



The Speaker of the British House of Commons and a number of MPs with Ambassador Khaled Al-Duwaisan.

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UK lawmakers 'commend' outgoing Kuwait envoy's role in boosting ties

Three decades of tireless diplomatic work

LONDON, June 22, (KUNA): The Speaker of the House of Commons of the UK Lindsay Hoyle commended on Tuesday the role played by Kuwait's Ambassador to the UK and Northern Ireland Khaled Al-Duwaisan, throughout three decades of tireless diplomatic work in London.

Hoyle said this in his speech during a ceremony held in the House of Commons over the end of the mission of Al-Duwaisan, whether as ambassador or dean.

Al-Duwaisan is distinguished by his great ability to lead dialogues on issues linked to the Middle East region and even various international issues, Hoyle underlined, considering that it is difficult to replace him in the roles and tasks he performed to the fullest.

Every deputy or politician in the UK must have met Al-Duwaisan at least once, he said, mentioning that their friendship dates back to 1997 after he was appointed as a member of the Labor Party in the elections won by former Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Gratitude

He considered that Al-Duwaisan deserves gratitude for everything he has done and worked for, to bring the Kuwaiti-British ties to their level of solidity and interdependence.

Hoyle then presented a souvenir to Al-Duwaisan over the end of his tenure as an expression of the council's appreciation for the role he played in developing ties between both sides.

Meanwhile, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson acclaimed Al-Duwaisan's role in strengthening strong ties between the UK, Kuwaiti government and people.

In Johnson's written message to the official farewell ceremony for Al-Duwaisan, he said that the sincerity and dedication to the work that Al-Duwaisan did during his thirty years of service was not only reflected in the bilateral ties between them but worldwide, in his full capacity as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in London.

Johnson wished Al-Duwaisan more success in the future, adding that the UK government truly appreciates his contributions over

KIA prioritizes SDGs-focused projects

DOHA, June 22, (KUNA): The Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) Managing Director Ghanem Al-Ghenaiman stated Tuesday that the authority prioritizes investment in projects to serve sustainable development goals.

The KIA has launched two initiatives, namely One Planet and Sustainable Markets, to enhance development and sustainability, said Al-Ghenaiman during his participation in the second Qatar

Economic Forum, hosted by Bloomberg in Doha during the period 20-22 June.

He added that the KIA checks up on its projects and investment partners' compliance with sustainability standards set by the two initiatives.

The annual Qatar Economic Forum brings together global business leaders and heads of state to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges, through the lens of the Middle East.



Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) Managing Director Ghanem Al-Ghenaiman, during his participation in the panel discussion.

the years of his service.

In turn, UK's MP UK Crispin Blunt extolled Al-Duwaisan, saying that everyone who knew him states that he was and still is full of enthusiasm in a way that can be described as heroic, not to mention his ability to bring people of all walks of life together while discussing vital issues.

Blunt revealed that he first met Al-Duwaisan in 1993 when he worked as an advisor to the British defense minister.

His friendship with Al-Duwaisan was, and will continue to be a strong one with mutual respect that reflects the acceptance by the brigadier general among politicians and

diplomats who knew him.

Blunt confirmed that his knowledge of Al-Duwaisan, Kuwait and the Gulf region in general was further enhanced after he held the position of special adviser to the British foreign minister, as he became close to Gulf issues that are of paramount importance.

For his part, UK's MP Andrew Murrison said that Al-Duwaisan is a distinguished diplomatic personality who deserved being the dean.

In his speech, Murrison was upset over the end of Al-Duwaisan's roles, underscoring that he is giving and can offer a lot to his country and the Middle East.

KFMB company increases strategic stockpile of flour

KUWAIT CITY, June 22: The Kuwait Flour Mills and Bakeries Company said the country's strategic stockpile of wheat according to data made available last April stands at 140.63 thousand tons, reports Annahar daily.

The company stated the stock increased from the previous month, which was 126.29 thousand tons, saying the Ministry of Commerce and Industry supports the company's products of wheat and flour – 7.197 million dinars for Arabic bread and 13.184 million dinars for flour, bringing the total trade support for wheat and flour to 20.38 million dinars in 2021.

Food security

The company indicated that it is interested in importing wheat to achieve food security and ensure sustainability of products made from wheat, such as flour, breads of all kind and other food products, pointing out that it is not concerned with preventing the import of wheat and flour and it has no authority in that saying it falls within the jurisdiction of the General Administration of Customs – the authority concerned with approving or preventing wheat and flour imports from entering the country.

The bakeries company stated that it imports wheat from Canada and Australia at a rate of 489.03 thousand tons annually – Canada 87.53 thousand and Australia 401.50 thousand tons.

Regarding the cost of importing wheat in the past ten years, the company indicated that the cost of importing a kilo of wheat was 0.088 dinars in 2012, while in 2022 it has shot to 0.112 dinars.

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TGS presents Bangladesh envoy

KUWAIT CITY, June 22: This Thursday, The Guest Show (TGS) presents HE Major General Md Ashikuzzaman, ndc, afwc, psc, G Ambassador of Bangladesh in Kuwait. Bangladesh has had a close relationship with Kuwait for many decades. Interestingly, Kuwait was one of the first Gulf nations to recognize the independence of Bangladesh leading to a long and enduring friendship between the two nations. During the invasion by Iraq, Bangladesh played a stellar role by supporting Kuwait in the liberation efforts. Bangladeshi army personnel were at the forefront of the land mine clearing efforts in Kuwait post-liberation and they played an important role in the reconstruction of the country.

HE Md Ashikuzzaman, Ambassador of Bangladesh has had an impressive military career which included being appointed Director of Special Security Force in Bangladesh.

Here on The Guest Show, the ambassador will be speaking to Chaitali B. Roy about his journey with the military and diplomacy, the close historical and bilateral ties between Kuwait and Bangladesh, the role of Bangladesh during the invasion, and issues that he wants to focus on.

Virgin Mobile Kuwait hosts launch event and media conference at the British Embassy



After the official launch of its operations on May 25th, 2022, Virgin Mobile Kuwait held its launch event and press conference at the British Embassy yesterday, to celebrate the inauguration of an iconic British Telecommunications brand in Kuwait.

The first fully digitalised mobile service provider in the country shed light on its leading digital services that will enrich the experience of its clientele with more data and content offers.

The conference was held in the presence of the British Ambassador HE Mrs Belinda Lewis, the Minister

of State for Municipal Affairs and Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology Affairs, Rana Al Fares, CEO Virgin Mobile Kuwait, Benoit Janin, CEO Virgin Mobile Middle East & Africa, Eric Dudman Nielsen, Director General for Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority, Sheikh Dr. Meshaal Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Chairman of CITRA, Eng. Salem Al Othaina, as well as reporters of local newspapers.

In a message to all those attending, Sir Richard Branson, founder of the Virgin Group, thanked all the dignitaries and attendees,

and addressed the launch of Virgin Mobile Kuwait as the fourth mobile operator in the country that injects bold, fresh and fun offers and experiences.



"We are very happy to have launched in Kuwait", said Benoit Janin, CEO Virgin Mobile Kuwait, said. "The feedback so far has been great and the people have been

very welcoming. We look forward to rolling out more services that will appeal to the diverse range of customer needs in the country, from connecting loved ones, to turbocharging business.

The British Ambassador HE Mrs Belinda Lewis added: "I am delighted to welcome Virgin Mobile to Kuwait. Virgin is a great example of a strong British brand with truly global appeal. The whole Virgin Group is associated with creativity and pushing the boundaries of innovation: Virgin Mobile Kuwait will embody this innovative approach."