

Kuwait embassies in Oman, Belgium mark National Days

Ambassador delighted to celebrate nat'l occasions



KUNA photo
Some Omani ministers, businessmen, Shura Council MPs, media people and other senior officials at the ceremony in Kuwait Embassy in Oman.



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A group photo of the Ambassador of Kuwait to Belgium and the head of its missions to the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Ambassador Jassim Al-Badawi with embassy members.

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 21, (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to Oman Dr Sulaiman Al-Harbi has held an official ceremony marking the 58th National Day and the 28th Liberation Day.

Speaking to KUNA on this occasion, Al-Harbi conveyed 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 His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah as well as the Kuwaiti government and people.

The ambassador expressed his great delight at celebrating these national occasions.

The ceremony was attended by a large number of Arab and foreign ambassadors and diplomatic missions in Oman as well as Kuwaitis studying in the Sultanate.

In addition, some Omani ministers, businessmen, Shura Council MPs, media people and other senior officials at the Sultanate were present at the event.

Meanwhile, the embassy of Kuwait in the Belgian capital held a reception to celebrate the 58th National Day and 28th Liberation Day Anniversary of Kuwait.

Kuwait's ambassador to Belgium and head of mission to the European Union and NATO, Jassim Al-Badawi, welcomed the large number of guests and thanked them for their participation in Kuwait's celebrations.

"It is with great honour and great pleasure that I convey to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah my deepest congratulations and heartfelt admiration on this occasion," Al-Badawi told the Kuwait news agency, KUNA.

Role

"Kuwait continues to shine, continues to emerge as a civilized, humane country that not only cares for its own people but also plays a great role and makes a lot of effort to preserve the security and stability of other nations in the region," he said.

Al-Badawi noted that the huge number of people attending the reception shows how much Kuwait has influenced and has true friend who join celebrations days.

He expressed his appreciation that high dignitaries from Belgian government, EU institutions, NATO, Members of the European Parliament and Belgian deputies were in attendance.

Also many ambassadors from different parts of the world honoured us with their presence, he said.

"We the staff of the Kuwait embassy convey our congratulations to the people of Kuwait, the leadership, the government on this occasion," said Al-Badawi.

Earlier in his welcome speech to the guests, he referred to the strong and flourishing relations between Kuwait and Belgium as well as with the EU and NATO.

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"Thanks to all of you my dear friends whom have shown their belief in Kuwait, and extended support to strengthen the bridges between Kuwait and Europe, and explore new areas of cooperation to build a stronger future for our nations and the world," he said.

"We have an exciting year of solid achievements ahead of us as Kuwait and Belgium have just held a very important political consultation that will play an important role in developing our relationship even further especially in the area of coordinating efforts in the UNSC," said Al-Badawi.

He expressed his happiness that the EU mission to Kuwait will be inaugurated this year, in 2019 cementing the strategic relations Kuwait and the EU enjoy.

"Our mission to NATO was also inaugurated, thanks to the thorough work of our friends at NATO.

In addition the NATO-ICI Regional Center is now fully operational in Kuwait, another milestone of the strong partnership between Kuwait and NATO," he noted.

Al-Badawi said he is honoured to welcome Maestro Fawzi Allangawi, one of our best musicians in Kuwait and the Arab World.

Fawzi and his group entertained the guests with number of Kuwaiti classical songs as well as Belgian and international music.



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Embassy of Kuwait in Sudan celebrates national holidays.



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Speaker of Egyptian House of Representative Dr Ali Abdel Aal with the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Egypt Mohammad Al-Thuwaikh during celebrations in the Kuwaiti Embassy.

Officials, diplomats attend celebrations in Cairo

Egyptian speaker shares joy of Kuwait's national celebrations

CAIRO, Feb 21, (KUNA): On the eve of the Kuwaiti embassy's celebrations of the 58th National Day and 28th Liberation Anniversary, an Egyptian top lawmaker in Cairo shared the joy of the national festivities, commending the exemplary and unique bilateral relations between Kuwait and Egypt.

This came in a statement by the Speaker of the Egyptian House of Representative Dr Ali Abdel Aal during celebrations held in the Kuwaiti embassy by Ambassador to Egypt Mohammad Al-Thuwaikh.

Dr Abdel Aal affirmed the deep-rooted relations and solid ties between the State of Kuwait and the Arab Republic of Egypt under the leaderships of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.

Dr Abdel Aal stressed that the State of Kuwait was "dear" to the Egyptian leadership and people due to the long history of solidarity and shared stances on issues of Arab, regional and international importance.

He commended the Kuwaiti supportive stance in regards to the "June 30th revolution", adding that history also had shown the shared sacrifice by Egyptian and Kuwaiti troops in the 1973 War and the Egyptian army's positive role in the liberation of Kuwait in 1991 from the Iraqi invasion of August 1990.

The top lawmaker took the chance to express his best wishes of welfare and security towards the Kuwaiti leadership and people.

On his part, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Egypt Mohammad Al-Thuwaikh said that the advent of the national celebrations in Kuwait, observed on February 25-26, was dear to Kuwaitis and expatriates alike.

He affirmed that the march of the Kuwaiti people towards greatness and success will continue in line with the desires and guidance of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The Ambassador indicated that Kuwait, since independence, focused on highlighting issues of Arab importance, championing any cause that would further advance the Arab and Muslim agendas for welfare, security, and development.

The Kuwaiti people continued after the liberation to contribute to the region and the world and that is clearly evident in the 2014 UN recognition of the State of Kuwait as an international hub for humanitarian efforts and His Highness the Amir as a global humanitarian leader, said Al-Thuwaikh.

Kuwaiti humanitarian contributions to regional crises such as the Syrian conflict

and others is reflective of the Gulf nation's stance on defusing tension and seeking peace, he added.

The Kuwaiti Ambassador thanked the Egyptian leadership and people for sharing Kuwait's joy during the national celebrations, stressing that such gesture was not strange considering the excellent and historical ties linking the two countries.

A score of Egyptian officials as well as Arab and foreign diplomats attended the Kuwaiti Embassy's celebrations in Cairo.

Furthermore, the Kuwaiti embassies in Sudan and Poland marked the 58th National Day and 28th anniversary of Liberation Day, holding receptions attended by Arab

and foreign diplomats as well as senior officials.

In Khartoum, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Sudan Bassam Al-Qabbandi delivered a speech during the celebrations, congratulating His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and the people of his country's national celebrations.

The diplomat commended Kuwait's efforts in lending a helping hand to develop projects in countries throughout the globe.

He also mentioned the UN recognition of Kuwait as an international hub for humanitarian efforts and His Highness the Amir as a global humanitarian leader, affirming that such honors would help push his country to give more in this regard.

In regards to the 2018-19 Kuwait's non-permanent membership in the UNSC, Ambassador Al-Qabbandi noted that his country was focusing on Arab and Islamic issues and pushing the agendas for welfare, security, peace, and development in the Arab region and the world.

He commended relations with Sudan, affirming that Kuwait was eager to fulfill the commitments reached in the international donors' conference for east Sudan, which was hosted in his country.

On his part, the Minister of Water Resources, Irrigation and Electricity Khuder Mohammad congratulated the Kuwaiti leadership and people on the advent of national celebrations, hoping that Kuwait and Sudan would seek further venues to bolster cooperation on all possible domains.

The Sudanese official commended Kuwait for its contributions to Sudan, saying that such support helped his country to realize several of its development projects.

In similar fashion, the Kuwaiti embassy in Warsaw hosted a function to commemorate the occasion.

Kuwaiti Ambassador to Poland Khaled Al-Fadhli congratulated the Kuwaiti leadership and people on the advent of national celebrations.



Kuwaiti envoy to Poland Khaled Al-Fadhli

News in Brief

Finance to float tender: Ministry of Finance is planning to float a tender worth KD 2.5 million to hire nurses and technicians for Kuwait University for fiscal year 2019/2020, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The daily quoting informed sources said Kuwait University has requested the Ministry of Finance to accelerate procedures for the floating of the tender soon. It is worth mentioning that 6 percent of the total number of nurses are Kuwaitis represented by 123 men and 1,055 women. The number of expatriate nurses is 22,500 distributed among various public hospitals as follows: 7,455 in Sabah Hospital, 2,401 in Capital city, 2,920 at Farwaniya Hospital, 2,157 in Hawally Health Zone,

2,569 in Jahra, 2,912 in Ahmadi, 101 in Mubarak Al-Kabeer and 1,945 in other directorates.

PASS to open new branch: The Public Authority for Social Security (PASS) will open a new branch in Saad Al-Abdullah by March 6, 2019, reports Al-Anba daily.

The branch will be opened in the presence of Minister of Finance Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf and Director-General of the Authority Misha'al Al-Othman in addition to senior officials.

The inauguration is in line with the National Days celebrations aimed at alleviating the burdens of citizens particularly the retirees.

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