

Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser, Japanese FM discuss bilateral ties on phone call

Kuwait FM discusses Libyan updates with undersecretary-general of UN

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 21, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Foreign Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah met Thursday with United Nation's Undersecretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary DiCarlo.

by UN's envoy to Libya Jan Kubis, on sideline of supporting stability in Libya conference happening in the capital, Tripoli.

Updates on the Libyan front were discussed as well as means to support Government of National Unity so that it could ensure security and stability in Libya, and accomplish

aspirations of holding the elections coming December.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser met Wednesday with the Libyan Chairman of the Presidential Council Dr Mohammad Al-Menfi.

During the meeting, the Kuwaiti minister conveyed His Highness the

Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah greetings to the Dr Al-Menfi, wishing Libya and its people further prosperity.

Sheikh Ahmad Al-Nasser stressed Kuwait's firm position on supporting all the measures taken by the Libyan national unity government to preserve Libya's sovereignty, maintain

its security and stability.

The Kuwaiti foreign minister and his accompanied delegation is on an official visit to the Libyan capital, Tripoli, to participate in the Conference to Support the Stability of Libya to be held tomorrow, Thursday.

In the meantime, the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister and Minister of State

for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah on Monday had a phone call with his Japanese counterpart Toshimitsu Motegi.

Both sides discussed the close bilateral relations between the two friendly countries and the latest development in the region.

Need to update industrial strategy in GCC to face any emergency: PAI

Kuwait's Taqi participates in trade ministers consultative meet



Indian community bids farewell to Khan Suri – First Secretary at the embassy.

We will miss a dynamic colleague: ambassador

Indian community bids farewell to Khan Suri

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 21: The Indian Professionals Network (IPN) and the Indian Business Network (IBN) organized a community farewell function to bid farewell to Fahad Ahmed Khan Suri, First Secretary at the Indian Embassy who will be returning to the Foreign Ministry in New Delhi at the end of his tenure in Kuwait.

Speaking on the occasion the Indian ambassador to Kuwait lavished praise saying "my colleague Shri Fahad Ahmed Khan Suri was in the forefront, as an officer whom his ambassador could always turn to for support and solutions 24x7. He was

among the most valued member of my team. As Head of Chancery and as the spokesperson of the embassy he did the background work for each of the outreach programs and for Open Houses.

"We together believed that 'a no is a no only if it is no you wanted, otherwise it is always a temporary setback, a yes in waiting'. He was always there with a viable solution for any challenging circumstances. It is in this context that I appreciate the initiative of IPN and IBN to organize this farewell today.

"During all these political and economic engagements and in further

strengthening our people to people connect, Khan Suri played a very important role. For him, his responsibility as a government servant is the number one priority. Of course, a great deal of credit should go to his loving family, his wife and their two sons. I need to specifically highlight his interpersonal relationship with the embassy team, within the community and with the Kuwaiti friends.

"For the embassy," he said, "we will miss a dynamic colleague, for the community we will miss a sincere and honest contact and for our Kuwaiti friends we will miss a good friend."

By Hammad Al-Mutairi

MANAMA, Oct 21, (KUNA): Director-General of the Kuwait's Public Authority for Industry (PAI) Abdul Karim Taqi stressed, Wednesday, the need to update the industrial strategy in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries to face any emergency.

Speaking to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) on the sidelines of participating in the consultative meeting between the ministers of trade and industry in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries in Bahrain, "We have started by approving the modernization of an industrial strategy to include the most important sectors targeted in the next phase, which will achieve Gulf security to face any upcoming economic or health conditions," Taqi told KUNA.

Meeting

He added that the meeting dealt with the impact of the (Corona emerging - Covid 19) pandemic on the industrial situation in the GCC system.

He pointed to the importance of discussing the mechanism for implementing the decisions of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, which are issued by the ministers of trade and industry in the GCC countries, and how to avoid any delay in implementing the decisions taken and General Secretariat of the Council.

He noted the issuance of some decisions regulating joint Gulf action in the industrial sector, including the integration of industries and the creation of an integrated system for the establishment of joint factories among the Gulf states.

He stated that there will be a meeting soon for the industry agents in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in order to follow up on the implementation of decisions, the most important of which is the Gulf industrial strategy.



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Kuwaiti diving team clears several discarded nets south of Kuwait Bay.

Al-Fadhel thanks supporting agencies

Kuwait diving team 'lifts' six tons of discarded fishing nets: official

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 21, (KUNA): The diving team of the Kuwaiti Environmental Voluntary Foundation managed to lift several discarded fishing nets south of Kuwait's Creek weighing six tons and posing dangers to boats, ships and port activity as well as devastating marine life.

The team Chief Waleed Al-Fadhel stated to KUNA, Thursday, that the team pulled 20 nets in five days. The nets were abandoned in navigation routes and were endangering ships in the Kuwaiti Creek, which is considered a habitat for different species of fish.

Al-Fadhel added that the operation was completed with the assistance of Kuwait Ports Authority, Environment Public Authority and Public Authority of Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, where boats were prepared to lift these hefty nets weighed-down with dead fishes and sea animals.

He detailed that some of these nets were discarded in relatively deep spots, as deep as 13 meters down, or as shallow as two meters, adding that the team relies on sea tides, weather conditions and sea wave heights to lift the discarded fishing nets.

Al-Fadhel thanked supporting agencies

for their significant efforts, highlight the role of Kuwait Ports Authority, Environment Public Authority and Kuwait Boursa, indicating that these efforts come within the framework of global environmental campaign dubbed "Clean Seas", with UN Environment Programme's Regional Office for West Asia.

He confirmed that the diving team's projects are ongoing, and include Kuwait's sea from the north all the way to the south. The projects include monitoring coral reefs, beach cleaning campaigns and collaborating with civil society organizations, which resumed work due to high temperatures subsiding and lifting of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

Al-Fadhel commended efforts of concerned agencies and citizens taking initiative and reporting discarded nets. He stressed that boat owners should report to coast guard, sea rescue centers, or Kuwait diving team any discarded items so that they could be lifted and their adverse effects limited.

He affirmed necessity of imposing sanctions on violating fishers and sea-goers especially in Kuwait's Creek to protect its marine life and preserve its coasts.

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