

'Event achieved its aspired goals of strengthening bond of brotherhood'

# HH Amir congratulates Bahrain King on Arabian Gulf Cup title

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 9, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah congratulated on Sunday Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa

on his country's lifting of the 24th Arabian Gulf Cup, hosted by Qatar.

The event achieved its aspired goals of strengthening the bond of

brotherhood and interaction amongst the Gulf neighbours, read a congratulatory cable.

His Highness the Amir also hailed the sportsmanship of the competing

sides at the much-celebrated event, and the high-level performances demonstrated by the Bahraini squad, which enabled the side to win their first-ever title.

He went on to wish the King of Bahrain the best of health, and his country, growth and prosperity.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber

Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah both expressed similar sentiments in separate cables.

# Kuwait has great development experience in Africa: diplomat

Union organizes Africa Day in Kuwait



Cutting of the cake during the celebration of Africa Day.

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 9, (KUNA): Kuwait has a successful leading experience in the development field in Africa Continent, a Kuwaiti diplomat said on Sunday.

Assistant Foreign Minister for Asia Affairs Ambassador Ali Al-Said made the statement to reporters on the sidelines of attending the Africa Day ceremony organized by the African union.

"Kuwait has enough experience in managing development activities in Africa, in addition to its consultations in several other activities," he said.

Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) has a pioneering expertise in Africa that mirrors the leadership's interest in maintaining good relations with the Black Continent, he noted.

Wonderful representation of the African embassies in Kuwait embodies their countries' keenness on developing historical ties with Kuwait, he pointed out.

He lauded the humanitarian role by Abdulrahman Al-Semain who founded Direct Aid Society with the aim of carrying out several development and humanitarian activities in many areas.

Meanwhile, Egypt's Ambassador to Kuwait Tareq Al-Qoni said Egypt chairing the African Union in this session was keen to take part in the ceremony, which focused on investment and touristic opportunities in the African countries.

Also, Senegal Ambassador to Kuwait Abdul-Ahad Ambaki extolled His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's stances for peace, and social and economic development.



A tour of the corridors of the exhibition during the Africa Day celebration.

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# PAHW holds interviews for positions of dept heads

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 9: The Personnel Affairs Committee in Public Authority for Housing Welfare last week finished interviewing the candidates for the positions of department

heads in a number of departments of the financial and administrative sector, reports Al-Anba daily quoting reliable sources.

They stressed that PAHW is

working on choosing the best applicants who meet the conditions for the vacancies, adding that the names of those who passed the interviews will be announced and an administrative

decision in this regard will be issued.

The sources said the leadership of PAHW affirmed that the vacancies will be filled before the end of the current year.



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HH the PM receives Chairman of Audit Bureau Faisal Fahad Al-Shaya.

## HH PM receives Audit Bureau chief

His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace on Monday Chairman of the Audit Bureau Faisal

Fahad Al-Shaya, where he delivered a number of reports related to some ministries, bodies and government projects. (KUNA)

## Football diplomacy

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developed countries so that their course may enter the space age.

In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is implementing the experience of his father, King Salman bin Abdulaziz, in consolidating the modern state.

In fact, in all of these three countries, the young leadership is interpreting the vision of their generation under the supervision of the wisdom of the veteran leaders of the region.

Some of the Qatari friends quoted His Highness the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani as saying his country's goal is to protect the freedom and liberty of people, and it is imperative to acknowledge that the highest level of people's freedom and liberty is to be able to express themselves, their hopes and aspirations.

In this last GCC joyous occasion, His Highness Sheikh Tamim interpreted his motto. All the young people who visited Doha recently came back with one wish – the life they experienced during the Arabian Gulf Cup tournament should resonate at the GCC Summit due to the fact that it would be different by all standards and would kick off a new GCC era.

## Fake cyber

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He asked about the decision taken by the ministry after the Public Prosecution ordered the suspension of the service of the director general of Cybercrimes Department.

The MP inquired whether the Public Prosecution's decision was executed after it was issued on Sept 9, 2019, adding, "If yes, please provide me with a copy of the relevant decision".

In another development, MP Dr Hamoud Al-Khudair expressed his optimism about the upcoming GCC Summit to be

held in Saudi Arabia.

In a press release, he said it will result in decisions that will push forward the Gulf reconciliation.

Al-Khudair affirmed that everyone is waiting for the upcoming GCC summit, which is likely to mark an end to the Gulf dispute.

He praised the efforts exerted by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to help bring together the contradicting viewpoints as a prelude to achieving a comprehensive reconciliation among the GCC countries and make it one united body again.

## Kuwaitis urged

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Iraqi security forces discovered a rocket launcher and some defused rockets nearby after searching the area following the attack, a statement from Iraqi security forces said.

According to the security officials, the area targeted by the rockets is frequented by military advisers from the US-led coalition. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Last Tuesday, five rockets landed inside the Ain al-Asad airbase, a sprawling complex in the western Anbar desert that hosts US forces, without causing any casualties and little damage.

On at least two occasions last month in Baghdad, rockets landed in areas around the heavily fortified Green Zone, the seat of Iraq's government, causing no casualties or damages.

And near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, a barrage of Katyusha rockets targeted an Iraqi air base that houses American troops in early November. No members of the US-led coalition were hurt.

Some hard-line Iraqi militias loyal to Iran have recently threatened to carry out attacks against Americans in the country. The US maintains about 5,000 troops in Iraq.

## Bloc intact

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defense-related and legal issues and items, as well as discussions over recent regional and international developments.

The common GCC market, the customs' union, the monetary union, the electricity grid and authorities of economic, developmental and judicial affairs are among the major achievements attained throughout the Council's history, Al-Zayani noted, pointing out that the upcoming endeavor include the completion and operation of the Gulf railroad project. He added that another goal of GCC leaders is to accomplish total equality among Gulf citizens in terms of freedom of movement, work, conducting business and property-ownership, as well as enjoying social, educational and healthcare services, which would contribute to a thriving pan-GCC trade.

Pan-GCC trade volume reached \$147 billion in 2018, compared to \$6 billion in 2003, Al-Zayani indicated.

## Saudi gunman

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US investigators face mounting pressure on Monday to deliver answers on the motive that led a Saudi Air Force lieutenant to shoot and kill three people and wounded eight others at a US Navy base in Pensacola, Florida.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, speaking at a Sunday evening press conference, said he was sure the gunman carried out an act of terrorism. He questioned whether it could have been prevented by better vetting of foreign military officers who train in the United States.

"There is a lot of frustration in our state over this," DeSantis said. "You have foreign military personnel coming to our base. They should not be doing that if they hate our country."

## Newswatch

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ANKARA: Turkey has deported 11 French nationals who are suspected of being members of the Islamic State group, the Interior Ministry said Monday.

A brief ministry statement said 11 "foreign terrorist fighters" were returned to their home country.

It didn't provide details or identify the suspects. The French Foreign Ministry declined to offer details on the returning citizens, which it described in a statement titled "terrorist fighters," including how many were children.

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