

Prayer Timings	
Fajr	05:20
Sunrise	06:44
Zohr	11:57
Asr	14:51
Maghrib	17:10
Isha	18:32

Local

Weather		
Expected weather for the next 24 hours:		
By Day: Fair with light to moderate north westerly wind to light variable wind with speeds of 08-28 km/h and some high clouds will appear.		
By Night: Cold with light variable wind with speeds of 08-22 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear.		
Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	21	11

Kuwait Airport	22	03
Abdaly	23	04
Bubyan	19	07
Jahra	21	07
Falaka Island	-	-
Salmiyah	20	13
Ahmadi	-	-
Nuwaisib	21	05
Wafra	20	04
Salmiyah	23	05

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Ministry marks HH Amir's honoring of FM Sheikh Ahmad Nasser

'I am honored'

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 13, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Wednesday celebrated His Highness the Amir recent decoration of the Foreign Minister with the First-Class Order of Kuwait.

The Foreign Minister, Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad, inaugurated the celebratory ceremony at the Foreign Ministry building, marking His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's recent honoring of the minister with the state top decoration.

Addressing the ceremony, Minister Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser said he was honored with His Highness the Amir gesture that crowned outcome of efforts for tackling various issues during the era of the late Amir, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, namely the work that had been done to tackle the inter-GCC rift.

Fruitful

He congratulated His Highness the Amir on the fruitful efforts that healed the wedge among some GCC countries, recalling the shuttle missions by the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad who spared no effort to reunify the GCC ranks, heaping praise as well upon His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah who had closely followed up organizational procedures that ensured success of the latest GCC summit, held in Alula, Saudi Arabia.

The honoring by His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Dr. Ahmad continued, should be also addressed to all ministers who had held the portfolio since 60 years ago, starting with the late Sheikh Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Kuwait's first foreign minister, as well as the late Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, in addition to the ex-minister Sheikh Dr. Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah "and my great brother His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah who had exerted remarkable efforts when held the post."

Gesture

Moreover, he eyed the Amir gesture as appreciation for all founders of the departments, the diplomats who had fallen as martyrs in the service and those had devoted all their life time for the diplomatic work abroad, in addition to all personnel and would-be staff.

Meanwhile, Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Khaled Al-Jarallah also spoke at the ceremony, thanking His Highness the Amir for his overture and expressing felicitations to the foreign minister, saying the honoring "constituted the peak of civilization and faithfulness."

He pledged continuing work alongside the foreign minister for a better performance by the department.



Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad and other senior government officials during the cake-cutting ceremony.

KUNA photo

Other Voices

A wise Gulf leadership for an invaluable country

"AFTER the peaceful coup in 1995, Qatar pursued independent regional policies that diverged from the orientations of Saudi politics. It supported Islamic groups of various orientations, and established the Al-Jazeera channel in Doha which became a platform for groups criticizing the Gulf states, thus provoking the feelings of discord and tension," columnist former Ambassador Ahmad Al-Dawas wrote for *Al-Seyassah* daily.

"In November 2013, Qatar allowed the fleeing Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood to enter the country after the overthrow of president Mohamed Morsi, so King Abdullah the Saudi monarch at the time asked to hear the Qatari point of view, so Prince Tamim came to Riyadh and Saudi Arabia wished that Qatar's policies would be consistent with the policies of the rest of the Gulf states regarding regional issues, but Qatar pledged nothing."

"In 2011 and 2012, British newspapers praised Qatar for having achieved tangible economic and political achievements as recognized by many countries in the world and provided aid to developing countries and this is a good thing, no doubt, but Qatar sheltered a lot of the Muslim Brotherhood, members and Al-Jazeera channel became a platform for radical Brotherhood to attack the ruling regimes of the Gulf states that were safe and stable for centuries."

"Writer Frederick Deknatel said in the 'World Politics Review' on June 14, 2017: 'What happened in terms of a rift in Gulf relations with Qatar is attributed to Qatar's desire to pursue independent foreign policy. During the past fifteen years, Doha hotels have hosted Hamas representatives, the Taleban and the Darfur rebels, and the largest US military base in the Middle East.'"

"The Gulf Cooperation Council is a cohesive entity and a strong-founded system composed of similar systems of governance whose strength is the prevailing love between the ruler and the subjects. The Gulf dialects are close, the same climatic environment, as well as clothing is similar and the whole world testifies to the stability of the systems of its countries, and they were stable even in times of poverty, therefore sheltering the fleeing Muslim Brother-

hood members or the presence of some militant mercenaries in this country threatens the security of the Gulf states as a whole, so we hope Qatar will be convinced that its present and future are dependent on the Gulf home, and that deviating from the consensus is a dangerous matter that threatens everyone."

"Qatar knows well that the Gulf states are safe and stable where Muslims live as brothers with their different sects, but Iran has fueled sectarian strife in the region since its revolution in 1979, and it interfered in the internal affairs of four Arab countries, a behavior that is universally rejected and against international laws, and the result led to destruction of three Arab countries, many died or lost their possessions, so why does Qatar have good relations with Iran?"

"On June 16, 2017, Saudi Arabia saw that the solution to the crisis is easy and it is represented by a political decision to refrain from embracing extremist Islamic groups and stop the incitement campaigns, and we say why do we wish ourselves harm? Our regimes are stable, whether in the form of a ruler, king, prince or sultan and the proof is the stability of the monarchies in the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark and Norway."

"Those who revolted against the existing regime brought disasters and tribulations on themselves and their people. Some Arabs were betting on the fall of the regimes of the Gulf States, and praise be to God, this did not happen. Rather, their countries fell apart, although we wish the best for Arab countries."

"Kuwait mediated, with America, to resolve the crisis with Qatar, and a few days ago the airspace and the land and sea borders between Saudi Arabia and Qatar were opened, amid an international welcome and on the fifth of this January the 41st Gulf Summit was held in the Saudi city of Al-Ula which is certainly an important shift in the interest of the region and there are other issues such as Qatar's policy on events in some Arab countries, Libya, for example, but the Gulf message is that everyone wants stability. Qatar is accused of spreading chaos according to foreign sources. It has approached Turkey and Iran, and its media have been used to spread incorrect news about Saudi Arabia."

"There were no concessions at the Al-Ula summit, the talks were brotherly, and the summit paves the way for a comprehensive Gulf reconciliation in the future. With the departure of President Trump, Saudi Arabia's strong ally,

from the White House and the beginning of President Biden's era, the Gulf countries fear that the new president will take a soft and lenient stance against Iran. That is why the step of rapprochement with Qatar has been taken in order to speak with one Gulf tongue when the West deals with Iran."

Also:

"The shuttle diplomacy undertaken by the political leadership, which was initiated by the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, may God rest his soul in peace, has resulted in Arab reunification towards reconciliation between the Arab countries during the 'Al-Ula Summit' agreement, and the convergence of views between Arab countries and confronted Arab differences within the Arab house," columnist Bader Aloush wrote for *Al-Anba* daily.

"The vital role played by HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad, may God protect him, by completing what HH the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad began, is prominent that proves the strength and solidity of Kuwaiti diplomacy, which has been praised by all countries of the world and welcomed and blessed because these tireless efforts were unrelenting."

"These efforts continued until the goal was achieved and this is a vision that brings together the Arab ranks and their unity, rejection of differences between Arab brothers, convergence of viewpoints, and sitting at one table to resolve these differences with a vision of wisdom and experienced leadership."

"This is what we have been familiar with about our wise leadership from which far and near learns not to involve any predators to solve Arab problems. No one can solve the problems of the Arab family except the Arabs themselves, and it is not permissible for someone to come to solve our problems for us from outside the Arab fabric."

"This reconciliation is considered as the nucleus for solving many problems between Arab countries within the Arab house and under a conscious leadership that is aware of the seriousness of Arab disputes and their consequences, and the intervention of countries with colonial and exploitative purposes. It has been proven to the whole world that the Kuwaiti diplomacy is the brightest and finest at all times."

— Compiled by Ahmad Al-Shazli

Corruption

Govt intensifies efforts to tackle corruption cases

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 13: Government agencies have begun procedures for the second batch of trainers tasked to develop the skills of national manpower in these institutions to promote integrity and transparency, follow up corruption cases, and implement the national anti-corruption strategy under the supervision of Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha), reports *Al-Qabas* daily.

The daily obtained a copy of a report stating that the Secretariat General of the Supreme Council for Planning has followed up with Nazaha the steps to create a platform for coordination between the supervisory agencies, support and activate accountability tools for any failure, reward the deserving, and cooperate with civil society institutions and the private sector to implement the National Strategy to Promote Integrity and Combat Corruption.

The report pointed out that in the past year, government agencies were able to establish special units tasked to combat corruption in ministries and other public institutions; while 20 employees were trained as part of the first batch to become trainers for other workers in their respective agencies in a bid to enhance integrity through governance, and replace manual auditing procedures with automated systems.

The plan aims to qualify 100 trainers in four stages. The second batch is being trained to develop transparency, facilitate and accelerate citizen services, reduce human interference in transactions, and improve government performance.

According to the report, a decision has been taken to develop the administrative system in the State by merging, privatizing or reducing administrative structures, setting up a mechanism to encourage nationals to work in the private sector, and lay down a plan to achieve balance between training national workers in the public and private sectors and coordinating with the National Assembly regarding the issuance of the strategic alternative law, and to limit the creation of any new government agency whose tasks can be added to existing entities.



Al-Dawas

'Must know English'

'Condition for top job'

By Muhammad Ghanem
Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 13: The Ministry of Public Works has set a new condition for candidates applying for the supervisory positions (technical and project) and the condition is that the applicants have to pass the English language test.

In this context, according to reliable sources, the Undersecretary of the Ministry, Ismail Al-Failakawi, has issued an administrative circular yesterday to conduct the English language test to determine the level of language knowledge among the project engineers and technical supervisors.

The sources explained the test will be conducted for those wishing to apply for the post of project engineer or apply for a supervisory position.

The sources confirmed this is a prerequisite for the aforementioned jobs, and no applicant will be accepted unless the person answers the test.

For its part, the Ministry has called on Kuwaiti employees of the ministry wishing to apply for any of the aforementioned positions to visit the office of the Director of Personnel Affairs within 10 working days during official working hours and starting from the date of the announcement and fill the form which has been specially prepared for this purpose.

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539 إصابة جديدة
NEW CASES
الإجمالي: 155,874

0 حالة وفاة جديدة
NEW DEATHS
الإجمالي: 946

234 حالة تعافى جديدة
NEW RECOVERIES
الإجمالي: 149,809

48 إجمالي الحالات
في العناية المركزة
TOTAL SERIOUS CASES

5,119 إجمالي الحالات
النشطة في العلاج
TOTAL ACTIVE CASES

11,567 مسحة جديدة
NEW TESTS
الإجمالي: 1,359,421

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