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NATO highly appreciates partnership with Kuwait: Deputy Sec-Gen Geoana

Luncheon meeting tackles issues relating to cooperation

BRUSSELS, Oct 12, (KUNA): NATO Deputy Secretary General Mircea Geoana has expressed his high appreciation for the partnership with Kuwait and for Kuwait's role in developing partnership between the Alliance and Gulf countries.

"We highly appreciate our partnership with Kuwait. We highly appreciate our partnership with the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) partners," he told KUNA after a luncheon meeting hosted by Kuwait's ambassador to NATO, EU and Belgium, Jassem Al-Budaiwi.

"NATO stands ready to continue to engage with each and every one of our partners in the Gulf region because the international situation requires our cooperation because the risk to our common security are still abundant and because there is no substitute for cooperation and exchange of information," he said.

Geoana, a former foreign minister of Romania, thanked Al-Budaiwi for convening the luncheon with ambassadors from the Gulf region.

He also thanked Kuwait for hosting the ICI regional center in Kuwait, describing it as "a center of superb expertise."

"We are grateful that the physical



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Kuwait's Foreign Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah during his meeting with Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabic in Belgrade. The meeting discussed the 60th anniversary of the first Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) conference that is taking place in Belgrade, Serbia, on October 11-12.

training and courses have resumed and we are ready to enrich further the curricula in this very important center for representative from the Gulf region who will be attending the training and courses," said the top NATO official.

"So we highly appreciate the role of Kuwait in keeping all of us in a very close partnership," he stressed.

On his part, Jassem Al-Budaiwi told KUNA that the luncheon is to be seen within the efforts that Kuwait's mission to the 30-member alliance does in order to connect all ICI countries and GCC countries with NATO officials.

"It is very important and very useful meeting as the last time we met as ICI-GCC countries on the

level of high ranking officials was in December 2019 in Kuwait when Kuwait hosted the 15th anniversary of the establishment of ICI," he said.

Al-Budaiwi said the luncheon meeting discussed important issues relating to cooperation between NATO and the ICI member and GCC countries as well as regional political and security issues.

"NATO is a very important organization for us as four of the GCC countries are partners and two are working closely with it. It is a very important international organization that works towards maintaining peace and security," he stressed.

"We are very glad that on October 6 the first in-person activity happened in the Centre after the pandemic situation," he said, adding "we look forward to enhancing our relations."

NATO's Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) was launched at the Alliance's Summit in the Turkish city in June 2004.

It aims to contribute to long-term global and regional security by offering countries of the Gulf practical and bilateral cooperation with NATO.

Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and UAE are members of the ICI.

In January 2017, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg inaugurated NATO-Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Regional Centre in Kuwait.

The 6-member GCC includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE.



KUNA photo
Festival honoring a number of people who contributed to boosting cooperation.

Festival honors individuals

Mol stresses societal partnership to preserve Kuwait environment

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12, (KUNA): Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Public Security Affairs Major General Faraj Al-Zoghbi on Monday underlined the importance of partnership as a societal responsibility to preserve Kuwait's environment and natural life.

This came in a speech delivered by Al-Zoghbi, on behalf of Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Salem Al-Sabah, during a festival on documenting the natural life held by the Kuwait Environment Protection Society (KEPS).

Al-Zoghbi said that the partnership between the society and the ministry is part of a protocol that has contributed to the success of the program, and spreading aware-

ness and culture of environmental law.

He noted that the ministry is providing all means and logistical support, and full protection to the teams working in monitoring the components of wildlife, and facilitating and simplifying procedures in all border areas.

Meanwhile, Chairperson of Kuwait Environment Protection Society Dr. Wejdan Al-Oqab said that the Society has 17 governmental partners that have participated in work on behalf of the KEPS for Kuwait.

The festival came to honor a number of people who contributed to boosting cooperation amongst several ministries, governmental institutions, the civil society and the private sector, she added.

The Guest Show hosts Dr Sabreyah

Dr Sabreyah Al Saleh is an extraordinary woman. She rose from simple beginnings to become one of Kuwait's most prominent and pioneering ophthalmic and oculofacial plastic surgeons. Striving for perfection is in a way Dr Sabreyah's trademark. No matter what she does, as a doctor, a surgeon, an entrepreneur or a designer - all of which she is, she has strived for perfection.

After graduating from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dr Sabreyah trained in London, Edinburgh and New York. An ophthalmic surgeon by training, she went on to specialize in oculofacial surgery.

She is the first Kuwaiti woman doctor to specialize in oculofacial, plastic and orbital surgery. Her work as a surgeon has helped countless patients ranging from severe trauma and critical cases to women who want to better their looks. Known as the queen of eyelid surgeries in Kuwait, she was the first Kuwaiti doctor to have clinics in Kuwait, Dubai and Ireland. After putting her trademark on the eye and facial reconstruction surgery, and helping set up the plastic surgery unit at Royal Hayat, Dr Sabreyah Al Saleh opened her own centre of excellence called Royal Victoria Medical Centre at Sabah Al Salem.

Dr Sabreyah has lived life on her own terms. Going against norms, she married a non-Kuwaiti, a relationship she celebrates and treasures after 25 years of companionship.

On The Guest Show, Dr Sabreyah speaks of her personal and professional journey, her great love for reading, her natural gift for music, her overriding passion to be the best at anything she attempted, her journey of mastering both ophthalmic and oculofacial surgery, and once again, her need to push the boundaries to do the best for her patients, her deep and enduring love for her husband, and her unique ability to synthesize the traditional and the classic, the simple and the exotic. Tune in this Thursday.



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