa (4A\* grades at A level) accepted at Berkeley, University of California - USA, Vanshika Arora attending the University of California in Los Angeles. Other USA Universities which KES students have joined are Rice University and University of New York. Four students awarded places at University College, London: Sarah Binyussuf, Nour El Din El Sheikh, Lana Husain Khan and Narak Yaghoub Nakhjavan Tapeh. London Universities are exceptionally popular with KES students: Joseph Wild attending Goldsmiths and Kunal Pinto attending



Imperial College. Other UK Universities where KES students have taken up places 2018/2019 are: Bristol, Plymouth, Warwick, Durham, Liverpool, Manchester, Bath and Sheffield.

The Year ahead bodes to be, for all members of the KES family, an exceptionally interesting one when students of all Departments will engage throughout the year in studying and celebrating the international community of both Kuwait and Kuwait English School where daily some 64 nationalities are in attendance. This will be a prelude to the School's 40<sup>th</sup> Year (2019/2020) when a number of very special events will be held not only for current students but for students of the school's alumni. Of course, the greatest number of students joining KES for the first time are the very youngest at the KG stage. No doubt, their KES school years will fly quickly by and in no time at all, they will be joining the big Main School.

CONGRATULATIONS KUWAIT ENGLISH SCHOOL ON THIS SUCCESSFUL START

