



KUNA photo of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah upon his arrival in Germany on a private visit.

# HH Amir awarded FM Kuwaiti Order of First Degree last Jan

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**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 25, (KUNA):**

**Kuwait Amir:**  
**Jan. 5:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah lauded the 41st GCC Summit, named after late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and late Sultan Qaboos of Oman, that took place in Al-Ula, Saudi Arabia, for signing an agreement of unity among the six GCC countries.

**Jan. 6:** Kuwait Amir awarded Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah the Kuwaiti Order of the First Degree, for his distinguished efforts in the GCC.

**Jan. 18:** Kuwait Amir accepted the resignation of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

**Jan. 24:** Kuwait Amir signed a decree naming His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled as Prime Minister, and assigned him to submit his cabinet lineup to be approved.

**Feb. 16:** Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center (JACC) unveiled a glass sculpture given by US embassy on the 30th anniversary of Kuwait's liberation, in a ceremony patronized by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

**Feb. 17:** An Amiri decree issued to adjourn the National Assembly sessions for a month starting as of February 18, 2021 according to article 106 of Kuwaiti constitution.

**March 2:** Kuwait Amir issued a decree forming new cabinet chaired by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

**March 3:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad received the new cabinet in an oath taking ceremony.

**March 4:** Kuwait Amir departs for US for regular medical tests.

**March 14:** Kuwait Amir departs to Europe after successful medical examinations in the US.

**March 23:** His Highness the Amir returned to Kuwait after visits to Europe and following medical tests in US.

**March 29:** His Highness the Amir received a phone call from Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister, Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, and they discussed the Middle East Green Initiative, plans to plant 50 billion trees as the largest green program in the world.

**April 8:** Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah delivered a written message from His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan regarding relations between the two friendly countries and means of boosting these ties in various spheres as well as issues of common concern.

**May 4:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad addressed a written message to the Chairman of the Libyan Presidential Council, Dr. Mohammad Younes Al-Manfi, related to means of bolstering the solid ties between the two countries. The letter was delivered by Minister Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Al-Nasser.

**May 5:** His Highness the Amir sent a letter to Algerian President Abdelmajid Tebboune regarding the deep-rooted bilateral relations.

**May 5:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad delivered a speech on the occasion of the last 10 days of the Holy month of Ramadhan.

**May 7:** His Highness the Amir sent a letter to King of Morocco Mohammed VI, which touched on the strong relations linking the countries and means to develop them.

**May 8:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad sent a written letter to Mauritanian President Mohammed Ould Ghazouani on bilateral relations and ways to enhance them at all possible levels.

**May 10:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad sent a letter to Spain's King Philip VI on the deep-rooted and historical ties.

**June 24:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad headed to Germany on a private visit.

**July 17:** His Highness the Amir returns home following his private vacation.

**July 28:** His Highness the Amir receives WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Gebreyesus.

**Oct. 20:** Minister of the Amiri Diwan Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Sabah announced that His Highness the Amir assigned Parliament Speaker, Prime Minister and Chairman of the Judicial Council to propose amnesty criteria on a group of Kuwaiti convicts in order to pardon them.

**Oct 26:** His Highness the Amir inaugurated the 2nd regular term of the 16th legislative session of the National Assembly.

**Nov 8:** His Highness the Amir received His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled who presented government resignation.

**Nov 13:** The official gazette published two decrees regarding amnesty and reduction of prison sentences on several people.

**Nov 14:** His Highness the Amir accepted government resignation and instructed the cabinet to act as care-taker.

**Nov 15:** Minister of Amiri Diwan Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah announced that His Highness the Amir delegated some of his constitutional rights to His Highness the Crown Prince temporarily.

**Nov 23:** His Highness the Amir re-assigned Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled as Prime Minister.

**March 8:** His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah chaired a meeting with officials of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), during which Dr. Khaled Ali Mohammad Al-Fadhel was selected as KFAS Director General.

**May 31:** His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad, accompanied by an official delegation, departed to Saudi Arabia on an official visit.

**June 1:** His Highness the Crown Prince arrived in Saudi Arabia for an official visit, which reflected the historical deep-rooted bilateral relations.

**Oct 25:** His Highness the Crown Prince headed an official delegation to Saudi Arabia to attend the Middle East Green Initiative.

**Dec 21:** Under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah attended Qadsia SC vs Kuwait SC match at the final of His Highness the Amir's Cup at Jaber Al-Ahmad International Stadium.

**National Assembly:**  
**March 3:** Constitutional Court rejected an appeal on illegality of December 2020 elections.  
**March 14:** Constitutional Court annuls membership of MP Bader Al-Dahoum.  
**March 30:** National Assembly commenced its regular session after a one-month suspension based on an Amiri decree. Cabinet members sworn in before the house.  
**March 30:** National Assembly approved a request by His Highness the Prime Minister to adjourn interpellations submitted against him until the end of the Assembly's second term. It also approved an optional six-month grace period for citizens with financial commitments to various institutions, local banks and financial bodies under the umbrella of the Central Bank of Kuwait.  
**March 30:** National Assembly rejected in principle a parliamentary report on amnesty. Nevertheless, it approves two bills on preventive detention and free speech.  
**April 13:** Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim announced the assembly's rejection of parliamentary request to postpone the Prime Minister's grilling until the end of the second ordinary session.  
**April 13:** The National Assembly postponed the interpellation of Health Minister Sheikh Dr. Basel Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah for two weeks.  
**May 2:** National Assembly Speaker Al-Ghanim received a grilling motion from MP Shuaib Al-Muwaizri against Foreign Minister and state cabinet Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah and Finance Minister Khalifah Hamada.  
**May 22:** Kuwait's Fifth Constituency voters headed to polling stations to choose their representative among 15 candidates in the 16th by-election in Kuwait parliament's history.  
**May 23:** Speaker Al-Ghanim received a grilling motion from MP Shuaib Al-Muwaizri against His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled.  
**May 23:** The electoral committee of the Fifth Constituency announced Obaid Al-Mutairi winner of 2021 parliamentary by-elections with 43,810 votes.  
**May 26:** MPs Thamer Al-Dhafiri, Khaled Al-Otaibi and Abdulkareem Al-Kandari submitted a grilling motion to the Interior Minister Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah.  
**May 27:** National Assembly approved a bill to add appropriations for state budget for the fiscal year (2020-21) for frontline workers fighting the coronavirus pandemic.  
**June 9:** Kuwaiti Parliament Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim arrived in Geneva to hold talks with President of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Duarte Pacheco on Palestine.  
**June 22:** Kuwait National Assembly approved in a special session state budget for fiscal year 2021-22, and referred the bill to the government.  
**June 23:** National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim arrived in the Belgian capital, Brussels, for a two-day visit, and met representative of Arab parliaments, European Parliament President David Sassoli and Belgian Parliament Speaker Eliane Tello.  
**June 29:** Speaker Al-Ghanim called for a parliamentary session to discuss the State financial status before ending the Parliament's 16th legislative term.  
**Oct 26:** The National Assembly selected MP Osama Al-Shaheen as Observer and MP Farz Al-Daihani as Secretary.  
**Oct 9:** Speaker Al-Ghanim adjourned a session following the government's resignation.  
**Kuwaiti Cabinet:**  
**Jan 11:** The Cabinet allowed importation of domestic workers, requiring them to bring PCR certificates showing negative coronavirus tests.  
**Jan 12:** His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received the government resignation from Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah.  
**Jan 13:** Kuwait Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled submitted the government's resignation to His Highness the Amir.  
**Jan 24:** His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, re-appointed as Kuwait's Prime Minister, stressed enhancing the relationship between the government and the National Assembly to achieve the desired goals.  
**Jan 25:** The Cabinet approved state budget for fiscal year 2021-22 with approximate expenditure amounting to KD 23.048 billion and projected income at KD 10.929 billion.  
**Jan. 27:** Kuwait Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled stated while meeting with editors-in-chief of local newspapers that the government has referred, to Public Prosecution, 122 cases of misappropriation of public funds, 1,691 cases encroachment on state property and 282 cases of trading in expatriates' residencies.  
**Jan. 27:** Kuwait Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah stated while meeting with editors-in-chief of local newspapers, that up to 35,000 citizens and residents got vaccinated against COVID-19. He said shipments of vaccines have stopped around the world because suppliers are re-examining the needs.  
**Feb. 3:** The Cabinet ordered closure of all trade facilities, except pharmacies and food supplying outlets from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. starting February 7.  
**Feb. 3:** Kuwaiti government ordered a full shutdown of gyms, resorts, beauty salons, also banning gathering halls and tents starting February 7.  
**Feb.3:** The Cabinet imposed a two-week ban on entry of non-Kuwaitis to the country, except foreigners who are first-degree relatives of Kuwaitis and domestic workers starting from February 7.  
**Feb. 3:** The national fund for supporting small and medium-sized enterprises postponed instalments on borrowers in a bid to alleviate hardships caused by COVID-19.  
**Feb. 16:** Kuwaiti Cabinet allowed resumption of sport activities.  
**Feb. 16:** The Cabinet approved increasing financial incentives for business owners who faced suspension due to Covid-19.  
**March 2:** A new 15-member cabinet is formed, with the inception of State Ministry for integrity (Nazaha) affairs and State Ministry for communication and Information Technology.  
**March 4:** Cabinet imposes a 12-hour (5:00 pm to 5:00 am) curfew from March 7 to April 4.  
**March 8:** Cabinet approves a draft decree appointing Ambassador Majdy Al-Dhifreeri as deputy foreign minister.  
**March 15:** Cabinet approves a draft law to finance local banks and those financially impacted by COVID-19.  
**March 15:** Cabinet approves a draft decree appointing Wael Al-Aoussi as Council of Ministers' Secretary General.  
**March 29:** Cabinet opens a KD-600-million account to cover frontline rewards. It also approved designating the southern island on Jaber Causeway as a drive-thru vaccination center.  
**April 1:** Kuwait extended the night curfew until April 22 from 7:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. However, Pharmacies, grocery stores, and essential services remained open during curfew hours.  
**April 12:** The government decided during a meeting the following:  
 ■ Allow male worshippers to perform the Taraweeh (late night) prayers for 15 minutes.  
 ■ Mosques close following each prayer, while lectures and other activities in mosques are banned.  
 ■ Iftar (fast-breaking) and suhur (pre-dawn) meals are banned in mosques and public places. Distributing charity meals without causing gathering is allowed.  
 ■ People who did not get COVID-19 vaccination are to pray at home as a precaution.  
 ■ Approve health authorities' request on using fourth group of Pakistani medical workers to help fight COVID-19.  
**April 19:** The government extended the curfew which was imposed on 22 April until the end of Ramadhan.  
**April 26:** The Cabinet approved the draft law of the penal code 16/1960 stipulating imprisonment and financial penalties on any person who may threaten to damage individuals' reputation or his financial resources.  
**April 26:** The Cabinet agreed to join an Arab treaty concerning transfer and transplant of human organs and barring trade in these organs.  
**April 26:** The Cabinet approved a draft law of a technical education accord between Kuwait and Sierra Leone, a cooperation agreement with Indonesia in higher education studies and scientific research.  
**April 26:** The Cabinet decided to send oxygen supplies and relief items to India.  
**May 10:** Kuwait's Cabinet decided the following:  
 ■ Partial curfew imposed nationwide to combat the spread of COVID-19, will be lifted on the first day of Eid Al-Fitr.  
 ■ All commercial establishments shut from 8:00 pm until 5:00 am, whereas pharmacies, supermarkets, healthcare providers, restaurants, cafes and maintenance services are excluded from the decision.  
 ■ Cinemas and theaters are opened in Eid Al-Fitr only for vaccinated people.  
 ■ Restaurants and cafes are allowed to receive orders for takeaways only.  
 ■ Employee's attendance should not exceed 60 percent of total workers.  
**May 18:** Cabinet allowed restaurants and cafes to receive people for dine-in with the implementing of health precautions.  
**May 18:** The Cabinet appointed Maryam Al-Aqeel, as head of the Civil Services Commission (CSC).  
**May 18:** Kuwaiti Cabinet approved urgent relief aid to Palestinians in Gaza who had been attacked by the Israeli occupation forces.

## 'Salaries of Bedouns in Awqaf Ministry not paid in full'

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 25: Bedouns working in the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs under the assignment clause have been idle for three months due to the Finance Ministry's refusal to pay their salaries in full and

its insistence to amend the assignment regulations, reports Al-Rai daily quoting a knowledgeable source from the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs. According to the source, around KD150 to KD200 were deducted from

the salaries of these Bedouns in November due to the financial controller's refusal to pay their salaries in full; although the ministry addressed the issue as per the comments of the concerned authorities.

## AAW unveils new INTERSPORT store at Assima Mall, Kuwait's new landmark destination



Ali Abdulwahab Al Mutawa Commercial Co. (AAW) today unveiled a brand new INTERSPORT store at Kuwait City's new Assima Mall, the largest mixed-use development in the heart of Kuwait City.

AAW Senior Deputy CEO Mr. Khaled Al-Mutawa said: "We are thrilled to unveil the new INTERSPORT store at Assima Mall, the new store showcases best-in-class modern sportswear, a vast selection of footwear and top-of-the-line equipment. We look forward to welcoming all our customers, whether they are hobbyists, enthusiasts or

professional athletes." INTERSPORT Kuwait is the go-to destination for an extensive assortment of global athletic brands covering various sporting categories, including running, football, training, swimming, boxing, racket sports, outdoor and Lifestyle. INTERSPORT stores are located at Murouj Complex, The Avenues, Bairaqa Mall, Manara Complex in Shuwaikh Industrial Area, the Pro Shops At Rafa Nadal Academy Kuwait and Sultan Center Salmiya.

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