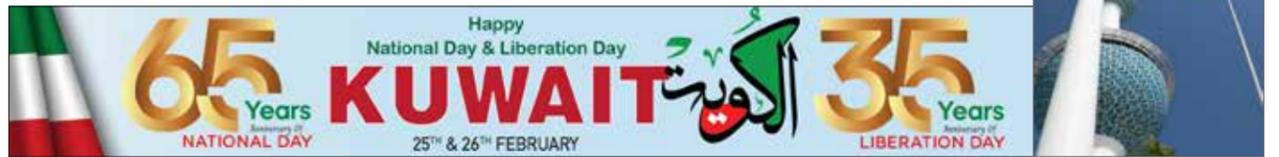




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Kuwait paves a new path focused on socio-economic progress

From independence in 1961 to liberation in 1991, Kuwait's journey has been defined by resilience, transformation, and determination. Today, under renewed leadership and an ambitious reform agenda, the nation is transitioning from years of political gridlock toward a new era focused on transparency, economic diversification, infrastructure expansion, and sustainable development aligned with Vision 2035.

By Reaven D'Souza
Executive Managing Editor

Celebrations marking the joyous occasion of 65th National Day and 35th Liberation Day are an opportune moment to examine how the freedom gained from Great Britain in 1961 shaped the identity and progress of Kuwait over the past many decades. Commemoration of Kuwait's liberation from the yoke of tyranny imposed by the defunct Iraqi regime in 1991, also provides a window into the resilience and unity of the people in facing and overcoming internal and external threats.

The discovery of oil in the late 1930s and the first commercial oil exports in 1946 was the genesis of Kuwait's transformation into a modern state, and its economic, social, and political metamorphosis since then. Economic independence, brought on by the newly-found oil wealth, set the tone for Kuwait to reach an amicable agreement with Great Britain on abrogating



the Protectorate Treaty of 1899. This allowed Kuwait to determine its destiny and chart its own course as a pluralistic, democratic country, joining the comity of free nations in 1961.

The treacherous invasion of Kuwait and the seven-month long barbarous occupation by Iraqi forces in 1990-91, was another defining moment in the nation's history. In the aftermath of the invasion and occupation, Kuwait emerged stronger, resilient and with a new focus, reorienting its priorities, revising its relations regionally and internationally, and reshaping the country's social, economic, and political landscape. The first and second Gulf Wars, which led to regime change and political transformations in Iraq, and the modus vivendi that currently exists with Iraq, have decreased the potential for further cross-border threats. Meanwhile, the multiple bilateral and multilateral security and defense pacts that Kuwait has signed with international partners and blocs ensure stability, territorial integrity, and sovereignty of the nation.

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Memories of the Iraqi Occupation

By Claudia Farkas Al Rashoud
Special to the Times Kuwait

It has been 36 years since the Iraqi invasion and the memories of those terrifying events remain crystal clear; the sharp stab of fear in the pit of my stomach is still a deeply etched feeling.

I spent six weeks in Iraqi-occupied Kuwait, before being evacuated via Baghdad to the US with my two young sons. And before saying goodbye to my Kuwaiti husband, in-laws, and friends, I promised them, as soon as we reached safety, I would tell the world about what was happening in Kuwait. About the looting, the torture, and the killings, about the actions of the Kuwaiti Resistance, and what ordinary people were doing to survive in extraordinary circumstances, completely cut off from the outside world.

Following is my personal account of my experience during the Iraqi occupation, written from the notes in my daily diary, beginning with 2 August 1990. At dawn the sound of the telephone jerked me out of my sleep and into a waking nightmare. It was my sister-in-law, telling me Iraqi forces were invading Kuwait. "Can't you hear the bombs? And there are tanks all over the city," she said as I listened in disbelief.

Soon enough, the sounds of war reached our neighborhood. First the shelling was a series of dull thuds in the distance, but as it grew closer and louder the house shook. By 7am there was heavy fighting in our area, a fierce battle being fought by the impossibly outnumbered Kuwaiti soldiers at the army camp down the road.

An hour before, when we had switched on the radio, military marches were interrupted by an



There was widespread destruction during the Iraqi occupation. Above, a part of Mubarakiya Market that was looted and then burned.

announcement from the Iraqis: "Congratulations to Kuwait and its new government. The Iraqi forces will remain here from a few days to a few weeks, until the situation is under control."

By mid-morning, Iraqi soldiers were everywhere, shooting in the air and forcing motorists to abandon their vehicles and walk. They had taken over the Ministry of Information and other government offices, and turned the Sheraton Hotel into their headquarters. Thick clouds of black smoke were billowing from various parts of the city.

We decided it was safer to spend the night in the basement, so we took bedding downstairs and set up the video to keep our two little boys busy. Donald Duck cartoons blocked out the staccato crack of machine gun fire and the booming of the big guns. As night fell it grew quiet, but it was a silence fraught with fear. As my husband tuned into the radio, we were surprised to hear the voice of a lone unidentified Kuwaiti, broadcasting for the rapidly organised Resistance.

"Where are the Arab accords, the Gulf accords, the Islamic accords? Oh brothers in blood and language, Arabism and Islamism, rise up with us. Kuwait is appealing to you."

On Iraqi radio, Saddam Hussein was threatening to turn Kuwait into a graveyard if there were any foreign intervention.

The next morning we woke early to the sound of renewed fighting and found our area swarming with soldiers. Some went to houses asking for food and water, others broke in with



More than 700 Kuwaiti oil wells were set alight by retreating Iraqi forces creating an unprecedented environmental disaster.

guns aimed at point-blank range. Homes of Kuwaiti families away on summer holiday were looted. We decided it was time to leave the area.

Realising it would be dangerous to be identified as an American, I put on a hijab and abaya, and stuffed clothes into a bag. My husband loaded the car with food and called his family to tell them we were on our way.

When we reached the 5th Ring Road we saw the awful reality of the Iraqi war machine: tanks, rocket launchers, jeeps, ammunition trucks, and half-tracks lined the highway. And blocking the road every 100 meters were Iraqi troops bristling with weapons. From their red berets we recognised them as Iraq's elite Republican guards. My heart sank when the first group of soldiers ordered my husband out of the car. Finally, after they checked his ID and thoroughly searched the trunk of our car we were allowed to drive on. With more roadblocks and heavy traffic we continued at a snail's pace. At long last, we reached my mother-in-law's house near Kuwait City. The family had anxiously been awaiting our arrival.

The days passed slowly. It soon became evident that many of the Iraqi soldiers did not want to be in Kuwait and wanted nothing to do with the invasion of a friendly neighbor.



Iraqi tanks in Kuwait

At the roadblocks, some soldiers apologized to my husband. One said his aunt was married to a Kuwaiti. "Do you think I wanted to come here by choice and fight my cousins?" he asked.

Despite widespread low morale among Iraqi forces, reports of atrocities became more and more frequent. Looting, rape, and torture were the order of the day. Looting was systematic and the soldiers worked like a plague of locusts, stripping the country bare.

As the Kuwaiti Resistance became more active, the Iraqi response became more brutal. A friend told us how soldiers had hunted down a 14-year old boy helping the Resistance in her area. When he ran into a neighbour's house the soldiers chased him out and shot him in front of his family.

Increasing numbers of Kuwaitis were being taken from their homes or simply disappeared. Some were released after having been tortured, others were never heard from again.

A family friend told us of his 20-day ordeal under Iraqi detention. He had been picked up because soldiers had found a photocopied

newsletter issued by the Resistance in his car. But even possession of a Kuwaiti flag or picture of the Amir were grounds enough for torture.

Our friend had been beaten and tortured with electric shock treatment. Every four days he was given two dates to eat and dirty water to drink. One night a soldier put a gun in his mouth, then removed it, telling him to speak his last words. The Kuwaiti captive recited a verse from the Quran and the soldier laughed and said, "Never mind, I'll let you live today; maybe your turn to die will come tomorrow."

I began having a recurring dream that left me in a cold sweat. In the dream I was walking down a road and on both sides of me were dead men hanging from trees, their faces contorted with expressions of agony. One night my husband came in, visibly shaken by what he had heard on Iraqi-controlled radio. "All foreigners must hand themselves in to the Iraqi authorities. The penalty for hiding a foreigner is death by hanging." The knot of fear in my stomach grew tighter. I told no one of my dream.

The Iraqis began conducting house-to-house searches for foreigners and members of the Resistance. One morning the phone began ringing at dawn. Friends and neighbors were calling to warn us that Iraqi forces were headed our way. Although my presence in their home put my in-laws in terrible danger, they put on a brave face for my benefit.

Our plan for safeguarding my identity was that rather than hide I would wear hijab and abaya and hopefully blend in with the women of the family. We hoped the Iraqis would not notice my blue eyes. The doorbell rang and our hearts started pounding, but it was only the neighbor lady warning us that soldiers were nearby. It was lunchtime, and my husband instructed me to sit and eat with the women, with my back to the door, while he and his father sat outside. We sat in front of our plates of rice and lentils for what seemed like hours, until my husband came in and announced that for the time being, the coast was clear.

Unlike in other areas where soldiers methodically searched each home, the troops who had come to our area were in a hurry and searched only every other house. They skipped ours; others were not so fortunate.

After Saddam Hussein threatened to use chemical weapons in Kuwait, the Resistance distributed information on how to deal with a poison gas attack, including instructions on how to make homemade gas masks. The method involves breaking natural wood charcoal into pea-sized pieces and frying them for thirty minutes. After cooling, the charcoal is sewn into cotton masks. It took me nearly two weeks to make fourteen masks for all the family members and house helpers.

Although civilians in Kuwait are entirely at the mercy of the occupying forces, there is an amazing strength and resolve among the population. One night this was dramatically demonstrated, and this is forever burned in my memory.

It was midnight on the one-month anniversary of the Iraqi invasion. Following a call for civil

disobedience by the Resistance, families went on their rooftops and began shouting "Allahu akbar." Suddenly, all over Kuwait, you could hear the voices of men, women, and children shouting in unison.

Iraqi soldiers, caught completely off guard, were terrified and started firing into the air. Tracer bullets streaked the sky. In one area, to escape the haunting sound of the voices, soldiers got into their tanks and drove off into the desert. In another suburb, they locked themselves into the police station. The calling continued for nearly two hours. It was one night the Iraqis were afraid rather than us.

Nearly six weeks after the invasion I received a call from the American embassy telling me my children and I were scheduled to be on the next evacuation flight out of Kuwait. Saying goodbye to my husband and his family the morning of our departure was the hardest thing I have ever had to do, but my husband stressed that knowing the children and I would be safe would be an enormous load off his mind.

At the meeting point near the airport we were told to board a dirty old bus parked in the sun. It had no air-conditioning and the temperature was well over 40C. We were soon drenched in sweat. Babies and small children turned red from the heat and cried miserably.

Two hours later the Iraqi authorities gave us permission to make the ten-minute drive to the airport. We waited another hour before boarding an Iraqi Airways plane. The flight from Kuwait to Baghdad was less than an hour. We were greeted by swarms of reporters and camera crews but felt it was dangerous to be interviewed.



One of the homemade gas masks I sewed during the Iraqi occupation, modelled by my father.

After filling out paperwork the long wait for our exit visas began. Iraqi immigration officers insisted that the children of Kuwaiti fathers were now officially Iraqis and therefore did not have the right to leave. They were also reluctant to accept travel documents that had been issued by the American Embassy in Kuwait to those who did not have passports.

Canadian embassy officials asked CNN to film the waiting women and children, so if we were taken into custody by the Iraqis, our presence would be documented. That was how my family in the US came to know my boys and I had left Kuwait and were in Baghdad.

After a tense five-hour standoff we were allowed to board another Iraqi Airways plane bound for London. At Gatwick Airport, Red Cross personnel wrapped us in warm blankets and carried our heavy handbags and exhausted children to a comfortable room where we could rest and make phone calls to our families.

We were finally safe, but our thoughts were with those we had left behind. Feeling isolated and forgotten, they live in a bizarre world of fear and uncertainty, where every day seems like an eternity.

As the world waits, the nightmare in Kuwait continues.

This article was published in a California magazine in January 1991 and was part of an information campaign I conducted with the Kuwait American Friendship Council. Kuwait was liberated on 26 February, 1991.

- Photographs by
Claudia Farkas Al Rashoud



Royale Hayat Hospital Contributes to Kuwait's Urban Beautification

The Times Kuwait Report

In a step reflecting its strong commitment to social responsibility and support for environmental and urban development efforts in the State of Kuwait, Royale Hayat Hospital, under Sama Medical Services, inaugurated a memorial monument and landscape beautification project at the central island located at the end of King Faisal bin Abdulaziz Road and its intersection with the



role in beautifying public spaces and reinforcing Kuwait's modern and civilized image.

The landmark, thoughtfully designed and integrated within landscaped green areas, stands as a symbol of renewal and sustainable urban enhancement. With its circular form representing continuity and its blooming flower reflecting growth and vitality, the monument serves as a tribute to hope, wellness and community connection.

The project contributes to improving the aesthetic character of the surrounding area while promoting environmental awareness and enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

First Ring Road, between the Abdullah Al-Salem and Al-Shamiya areas in the Capital Governorate.

The project was inaugurated under the patronage and in the presence of Sheikh Humoud Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Chairman of the Green Urban Development Initiatives Committee, along with Sheikh Abdullah Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah, Governor of the Capital Governorate. The ceremony was attended by officials from relevant government entities and representatives of the implementing authorities. Officials commended the company's proactive role and its distinguished initiative, which contributes to enhancing the urban landscape and expanding green spaces.

Sheikh Humoud Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah praised the initiative as a model of constructive cooperation between the private sector and government bodies, emphasizing that projects implemented through the Green Urban Development Initiatives Committee play a vital

Royale Hayat Hospital affirmed that this initiative reflects its ongoing commitment to supporting environmental and urban development and to contributing meaningful additions to the capital's cityscape. The company also expressed its pride in the constructive cooperation with the relevant government entities and conveyed its appreciation for the support and encouragement received, highlighting the importance of public-private sector partnership in advancing national development goals.

This initiative represents a distinguished example of Royale Hayat Hospital's national and social responsibility and reaffirms its continued commitment to supporting sustainable development and environmental projects that strengthen the State of Kuwait's progressive and vibrant image.



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LuLu Gourmet Debuts in Hessah Al Mubarak District, Kuwait

Bringing Fresh Flavors, Global Brands, and Premium Shopping Under One Roof

One significant step that redefines modern retail experiences in Kuwait, Lulu Group has inaugurated the Lulu Gourmet, at the prestigious Hessah Al Mubarak District introducing a new concept store designed to bring together premium food selections, international brands, and lifestyle-focused shopping under one roof.

The launch marks the first Lulu Gourmet concept store in the GCC and the 18th Lulu outlet in Kuwait, reflecting the group's continued expansion and commitment to innovation in the retail sector. The new store was inaugurated by distinguished guests Sulaiman Al - Asaker , chief property management officer - URC, Abdulaziz Alnasser, SVP Operations - URC alongside Sreejith, Director of Lulu Kuwait, Sakeer Hussein, Regional Director of Lulu Kuwait, and other senior management officials, in a ceremony that highlighted the brand's vision of delivering elevated shopping experiences tailored to evolving consumer lifestyles.

Spanning an impressive 11,600 plus square feet, Lulu Gourmet has been thoughtfully developed to cater to customers seeking quality, variety, and convenience in a modern retail environment. The concept centers on offering fresh flavors every day, with a strong emphasis on premium and exotic selections sourced from across the world. True to its name, Lulu Gourmet introduces a carefully curated range of fresh, organic, and health-focused products, alongside vegan, "free-from," and specialty lifestyle items that respond to the growing demand for wellness-oriented consumption.

The store features an extensive portfolio of international and imported brands, providing shoppers access to unique ingredients and gourmet selections rarely found in conventional supermarkets.



The concept reflects changing consumer preferences in Kuwait, where customers increasingly seek healthier food options, specialty products, and convenient access to global culinary experiences.

The interior layout of Lulu Gourmet has been meticulously planned to enhance customer comfort and ease of movement, creating a seamless shopping journey. The store's design integrates modern aesthetics with functional convenience, ensuring efficient navigation across product categories while maintaining an upscale ambiance. Strategically located to connect smoothly with the Hessa district, the store aims to serve residents and surrounding communities by offering retail experience aligned with their lifestyle expectations — combining accessibility, premium quality, and time-saving convenience. To further enhance customer accessibility, the



location also features a multi-storey car parking facility, ensuring a smooth and hassle-free visit for shoppers.

The opening of Lulu Gourmet underscores Lulu Group's broader strategy of introducing specialized retail formats that go beyond traditional supermarket models. By blending gourmet selections, wellness-oriented products, and focused lifestyle retail elements, the concept represents a shift toward experiential shopping tailored to modern urban consumers.

With its focus on premium offerings, international diversity, and customer-centric design, Lulu Gourmet is poised to become a distinctive destination for shoppers seeking both quality and convenience — setting a new benchmark for gourmet and lifestyle retail in Kuwait.

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Over the years, confidence in the ability of the State to protect border integrity meant that public focus then shifted to the prevailing political and social status quo. Weaknesses in institutional mechanisms of governance, absence of structural changes and lack of essential reforms, together with the inability of executive and legislative authorities to cooperate in parliament, fueled political and social instability that hampered economic development and progress for decades.

Notably, since 2020, the Cabinet has resigned 10 times and Kuwait has held four legislative elections. Although the need to resolve the long-standing political gridlock that engendered instability and curtailed progress in the country was widely acknowledged, there was no political will to implement the necessary bold changes. It was only following a shift in leadership in December 2023 and the ascension of His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as the Amir of Kuwait, that the country began to witness transformational changes. Following the dissolution of parliament and suspension of certain constitutional articles in May 2024, Kuwait, under the wise and visionary leadership of His Highness the Amir, embarked on a new phase of progress marked by transparency, accountable governance, equality, and justice. Today, the country is witnessing an accelerated pace in infrastructure development, strengthened economic and social stability, and the implementation of a rigorous agenda of structural, fiscal, and social reforms.

Since taking legislative charge in May 2024, the new government headed by His Highness the

Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al Sabah has prioritized transparency, good governance, combating corruption across state institutions, and digitalization of public services, while enforcing the rule of law equally on everyone. The government's focus on prudent, resolute decision-making, and swift implementation has pushed through long-pending reforms and policies, revived stalled infrastructure projects and commissioned new ones.

On the economic side, the government has been implementing reforms, policies, and initiatives aimed at diversifying the oil-reliant economy and driving Kuwait's strategic Vision 2035 development plan. As part of Vision 2035, to transform the country into a regional and global commercial and financial hub, Kuwait has prioritized growth of the non-oil sector, encouraging greater private-sector participation, attracting foreign investments, and generating gainful employment opportunities for the national cadre in this sector.

In line with the strategy of diversifying revenue sources, in December 2024, Kuwait introduced a 15 percent corporate tax, levied on multinational firms operating in the country with revenues exceeding €750 million (KD270m) in two of the last four years. The new tax, effective January 2025, which is expected to target over 300 local and foreign multinationals and net the country around KD260 million yearly, aims to prevent foreign tax leakage on locally-sourced profits, and position Kuwait as a competitive business hub, compliant with best global and regional practices.

In another significant fiscal reform that enables Kuwait to tap into local and international debt-markets, in March 2025, the government passed

the Public Debt Law. The law, which had remained stuck in parliament for eight years, authorizes a borrowing ceiling of KD30 billion, with maturities of up to 50 years. The bill boosts liquidity, fosters sustainable financial management, diversifies funding sources, and supports mega infrastructure developments and other capital expenditures.

In particular, infrastructure project activity has witnessed a surge in recent years, with various sectors, including energy, water, waste management, transport, housing, and health, seeing significant developments. Road infrastructure in the country, once ranked the worst among Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, is being revamped through a new KD400 million maintenance contract signed in October 2024 with 18 local and foreign firms.

Additionally, the first phase of a 111-kilometer railway project to connect Kuwait to Saudi Arabia by 2030, was awarded to a Turkish engineering firm in February 2025. The new railway, which will eventually link up with the 2,100-kilometer GCC-wide network, is expected to transport eight million passengers and 95 million tons of cargo annually by 2045. Kuwait has also revitalized the long-stalled Mubarak Al-Kabeer Port project through a partnership signed in December 2025 with Chinese state enterprises.

As part of restructuring and digitalization of public sector services, policy reforms initiated in August 2024 now allows more than 175 business activities to operate without a physical office premise. This has resulted in a 225 percent surge in freelance and micro-enterprise licenses since then. Digital initiatives such as the unified government platform 'Sahel', are streamlining bureaucracy

and improving efficiency of business-related transactions. For instance, more than 9,880 new licenses were issued in the first-quarter of 2025.

The government has also emphasized a social development agenda aimed at empowering women and youth. This initiative has supported innovation and entrepreneurship among youth, and seen increased women's representation in the public sector, including appointment of several female ministers. In another landmark social reform, in March 2025 Kuwait abolished the controversial Article 153 of the 1960 Penal Code, which allowed for lenient, misdemeanor sentences for 'honor killings' of women by male relatives.

In line with the government's purposive approach to implementation of reforms, the authorities also introduced reforms to the citizenship and identity file, as fraudulent citizenship was deemed a national security threat. Amendments to the 1959 Nationality Law, which aims to curb duplicity in citizenship and significantly tighten the right to citizenship, has resulted in a major review and the revoking of citizenship of many former 'citizens'.

Groundbreaking transformations such as implementing a value-added-tax (VAT), amending the mortgage law, and rationalizing public-sector wages and subsidies that account for nearly 80 percent of total budget spending, are also said to be under review by the government. It is apparent that Kuwait has transitioned from the earlier phase of being tied-down by persistent political instability, to a new path that focuses on directing progress, providing good governance, realizing the goals of Vision 2035, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the nation.

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World Congratulates Kuwait on the occasion of National & Liberation Days



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On the occasion of the 65th National Day and the 35th anniversary of Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I am honored, on behalf of the editorial board and staff of The Times Kuwait, to extend our heartfelt congratulations and sincere best wishes to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince, Sheikh Sabah Al Khalid Al Sabah

the wise leadership of the country, and to the proud and resilient people of Kuwait. These cherished national occasions stand as powerful reminders of Kuwait's rich history, steadfast spirit, and unwavering commitment to sovereignty, unity, and progress. The 65th National Day celebrates the remarkable journey of a nation that has transformed challenges into achievements and vision into reality. The 35th Liberation Day commemorates the courage, solidarity, and determination of a people who safeguarded their homeland and reaffirmed their devotion to freedom and dignity.

Under the prudent leadership of His Highness the Amir, Kuwait continues to advance confidently toward a future defined by sustainable development, institutional strength, and regional and international engagement. Kuwait's balanced foreign policy, its dedication to dialogue and diplomacy, and its humanitarian leadership have earned it well-deserved respect on the global stage. As a media institution rooted in Kuwait's vibrant and diverse society, The Times Kuwait has for the past 30 years taken pride in reflecting the nation's dynamic progress, cultural richness, and forward-looking aspirations. We remain committed to supporting the country's vision by promoting informed dialogue, constructive engagement, and the values of unity and responsibility that define Kuwaiti society. On this joyous national celebration, we pray for the continued health and well-being of His Highness the Amir, lasting prosperity for Kuwait, and enduring peace and stability for the region.

May Kuwait always remain a beacon of progress, compassion, and unity.

Tareq Yousef Al Shumaimry
Editor-in-Chief, The Times Kuwait



Tajikistan



On behalf of the people and Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan in the State of Kuwait, and the Deanery of the Diplomatic Corps, I am honored to extend my

heartfelt felicitations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Hamad Al Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah Al Sabah, and the Foreign Minister Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al Sabah and to the friendly and brotherly people of Kuwait on the auspicious occasions of the 65th anniversary of Independence and the 35th anniversary of Liberation Day.

These historic milestones stand as proud symbols of Kuwait's resilience, unity, and unwavering determination, marking defining chapters in the nation's history that reflect courage, steadfastness, and an enduring commitment to sovereignty, stability, and progress. Over the decades, Kuwait has transformed these achievements into a foundation for sustainable development, national cohesion, and regional leadership.

For nearly three decades, Tajikistan and Kuwait have enjoyed warm and constructive diplomatic relations grounded in mutual respect, shared principles, and a common vision for peace and development. Our cooperation has steadily expanded across political dialogue, economic engagement, development partnership, cultural exchange, and humanitarian collaboration. The ties between our two countries are strengthened not only by official interaction, but also

by genuine friendship and mutual goodwill between our peoples. Kuwait has distinguished itself as a pillar of moderation and dialogue in the region. Guided by its wise leadership, the country has consistently pursued a balanced and prudent foreign policy, contributing to regional stability and supporting peaceful resolutions to international challenges. Kuwait's respected role in mediation and diplomacy reflects its commitment to dialogue, cooperation, and the principles of international law. Moreover, Kuwait's longstanding dedication to humanitarian action and development assistance has earned it wide international recognition. Through its global initiatives and development institutions, Kuwait has extended support to countries and communities in need, embodying solidarity and shared responsibility. Such efforts reinforce Kuwait's standing as a nation committed not only to its own prosperity, but also to the welfare of the wider international community.

Today, Kuwait stands as a model of stability, prosperity, and forward-looking vision. Its continued investments in development, infrastructure, education, and human capital demonstrate a strong commitment to building a sustainable and inclusive future for generations to come.

On this joyous occasion, I reaffirm Tajikistan's readiness to further strengthen our mutually beneficial cooperation and to elevate our partnership to new horizons, in the spirit of friendship, solidarity, and shared aspirations. I am confident that the enduring bonds between Tajikistan and Kuwait will continue to flourish for the benefit of our two nations and peoples.

H.E. Zubaydullo Zubaydzoda
Dean of Diplomatic Corps,
Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan



Albania



On the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan, the 65th anniversary of Kuwait's National Day, and the 35th anniversary of Kuwait's Liberation Day, I would like to extend sincerest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, the wise government, and the generous people of Kuwait.



These glorious national occasions represent shining milestones in the history of the State of Kuwait, embodying its deep-rooted national unity, wise leadership, and strong will, which have enabled it to achieve remarkable accomplishments on various fronts and solidified its prestigious position regionally and internationally.

As we share in the State of Kuwait's joy on its cherished National Day celebrations, we also extend our warmest congratulations on the arrival of the blessed month of Ramadan, a month of virtue that embodies noble values of tolerance, compassion, and solidarity, and strengthens the bonds of peace and rapprochement between peoples and societies. I would like to emphasize my pride in the distinguished bilateral relations between the Republic of Albania and the State of Kuwait, and the shared commitment to enhancing cooperation between the two countries in various fields, serving mutual interests and strengthening the bonds of friendship and understanding between the two friendly nations.

I pray that these blessed occasions will return to the State of Kuwait, its leadership, government, and people, with continued security, stability, progress, and prosperity, and that the blessed month of Ramadan will be a month of goodness, peace, and blessings for all. May Kuwait be well every year.

H.E. Ilir Hysa
Ambassador of Albania



Argentina



On the occasion of the 65th anniversary of National Day, I extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the government and people of Kuwait, on behalf of the government and people of Argentina.

This year is the 35th anniversary of the Liberation Day of Kuwait from the Gulf war, in which Argentina was proud to be an active member of the coalition forces that contributed to the liberation of Kuwait in 1991. Argentina also proudly recalls the participation of hundreds of Argentine men and women who served in Kuwait between 1991-2003 in the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM). This historic contribution remains a meaningful symbol of solidarity and friendship between our nations. Argentina wishes Kuwait continued peace, prosperity, and progress, and reaffirms its commitment to further strengthening the bilateral relations and cooperation between our countries.

H.E. Ramiro Hernan Velloso
Ambassador of Argentina



Armenia



On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia to the State of Kuwait, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al Hamad Al Mubarak Al Sabah, Crown Prince, the Government, and the friendly people of Kuwait on the occasion of the country's 65th National Day and 35th Liberation Day. I also take this opportunity to convey my sincere greetings on the advent of the holy month of Ramadan. Armenia and Kuwait share a strong and enduring partnership, built on a foundation of mutual respect, common understanding of international values, and a shared commitment

to regional peace. Ever since its independence, Kuwait has been a cornerstone for stability in the region, thanks to its wise leaders and their remarkably balanced foreign policy. I would also like to express my gratitude to the leadership of the State of Kuwait for their continued support and cooperation with the Embassy, for existing and future high level mutually beneficial co-work, as well as for their kindness towards the Armenian community, granting them the privilege to enjoy the benefits of this beautiful country and to continue serving as a bridge in the steadily developing ties between Armenia and Kuwait. As Kuwait celebrates this proud national milestone and enters the blessed month of Ramadan, I wish the State of Kuwait, its wise leadership, and the friendly people of Kuwait continued peace, prosperity, and success. Happy National Day and Ramadan Kareem

H.E. Arsen Arakelyan
Ambassador of Armenia



Austria



On the occasion of Kuwait's National Day and Liberation Day I would like to extend my congratulations to His Highness the Amir, the Crown Prince, the government of the State of Kuwait and all Kuwaitis. Austria was among the first countries recognizing Kuwait's independence more than 60 years ago. Since that time both nations enjoy excellent bilateral relations and cooperate in many fields. Kuwait formidably overcame the disastrous effects of a brutal invasion and since then has demonstrated her will and capability to rebuild a prosperous and stable country. I wish the State of Kuwait further success in the realization of her ambitious plans for the future.

H.E. Ulrich Frank
Ambassador of Austria





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 **Azerbaijan** 

On the occasion of the advent of the blessed month of Ramadan, the 65th National Day and 35th Liberation Day, I am honored and pleased to extend my highest congratulations and sincere best wishes to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait; and to the Government and the brotherly and friendly people of Kuwait.



H.E. Emil Karimov
Ambassador of Azerbaijan

 **Bangladesh** 

On behalf of the Government and the people of Bangladesh, and on my own behalf, I extend my warmest congratulations and heartfelt felicitations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, and the brotherly people of the State of Kuwait on the joyous occasion of the 65th National Day and the 35th Liberation Day of Kuwait.

These cherished occasions commemorate Kuwait's proud history, sovereignty, and remarkable journey of progress and development. Under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir, Kuwait continues to thrive as a beacon of peace, stability, and prosperity in the region.



The friendship between Bangladesh and Kuwait is deep-rooted and historic, founded on mutual respect and shared aspirations for the welfare of our peoples. Kuwait's recognition of Bangladesh on 04 November

1973 as the first Gulf country marked the beginning of excellent bilateral relations, which have since expanded into strong cooperation in human resources, trade, investment, development, energy, defence, and other key sectors.

Military cooperation remains a proud pillar of our partnership. Bilateral defence ties date back to 1990, when Bangladeshi forces joined the coalition to liberate Kuwait. Their contributions in the post-Gulf War period, particularly in landmine clearance, and medical support during the COVID-19 pandemic remain highly valued.

Today, Bangladesh Military Contingents continue to serve alongside the Kuwait Armed Forces under Operation Kuwait Punargathan (OKP), contributing to engineering, IT, security, medical and related fields.

I am confident that the close relations between our two friendly countries will continue to grow and expand for the mutual benefit of our peoples. On this auspicious occasion, I pray to the Almighty for the continued good health and happiness of His Highness the Amir and for the lasting peace, progress, and prosperity of the brotherly people of Kuwait.

Major General Syed Tareq Hussain, OSP, awc, psc
Ambassador of Bangladesh

 **Belgium** 

I extend to the State of Kuwait, its leaders, and the friendly Kuwaiti people my sincere and heartfelt wishes for good health, success, and prosperity.

Kuwait's National Day and Liberation Day are not just official holidays; they are profound expressions of national identity and a reflection of the path the nation has taken in terms of resilience and independence.



Belgium is honored to have supported Kuwait in its liberation war and to have assisted the country in international forums. I am grateful and honored to be here and to participate in this important celebration. I wish you all a happy National Day and a joyful Liberation Day

H. E. Christian Doom
Ambassador of Belgium

 **Botswana** 

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Botswana, and indeed on my own behalf, I have the honor to extend to Your Highness, and through you to the Government and friendly people of the State of Kuwait, my warmest congratulations and best wishes on the Occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait.



These historic occasions provide a valuable opportunity to reflect upon the remarkable achievements of the State of Kuwait and the resilience and unity of its people. Botswana greatly values the cordial relations and bonds of friendship that exist between our two countries, and looks forward to

further strengthening cooperation for the mutual benefit of our peoples. May I therefore, wish the friendly people of the State of Kuwait best wishes to their leadership, good health and continued prosperity, and lasting peace.

Mr. Amangwe O. Madisakwana
Charge d Affaires - Embassy of the Republic of Botswana

 **Brazil** 

I extended my heartfelt congratulations to His Highness the Amir, to His Highness the Crown Prince and to the people of Kuwait on the occasion of Kuwait's 65th National Day and the 35th anniversary of Liberation. This is an occasion for justified national pride, as our Kuwaiti friends celebrate the date when their country joined the international community as a sovereign nation, having built a modern, prosperous state.



I am pleased to note the convergence of principles that guide both Kuwait's and Brazil's foreign policy, such as respect for the sovereignty of nations, for the rule of law and for the goals and principles of the United Nations

Charter. Additionally, Kuwait's commitment to dialogue and cooperation is a concrete and effective contribution to the region and the world. In particular, I would like to commend Kuwait's international cooperation, with humanitarian and development initiatives which extend well beyond the region to benefit countries in different areas of the world. In that regard, I can say that Brazil stands ready to work with Kuwait in bringing technical cooperation for development to third countries, in line with the great work that is done by Kuwait's KFAED and Brazil's ABC cooperation agencies. I also note that bilateral relations continue to move forward, with trade between Brazil and Kuwait in January having reached a fifteen-year record for that month and with several bilateral agreements under negotiation. As I again congratulate our Kuwaiti friends on the national date, I would like to extend my best wishes of peace and blessings to all in the holy month of Ramadan.

H.E. Rodrigo d'Araujo Gabsch
Ambassador of Brazil

 **Canada** 

On the occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I am honored, on behalf of the Government and the people of Canada, to extend my warmest

congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait, and to the Government and the friendly people of Kuwait. As Kuwait commemorates its liberation, Canada proudly recalls its role as a key member of the international coalition in 1991, when approximately 4,500 Canadian Armed Forces personnel were deployed to help restore Kuwait's sovereignty—reflecting Canada's steadfast commitment to multilateral cooperation and a rules-based international order. The shared experience of 1991 forged enduring ties of trust and partnership between our two countries, both at the military and people-to-people levels. Today, this legacy continues through our close cooperation in regional and international security and in addressing emerging threats. Kuwait remains an important strategic partner for Canada in the Arab Gulf region, notably through hosting the Canadian Armed Forces' Operational Support Hub at Ali Al Salem Air Base, which provides pivotal support to Canada's regional operations.



As these national celebrations coincide with the holy month of Ramadan, I would also like to convey my sincere wishes to His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince, and the people of Kuwait for a blessed and peaceful Ramadan. May this special time bring reflection, unity, and continued prosperity to Kuwait and its people.

H.E. Tara Scheurwater
Ambassador of Canada

 **Cuba** 

On the occasion of the advent of the holy month of Ramadan, and as the State of Kuwait commemorates the 65th anniversary of its National Day and the 35th anniversary of its Liberation Day, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and sincere best wishes to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness the Crown Prince, the Government, and the brotherly people of Kuwait.



These national milestones reflect the strength, resilience, and unity of the Kuwaiti people, as well as the wisdom of its leadership, which has guided the country toward stability, progress, and a distinguished role in promoting peace and humanitarian values at both regional and international levels. The coincidence of these cherished national celebrations with the holy month of Ramadan

gives this period a special meaning, as Ramadan embodies noble values of solidarity, compassion, coexistence, and mutual respect—principles that are deeply rooted in Kuwaiti society.

I also express my appreciation for the friendly relations between the Republic of Cuba and the State of Kuwait, and affirm the shared commitment to strengthening dialogue, cooperation, and understanding between our two nations in areas of mutual interest. I wish the State of Kuwait continued security, prosperity, and success, and I extend my heartfelt greetings to the Kuwaiti people and to all those observing the holy month of Ramadan, hoping it will be a time of peace, reflection, and renewed hope. Ramadan Mubarak, and may Kuwait always remain a land of harmony and generosity.

H.E. Perez Torres
Ambassador of Cuba

 **Cyprus** 

On the auspicious occasion of the celebration of the 65th anniversary of the National Day and the 35th anniversary of the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as on my own behalf, I have the great honor and pleasure to convey to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Government and the friendly people of Kuwait, our warmest congratulations and best wishes.

Cyprus and Kuwait are like-minded countries that strongly

support the primacy of international law and the adherence to the UN Charter, having both suffered from the painful and traumatic experience of invasion and occupation. Furthermore, Cyprus and Kuwait enjoy longstanding ties of friendship and have established close cooperation at the bilateral and multilateral levels, built on common experiences, shared values, mutual respect and respect to international law.



I am certain that the excellent relations between Cyprus and Kuwait will continue to prosper and intensify in the years ahead, for the mutual benefit of our countries and peoples. In this respect, I will spare no effort to help our relations propel to new heights. Last but not least, I would also like to take this opportunity and wish His Highness good health, long life and happiness, and to the friendly people of Kuwait continuous progress, peace and prosperity, under his wise and visionary leadership.

H.E. Andreas Panayiotou
 Ambassador of Cyprus



Czech Republic



On behalf of the government and the people of the Czech Republic, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, and His Highness Prime Minister Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, and the people of Kuwait

on the occasion of Kuwait's 65th National Day and 35th Liberation Day.

These two days represent pivotal moments in Kuwait's history. More than three decades ago, the Czech forces worked together in an international coalition to liberate Kuwait, and to protect principles of freedom and sovereignty on its territory. The Czech Republic put solid ground to the friendship, mutual respect and cooperation in relations between the two countries and these principles will continue and deepen in the coming future. I look forward to the celebrations, when Kuwaiti pride is even more visible in every home, on every building, and on every street.

H.E. Juraj Chmiel
 Ambassador of the Czech Republic



Egypt

On the occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I extend warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and to the brotherly Kuwaiti people. This cherished national occasion represents a shining milestone in the history of the brotherly State of Kuwait. We recall with deep appreciation the journey of progress and achievement, and the comprehensive renaissance and sustainable development realized under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir, which has solidified Kuwait's regional and international standing and strengthened its active role in supporting joint Arab action.

As the Arab Republic of Egypt joins the State of Kuwait in its celebrations, it affirms its profound pride in the strong historical

and fraternal relations that bind the two brotherly countries. These relations are founded on solid principles of mutual respect, close coordination, and fruitful cooperation in various fields, reflecting the enduring ties between the Egyptian and Kuwaiti peoples. We pray to God Almighty that this occasion will return to the sisterly State of Kuwait with more progress and prosperity, that He will perpetuate the blessing of security and stability upon it, and that He will protect its leadership and its noble people.

H.E. Mohamed Gaber Abou El Wafa
 Ambassador of Egypt



European Union

On behalf of the European Union Delegation in Kuwait, I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Sabah, the Government of Kuwait and the Kuwaiti people on the occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadan, Kuwait's 65th National Day and the 35th anniversary of its Liberation. The relationship between Kuwait and the EU is a special one. The bond between us has grown and evolved, as we mark this year the 40th anniversary of EU-Kuwait diplomatic relations. Over these four decades, we have built a strong foundation of trust, cooperation, shared values and enduring friendship. I am confident that this relationship will prosper for many years to come. The EU and Kuwait continue to work closely on regional peace and security, innovation, and efforts to address global challenges, reflecting a partnership built on dialogue, and mutual respect. I look forward to elevating our relationship even further through a Strategic Partnership Agreement, which we hope to start negotiating soon.



H.E. Anne Koinstein
 Ambassador of EU Delegation, Kuwait



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 **Georgia** 

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, the Crown Prince, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah, the Prime Minister, His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and to the Foreign Minister, Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, as well as to the people of Kuwait and to all our honorable Kuwaiti friends on the celebration of their beloved motherlands' liberty and freedom, marking 65th anniversary of independence and 34th anniversary of liberation.



Thus, on behalf of the Government of Georgia, I would like once again to commemorate this festive occasion to the Government and the friendly people of Kuwait and highlight that Georgia-Kuwait friendship and partnership is truly flourishing under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. As bilateral relations further enhance in political, economic, touristic and cultural dimensions, we look forward to building on this successful foundation.

On this glorious occasion, allow me to express my sincere praise to the Kuwait Government and people of Kuwait for astounding achievements and accomplishments thus far and wholeheartedly wish to the beautiful country, Kuwait continued peace, advancement and prosperity.

H.E. Noshervan Lomtadze
Ambassador of Georgia

 **Germany** 

Kuwait and its people are celebrating the sixty-fifth National Day, and the thirty-fifth anniversary of Liberation Day. On this distinguished occasion, we extend our warmest and most sincere congratulations to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness the Crown Prince, and His Highness the Prime Minister as well as the people of Kuwait.



Thirty-five years ago, Kuwait was liberated from occupation through the efforts of a broad international coalition—a historic moment that now lies more than a generation behind us. Since then, Kuwait has demonstrated remarkable resilience, steadily rebuilding and advancing with confidence toward the future.

We wish the State of Kuwait and its people continued peace, prosperity, and success, and we wish its leadership every success in guiding the country toward a bright and flourishing future.

H.E. Hans-Christian Freiherr von Reibnitz
Ambassador of Germany

 **Greece** 

On the occasion of the 65th National Day and the 35th Anniversary of the Liberation of Kuwait, allow me to convey the warm congratulations of the Government and the People of Greece to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.



These two anniversaries bear special significance, as they highlight the resilience and determination of the people of Kuwait, as well as their unwavering dedication and

commitment to safeguarding freedom and preserving national sovereignty. As Greeks, we take pride in the fact that our country actively participated in the Coalition of States whose action led to the Liberation of Kuwait. It is a distinct privilege for me, as Ambassador of Greece to the State of Kuwait, to acknowledge the excellent level of bilateral relations, founded upon mutual respect and shared principles, including adherence to international law and the peaceful coexistence of nations.

In today's rapidly evolving geopolitical environment, Greece and Kuwait stand together and work in close cooperation to promote peace and stability, both in the region and beyond.

H.E. Ioannis Ploutas
Ambassador of Greece

 **Guyana** 

The Embassy of Guyana in the State of Kuwait extends the warmest felicitations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait, the Government and all the people of the State of Kuwait on the National Day and Liberation Day of Kuwait.



Kuwait has distinguished itself through its consistent development efforts and admirable achievements at home and its growing stature in the global community. It is our fervent hope that the peace, progress and prosperity of Kuwait will continue unabated. Guyana looks forward to strengthening the amicable bonds of friendship and cooperation with Kuwait in the years ahead.

Congratulations! Long Live Kuwait!

H.E. Troy Torrington
Chargé d' Affaires, Embassy of Guyana

 **Hungary** 

On behalf of the Government of Hungary, we are pleased to extend our warmest congratulations to Kuwait and its people on the occasion of its Independence and Liberation Days, celebrated on 25th and 26th February.

Hungary highly values its friendly relations with Kuwait and the bilateral ties in various fields. Diplomatic relations were established more than sixty years ago and expanded to include agriculture, digitalisation, food security, energy, transportation and tourism sectors and we look forward to continuing our cooperation in further fields.



Also, on the blessed occasion of the advent of Ramadan, I pray to Almighty Allah to grant Their Highness good health and well-being, and to the brotherly and friendly people of Kuwait continued progress and happiness, as well as peace and prosperity to the State of Kuwait..

H.E. András Szabó
Ambassador of Hungary

 **Indonesia** 

On the auspicious occasion of the 65th anniversary of National Day and the 35th anniversary of Liberation Day, I have the distinct honor, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, to convey my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait; His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al Hamad Al Sabah, Crown Prince; His

Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Prime Minister; His Excellency Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs; as well as to the Government and the people of the State of Kuwait.

In 2025, I noted Kuwait's successful chairmanship of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which further enhanced the GCC's regional and international standing as a pillar of security, stability, and prosperity. Kuwait has also continued to play a significant role both regionally and globally, including through its humanitarian assistance to countries affected by disasters, conflicts, and wars. Kuwait's aid has been greatly felt by the people affected by these situations.



And as always, Kuwait's principled leadership and generosity have earned the deep respect of the international community. Regarding bilateral relations, we are exploring the possibility of holding our first political consultation in Indonesia in 2026, which we believe will further institutionalize and elevate our bilateral dialogue. Indonesia also remains committed to deepening cooperation with Kuwait in multilateral fora, including within the framework of ASEAN-GCC relations, reflecting our shared interest in promoting regional stability, economic growth, and constructive global engagement.

Earlier this year, from 16 to 22 January 2026, a delegation of top-ranked high school students from Kuwait, together with the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), conducted an educational visit and cultural immersion program in Indonesia, with destinations in Bandung and Jakarta. The visit, initiated by KFAED and supported by the Embassy of Indonesia, formed part of our joint efforts to strengthen bilateral relations, particularly in the areas of economy, culture, education, and human resource development.

The vibrant Indonesian community in Kuwait continues to serve as a living bridge of friendship between our two nations. Through their dedication, professionalism, and respect for Kuwaiti values and laws, they contribute positively to Kuwait's development while strengthening the bonds of mutual understanding between our peoples.

In this blessed and holy month of Ramadan, allow me to extend my warmest wishes and sincere congratulations to the Amir, His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, and to all Kuwaiti friends who observe the holy month. May Allah the Almighty accept our good deeds, grant us continued health and prosperity, and bless the State of Kuwait with enduring peace, unity, and progress.

Ramadan Kareem.

H.E. Lena Maryana
Ambassador of Indonesia

 **IOM** 

On behalf of UN Migration agency (IOM) in Kuwait, I am pleased to extend our warm congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and the people and Government of the State of Kuwait on the occasion of the 65th National Day and the 35th Liberation Day.

IOM is proud of its long-standing partnership with the State of Kuwait, built on decades of close cooperation, mutual respect, and shared commitment to humanitarian and development spheres. Kuwait has consistently been a strong supporter of IOM, demonstrating its unwavering dedication to humanitarian work, which is deeply embedded in Kuwaiti culture. This invaluable support has played a significant role in advancing our shared goals and making a positive impact on countless lives.

We wish Kuwait and its people continued peace, progress, and prosperity.

H.E. Mazen Aboulhasan
Chief of Mission, IOM-Kuwait



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 **Japan** 

I extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the government members, and the friendly people of Kuwait, on the occasion of Kuwait's National Day and Liberation Day.



The two occasions reinforce the values of solidarity and unity that have always been the foundation of Kuwait's stability. I firmly believe that Kuwait's rich history, marked by experiences and achievements, will continue to pave the way toward an even brighter and more prosperous future. Also, on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan,

I extend my sincerest congratulations to leadership and people of the State of Kuwait. This is my second Ramadan in Kuwait, and I have the privilege of experiencing first-hand the depth of the customs and traditions, which reflect the spirit of harmony and solidarity within Kuwaiti society. From the welcoming diwanias to the heartfelt Ramadan's Ghabqa and the exchange of 'Neqsa', these practices embody core values of generosity, unity, and community.

Ramadan in Kuwait seamlessly blends spirituality with social connection, highlighting the nation's rich cultural and religious heritage. Popular dishes like harees and jareesh, which adorn Iftar tables, add a special touch that reflects the authenticity of Kuwaiti cuisine.

Wishing Kuwait continued progress and prosperity ... Ramadan Mubarak

H.E. Mukai Kenichiro
Ambassador of Japan

 **Jordan** 

I extend my sincere congratulations to His Highness the Emir, His Highness the Crown Prince, and to the government and people of Kuwait on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan, which this year coincides with the country's national holidays.

The convergence of the holy month with Kuwait's independence and liberation anniversaries marks the significance of this occasion and reflects the nation's strong national cohesion, its prosperous development, and the wise leadership that has secured Kuwait's esteemed standing regionally and internationally.

I also reaffirm the deep and longstanding relations between the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the State of Kuwait, as well as our shared commitment to further strengthen these relations across all fields in the service of both nations' interest

H.E. Sinan Al-Majali
Ambassador of Jordan

 **Lesotho** 

On behalf of the Government and people of the Kingdom of Lesotho, and on my behalf, I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the leadership, Government, and the people of the State of Kuwait on the occasion of Kuwait's National Day and Liberation Day.



I take this opportunity to commend the State of Kuwait for its constructive role in promoting

peace, humanitarian cooperation, and international solidarity, and I look forward to the continued strengthening of the friendly relations between our two countries. I wish His Highness the Amir and the people of Kuwait continued progress, prosperity, and good health.

H.E. Manthabiseng Phohleli
Ambassador of Lesotho

 **Lithuania** 

On the auspicious occasion of the National and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I have the honor to convey my most sincere congratulations and warmest good wishes to the leadership and the people of Kuwait. The State of Kuwait is held in the highest esteem in Lithuania, and we deeply value the enduring bonds of friendship and cooperation between our nations. I wish Kuwait continued prosperity, stability, and success!



I am also pleased to note that the President of Lithuania Gitanas Nausėda and Foreign Minister Kęstutis Budrys have conveyed their congratulations to Kuwait's leadership.

H.E. Ramnas Davidonis
Ambassador of Lithuania

 **Malawi** 

On the joyous occasion of the Independence and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I extend my warmest congratulations and sincere best wishes to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Government, and the brotherly people of Kuwait.

These historic celebrations stand as a proud testament to Kuwait's resilience, unity, and remarkable progress. The enduring spirit demonstrated by the leadership and citizens of this great nation continues to inspire the region and the wider international community.

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Malawi, and in my capacity as Ambassador, I reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the cordial and mutually beneficial relations between Malawi and Kuwait. May the bonds of friendship between our two nations continue to grow from strength to strength. We wish Kuwait continued peace, prosperity, and success in the years ahead.

H.E. Younos Abdul Karim
Ambassador of Malawi

 **Malaysia** 

On this auspicious occasion of the 65th National Day and the 35th anniversary of the Liberation of the State of Kuwait, I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to the leadership, the government and the people of Kuwait.



I am confident that under His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait; His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait; and His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait's stewardship, the nation will continue to enjoy progress, developments and flourish to become a beacon of the Gulf as well as the world at large. The long-standing and

existing brotherly relations between Malaysia and the State of Kuwait which has been established since 1965 will be further cemented for the mutual benefits of our two countries.

May Allah the Almighty bestow upon the State of Kuwait and her people everlasting peace, stability and prosperity.

H.E. Alauddin Mohd Noor
Ambassador of Malaysia

 **Mexico** 

On behalf of the Government and people of Mexico, I extend my warmest congratulations and sincere best wishes to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Crown Prince, His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister, the Government and people of the State of Kuwait on the joyous occasion of the 65th anniversary of Kuwait Independence and 35th anniversary of the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait.

These important national anniversaries stand as proud symbols of Kuwait's sovereignty, resilience, and remarkable achievements.



Mexico highly values the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation that unite our two nations. Over the years, our bilateral relations have continued to grow in mutual respect, dialogue, and collaboration across various fields, reflecting our shared commitment to peace, development, and international cooperation.

As Kuwait celebrates these historic milestones, Mexico expresses its admiration for the country's ongoing progress, prosperity, and constructive role regionally and globally. We remain confident that the friendship between Mexico and Kuwait will continue to flourish for the benefit of both nations and peoples.

On this auspicious occasion, Mexico renews its sincere congratulations to the leadership, Government, and people of Kuwait, wishing the State of Kuwait continued success, prosperity, and progress, and reaffirming our commitment to further strengthening the bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two nations.

H.E. Eduardo Patricio Peña Haller
Ambassador of Mexico

 **Nepal** 

On behalf of the Government and people of Nepal, I have the great pleasure to extend our heartiest congratulations and warm greetings to the Government and the friendly people of the State of Kuwait on the auspicious occasion of the 65th National Day and the 35th Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait.

The longstanding friendship and cooperation between Nepal and Kuwait have fostered warm and cordial relations over the years. I am confident that our bilateral ties will continue to be further strengthened through enhanced engagement and collaboration based on mutual respect, understanding, and shared interests.

On behalf of the Nepali community in Kuwait, I take this opportunity to convey my sincere best wishes for the continued good health and personal well-being of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. I also wish the friendly people of the State of Kuwait continued peace, progress, and prosperity in the years ahead.

H.E. Ghana Shyam Lamsal,
Ambassador of Nepal

 Netherlands

I have the pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, and the people of Kuwait on the occasion of Kuwait's 65th National Day and 35th Liberation Day. These two anniversaries mark defining moments in the nation's history and stand as enduring symbols of sovereignty, resilience, and unity.



During the short time I have spent in Kuwait, I have witnessed firsthand the deep pride Kuwaitis hold for their country and their leadership. This sentiment is vibrantly reflected in the festive decorations across the nation,

with the national flag displayed with honor and buildings illuminated in its colors. The atmosphere of celebration strongly reminds me of the joyful spirit surrounding King's Day in the Netherlands. As I begin my mission in Kuwait, I look forward to building upon the already strong and flourishing relations between our two countries. My aim is to deepen existing avenues of cooperation while also opening new ones, strengthening the bond between our peoples and advancing a fresh chapter of friendship grounded in mutual respect and shared aspirations.

H.E. Weirish Ramseekh
 Ambassador of The Netherlands

 North Korea

On behalf of all staff of the Embassy and in my own name, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and blessings to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, the Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait, and to the people of Kuwait on the occasion of the Kuwaiti's National Day.



On this happy occasion we are proud to celebrate with the friendly Kuwaiti people this significant day, and wish Kuwait will achieve great success in its efforts to realize Vision 2035 and make the country even more prosperous, under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad

Al Jaber Al Sabah. I also hope that the friendly relationship between North Korea and Kuwait will develop favorably in accordance with the interests of the peoples of both countries.

H.E. Ju Myong Chol,
 Chargé d'affaires, Embassy of North Korea

 Peru

On the joyful occasion of the National Day and the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, the Government and the people of the Republic of Peru extend their warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, may Allah bless him with health and wisdom; to His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah; to His Highness the Prime Minister His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah;



to His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs; and to the friendly Government and people of the State of Kuwait.

Peru celebrates with the people of Kuwait these auspicious anniversaries that symbolize national unity, freedom, and progress. May Almighty Allah continue to grant the State of Kuwait enduring peace, prosperity, and success under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir.

The Government and the people of Peru reaffirm their sincere appreciation for the bonds of friendship and cooperation that unite our two countries and express their best wishes for the continued well-being and happiness of the Kuwaiti people.

Mabrouk on this glorious occasion.

H.E. Carlos Jiménez Gil Fortoul
 Ambassador of Peru

 Poland

I wish to extend my congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-

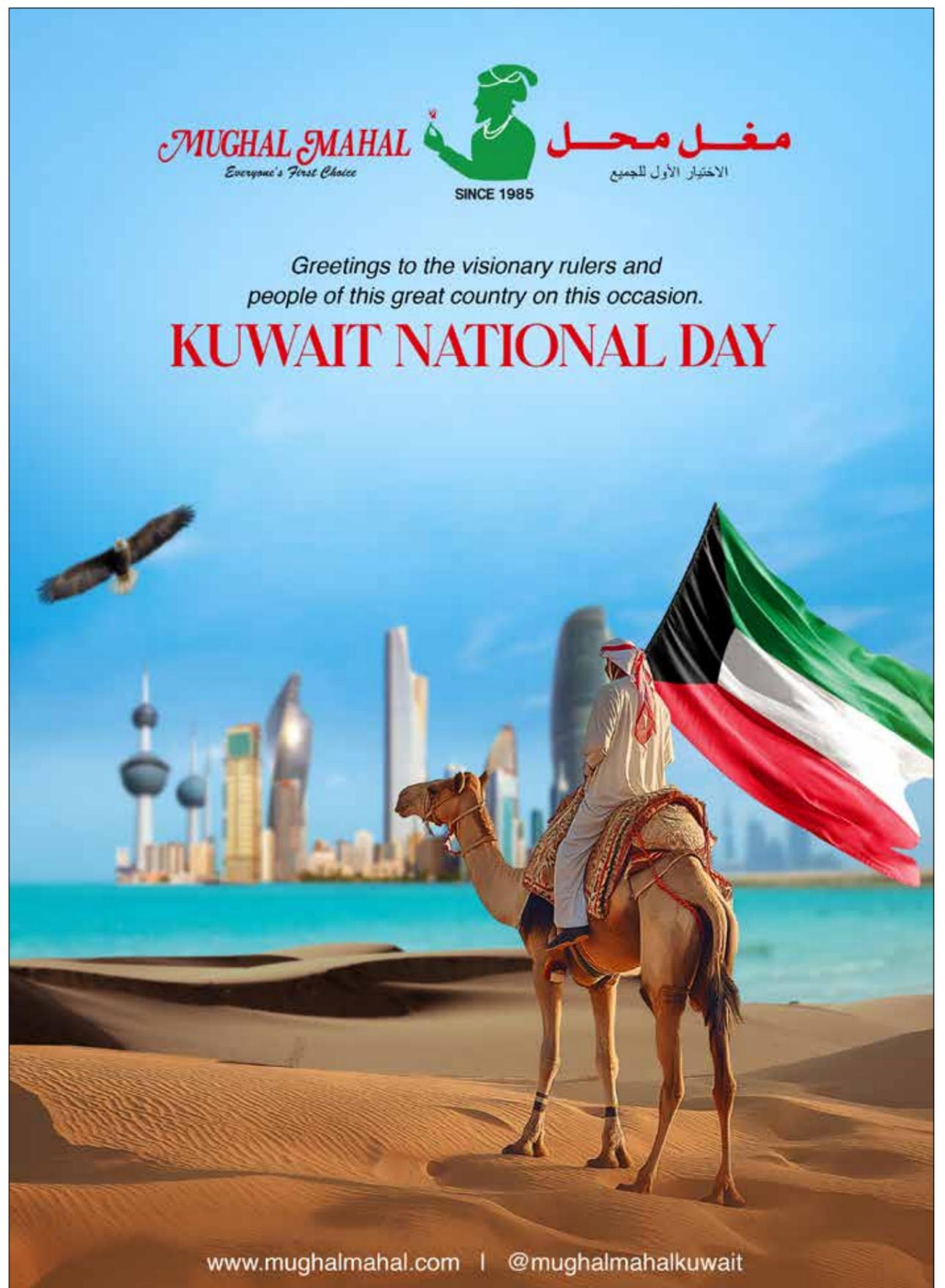
Ahmad Al-Sabah, as well as to the Government and people of the State of Kuwait, on the occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day celebrations.

This cherished occasion reflects Kuwait's distinguished journey of achievement and progress that consolidated its role in promoting stability and international cooperation.

Poland takes pride in the ties of friendship and cooperation with Kuwait which are founded on mutual respect, shared interests, and constructive coordination across various fields. I express my aspiration to further advance this partnership in a manner that serves the interests of both countries and their friendly peoples. I wish continued prosperity and progress to the State of Kuwait. May it enjoy lasting security, stability, and sustainable growth.



H.E. Michał Cholewa
 Ambassador of Poland



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Russia


I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Kuwaiti leadership, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the members of the Council of Ministers and to the friendly people of Kuwait on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of Kuwait National Day and the 35th anniversary of Liberation Day.



It is particularly symbolic that these cherished national occasions coincide this year with the advent of the holy month of Ramadan. The celebrations this February are defined by a remarkable atmosphere of joy and national unity. The streets come alive with the colors of the Kuwaiti flag while families and friends gather to celebrate the nation's achievements and honor its history. Diwanias, social gatherings and public festivities become spaces where generations connect, memories are shared and the enduring values of unity are reaffirmed.

On these meaningful and symbolic days I once again convey my heartfelt wishes to Kuwait and its people for continued prosperity, well-being and success

H.E. Vladimir Geltov
Ambassador of Russia


Serbia


On the occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah and the Crown Prince His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Hamad Al Sabah, the government and people of Kuwait.



On this joyous day, we remember the sacrifices made by the heroes who shaped Kuwait's modern history and send our heartfelt wishes for a prosperous and secure future for Kuwait, with continued progress and prosperity. Wishing Kuwait and its people all the best, a Happy National Day and a Blessed Liberation Day.

H.E. Filip Katić,
Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of Serbia


Sierra Leone


In observance of the celebrations marking the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait on 25 and 26 February respectively, let me on behalf of His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, the Government and People of the Republic of Sierra Leone and on my own behalf, convey to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Government and People of the State of Kuwait, warmest felicitations, prosperity and happiness on the historic and momentous occasion. I pray for His Highness the Amir's continued good health and wisdom.



The Republic of Sierra Leone and the State of Kuwait have enjoyed longstanding bilateral ties. I am delighted to recall that Sierra Leone was also a part of the landmark Liberation of the State of Kuwait. I would like to express my profound thanks and appreciation to the Government and the friendly people of the State of Kuwait for the enormous support that the Republic of Sierra Leone has received in her development trajectory.

It is, therefore, my fervent hope that the cordial relations between our two-sisterly countries will continue to further

strengthen and deepen for the mutual benefit of our two peoples and countries.

I pray that Allah continues to bestow peace and security, love and prosperity to the State of Kuwait as well as the Muslim Ummah during this Holy Month of Ramadan.

H.E. Haja Ishata Thomas
Ambassador of Sierra Leone


South Africa


On the occasion of the 65th National Day and the 35th Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I am pleased to convey the warmest greetings and sincere congratulations from the Government and people of South Africa to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and the people of the State of Kuwait.



I wish His Highness the Amir continued good health and reaffirm South Africa's commitment to strengthening the longstanding bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two countries.

I am confident that our bilateral relations will continue to deepen in the year ahead as we work together to advance our shared priorities of economic growth, social development, and mutual prosperity.

Please accept, Your Highness, the assurances of the highest consideration, and the best wishes to the people of the State of Kuwait for continued progress, prosperity, and lasting peace.

H.E. Sibongile Ngobeni
Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of South Africa


South Korea


On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Korea, I extend my warm congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, to His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, to His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and to the Government and people of the State of Kuwait on the occasion of Kuwait's National Day and Liberation Day.

Korea and Kuwait share a long-standing, deeply rooted friendship built on trust, mutual respect, and shared values. During the darkest time following Iraq's invasion, Korea stood firmly with the international community in support of Kuwait's sovereignty and independence. Korea provided financial support, humanitarian aid, and air transport assistance, helping deliver relief and aid to those affected. In the years that followed, Korea continued to support Kuwait's reconstruction and development, reflecting solidarity in both hardship and progress.

Our peoples share the experience of overcoming external aggression and rebuilding stronger, forming the foundation of an excellent partnership based on trust, resilience, and cooperation. Today, our relations continue to flourish across energy, infrastructure, healthcare, investment, and innovation. I am confident that the bonds between Korea and Kuwait will continue to deepen, bringing lasting benefits to both nations.



H.E. Hyejin Kim
Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Embassy of South Korea


Sri Lanka


On behalf of the people of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and on my own behalf, I wish to extend my

heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah and to the people of Kuwait on the occasion of the National Day and the 35th anniversary of the Day of Liberation of the State of Kuwait.



Sri Lanka always stands with the State of Kuwait in finding solutions in regional and global issues and continues as a trustworthy partner. Sri Lanka ranks the fifth largest foreign community in Kuwait and Sri Lankans are committed to extend their fullest support for all development goals of the State of Kuwait and to make their contribution for shared benefits of both nations. I further extend to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait and the friendly people of Kuwait my best wishes for good health, progress, and continued prosperity

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H.E. Lakshitha Ratnayake
Ambassador of Sri Lanka


Switzerland


On behalf of the Swiss Government, I have the honor and pleasure of extending our heartfelt wishes to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad, the Amir of Kuwait, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah, and the Government and People of Kuwait on the occasion of their national celebrations.

This year, 2026, we are also proud to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our excellent diplomatic relations, founded on solid bonds of friendship and mutual cooperation in various fields, for the benefit of both nations and their peoples.

On these festive days, we wish the people and the State of Kuwait many more years of peace and prosperity, wisely continuing on the path of balanced development that places human beings, their values, and their dignity at its center.



H.E. Dr. Tiziano Balmelli
Ambassador of Switzerland


Tanzania


On the occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and the leadership, government, and people of the State of Kuwait.

This important national celebration also offers an opportunity to recall with appreciation Kuwait's remarkable journey of development and progress since independence, through which the country has built a modern and prosperous nation while maintaining its valued traditions and unity.

This occasion reflects Kuwait's remarkable development achievements and its continued humanitarian and diplomatic contributions in promoting stability and peace in the region and beyond.

We value the friendly relations and cooperation between the United Republic of Tanzania and the State of Kuwait and look forward to further strengthening our partnership in areas of mutual interest.

The Embassy is pleased to join the people of Kuwait in celebrating this special occasion and wish the State of Kuwait continued peace, prosperity, and progress.



H.E. Saidi Hussein Massoro
Ambassador of Tanzania



Togo

On the auspicious occasion of the 65th anniversary of National Day and the 35th anniversary of Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Togo and the Togolese people as well as on my own behalf, I have the great honor and pleasure to extend my heartiest and warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness, the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, to the Government and to the friendly Kuwaiti people.



The Togolese Republic and the State of Kuwait have always enjoyed friendly relations and good cooperation and as Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Togolese Republic to the State

of Kuwait, I am confident that the existing bonds of friendship and good cooperation will be further enhanced for the mutual benefits of our two countries. May I take this opportunity to wish to His Highness good health, well-being and to the friendly Kuwaiti people continued progress and prosperity.

H.E. Edoh Eza
 Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of Togo



Türkiye

On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait. These significant days symbolize the unity, resilience, and the stability of the friendly and brotherly people of Kuwait.



I also recall and honor the memory of those who lost their lives during the occupation in 1990. Türkiye stood firmly by Kuwait from the very first moments of the crisis, swiftly implementing economic and diplomatic measures which demonstrated our concrete commitment to Kuwait's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The deployment of a large military contingent to Türkiye's southern border further underscored the seriousness of this stance. The fact that the Turkish Embassy was among the last to depart Kuwait during the occupation remains a lasting symbol of genuine solidarity between our two nations.

Türkiye and Kuwait enjoy a solid and long-standing relationship built on mutual respect and brotherhood. Viewing the ever-developing brotherly relations among the two countries, under the visionary leadership of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal, our bilateral ties have advanced to the level of a strategic partnership, strengthened further by high-level visits, institutional cooperation mechanisms, and growing economic interaction. On this meaningful occasion, I once again congratulate the State of Kuwait and convey my sincere wishes for peace, prosperity, and wellbeing to the brotherly Kuwaiti people. Türkiye will continue to stand by Kuwait today and in the years ahead, as it has always done.

H.E. Tuba Sonmez
 Ambassador of Türkiye



United Nations

On behalf of the United Nations Office and agencies in the State of Kuwait, I extend my sincere congratulations to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince, Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al Hamad Al Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister, Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, as well as to the people of Kuwait and our valued partners, as we proudly celebrate Kuwait's National and Liberation Days in 2026.

These historic occasions reflect Kuwait's lasting legacy of unity, resilience, and visionary leadership. They also reaffirm Kuwait's meaningful contributions to regional and global peace, humanitarian action, and sustainable development, in line with Kuwait Vision 2035 and the shared priorities



of the United Nations. The United Nations remains firmly committed to deepening its longstanding partnership with the State of Kuwait, advancing inclusive and sustainable development, strengthening multilateral cooperation, and supporting a peaceful and prosperous future for all. May these national days continue to inspire pride, solidarity, and renewed determination, guiding Kuwait toward even greater achievements in the years ahead.

H.E. Ghada Eltahir
 United Nations Resident Coordinator



I am honored to extend my congratulations and sincere best wishes to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and to His Highness the

Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and to the Government and people of Kuwait on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of Independence and the 35th anniversary of Liberation. UNHCR takes great pride in its longstanding and strategic partnership with the State of Kuwait, built over more than three decades of close cooperation. Kuwait has consistently demonstrated distinguished humanitarian leadership and active diplomacy at both regional and international levels.

The generous support provided by the State of Kuwait through UNHCR has had a profound impact on tens of millions of refugees and forcibly displaced people worldwide, particularly in crises such as Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Bangladesh, Somalia, Ukraine and Afghanistan. On this cherished national occasion, we look forward to continuing this constructive humanitarian partnership and wish the State of Kuwait continued security, stability and prosperity.



H.E. Nisreen Rubaian,
 UNHCR Representative to Kuwait

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On the joyous occasions of the 65th National Day and the 35th anniversary of Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I am deeply honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations and warmest wishes to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah

Al-Khalid Al Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmed Al-Abdulla Al-Sabah and to the proud and resilient people of Kuwait.

These historic milestones are not only celebrations of national achievement, but powerful reminders of Kuwait's steadfast spirit, unity, and enduring commitment to sovereignty and dignity. National Day marks the remarkable progress of a nation that has built a legacy of constitutional governance, development, and social



harmony. Liberation Day stands as a tribute to the courage, solidarity, and unwavering faith of the Kuwaiti people in defending their homeland and preserving their freedom.

Kuwait today continues to embody stability, compassion, and forward-looking vision. Under the

wise leadership of His Highness the Amir, the nation advances confidently toward sustainable development, empowerment of its people, and meaningful engagement with the international community. Kuwait's humanitarian leadership, balanced diplomacy, and commitment to dialogue reflect the noble values upon which the country was founded.

As Managing Editor of The Times Kuwait, I take immense pride in being part of a media platform that reflects the diversity, vibrancy, and aspirations of Kuwaiti society. We remain committed to upholding professional integrity, fostering constructive discourse, and supporting the continued growth and prosperity of this beloved nation.

On this proud national celebration, I pray for the continued health and success of His Highness the Amir, enduring peace and stability for Kuwait, and ever-greater achievements for its people.

May Kuwait continue to shine as a beacon of unity, generosity, and progress for generations to come.

Sheikha Suhaila Al Sabah
Managing Editor, The Times Kuwait



USA



On behalf of the United States of America, I congratulate His Highness Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Jaber Al Sabah and the Kuwaiti people on the occasion of Kuwait's National Day and Liberation Day. These two days mark pivotal moments in Kuwait's history, celebrating the founding of the modern Kuwaiti state and commemorating the anniversary of its liberation.

Thirty-five years ago, the guns fell silent in Kuwait as the last of Saddam Hussein's defeated legions fled north across the border. An international coalition, led by nearly 700,000 American soldiers, shattered the dictator's war machine and restored freedom to Kuwait. We honor those who fought, suffered, and died for the freedom the Kuwaiti people enjoy today. That shared struggle reinforced a US-Kuwait relationship built on a foundation of trust, cooperation, and shared interests. Today, our defense partnership, the legacy of Desert Storm, has evolved to deliver training and advanced American technologies that strengthen Kuwait's Armed Forces and contribute to regional security.



And our partnership extends well beyond security: Kuwaiti businesses invest and operate across the United States, American companies are embedded in Kuwait's core industries and daily economy, and thousands of Kuwaiti students educated at US universities have gone on to lead and build across government,

business, and society. Together, we work to drive growth and build a better future for both our nations. This year, as Kuwait celebrates its 65th National Day, America will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Since that day in 1776, our founding ideals have shaped our interaction with the world, leading to American diplomacy that protects our national interests by promoting global peace, security, and prosperity. Just as the United States answered Kuwait's call in 1991, our leadership is shaping a free and open world today, and we thank His Highness the Amir for boldly accepting the invitation to the President's Board of Peace. The United States and Kuwait are moving forward together into a bright future. Here's to 35, 65, and 250 more years as friends and allies. I extend my most sincere best wishes to the leadership and people of Kuwait. On behalf of the United States of America, congratulations on this historic anniversary. I look forward to fostering stronger and deeper ties between our countries and peoples

H.E. Steven Butler
Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of United States of America



Ukraine



On the occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the friendly people of Kuwait. These historic days symbolize the unity, resilience, and unwavering spirit of the Kuwaiti nation. They stand as a tribute to Kuwait's proud history, remarkable achievements, and steadfast commitment to global peace and stability. The people of Ukraine remember with deep respect Kuwait's courage and determination during the difficult days of aggression and occupation. Ukraine was proud to stand in solidarity with Kuwait by contributing a Ukrainian Battalion of radiological, chemical and biological defense to the international efforts following liberation—a reflection of our principled commitment to international law and collective security. On this solemn occasion, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy has conveyed his official congratulations to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait and His Highness the Crown Prince. In addition, the Prime Minister of Ukraine Ms. Yuliia Svyrydenko has sent a congratulatory telegram to the Prime-Minister of the State of Kuwait His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah. As Ukraine continues to defend its sovereignty and independence, we deeply value the friendship and constructive partnership between our two friendly nations. I wish the State of Kuwait continued progress and prosperity, and its people enduring peace, stability, and well-being.

H.E. Dr. Maksym Subkh
Ambassador of Ukraine



Uzbekistan



On the occasion of the commencement of the holy month of Ramadan, the 65th National Day and 35th Liberation Day, I am honored to extend sincere greetings and best wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and to the brotherly people of the State of Kuwait.

This blessed month, marked

by reflection, devotion, and compassion, stands as a profound reminder of the shared values that unite our nations and peoples. May this sacred month of Ramadan, and the joyous occasions of National and Liberation Days bring continued peace, prosperity, and spiritual fulfillment. I pray to Almighty Allah that the days ahead be filled with abundant blessings, and that the bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two countries continue to deepen and flourish. Ramadan Mubarak.

H.E. Ayubkhon Yunusov
Ambassador of Uzbekistan



Viet Nam



On behalf of the Government and people of Viet Nam, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and sincere best wishes to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, on the momentous occasion of the 65th anniversary of Kuwait's Independence and the 35th anniversary of the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait. These important national anniversaries stand as proud symbols of Kuwait's sovereignty, resilience, and outstanding achievements.

Viet Nam attaches great importance to the strong bond of friendship and cooperation that unites our two nations. The year 2026 holds special significance for both Viet Nam and Kuwait as we jointly celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. Over the past half-century, the relationship between Viet Nam and Kuwait has achieved remarkable outcomes, evolving from humble beginnings into a deep, strategic partnership strengthened by shared values, mutual trust and friendship. As Kuwait celebrates these historic milestones, Viet Nam expresses its admiration for the country's ongoing progress and constructive role at both regional and global stages. We strongly believe that, under the leadership of His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Kuwait will continue to reach the new height of development and prosperity, and the Viet Nam-Kuwait friendship and cooperation will unceasingly flourish for the benefit of both nations and our peoples. We wish His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, always good health and happiness. We also wish the people of Kuwait everlasting peace and prosperity, while reaffirming our commitment to further promote the multi-faceted relations between our two countries in the future.

H.E. Dr. Duc Thang Nguyen
Ambassador of Viet Nam



Serbia, Kuwait relations reflect 63 Years of Friendship, a Future of Opportunity

The Times Kuwait Report

In a recent interview with The Times Kuwait, Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Serbia, Filip Katić spoke about the enduring partnership between Serbia and Kuwait, the significance of Serbia's Statehood Day, and the importance of EXPO 2027 for Serbia and the wider region. Reflecting on Serbia-Kuwait relations, Katić emphasized that the bilateral partnership rests on long-standing trust, sincere friendship, and mutual respect spanning more than six decades. Diplomatic relations were established in 1963 and have developed steadily and without interruption ever since. This is something that Serbia considers as a particularly valuable achievement.

This year marks 63 years of friendly relations between the two countries and Serbia views Kuwait as an important partner in the Gulf region. Our cooperation has evolved naturally over time, grounded in mutual understanding and a long tradition of collaboration. One of the most visible symbols of this historic friendship is the iconic Kuwait Towers, built by Yugoslav companies. The Kuwait Towers are often highlighted as a symbol of our friendship and remain a lasting reminder of close cooperation and mutual confidence," Katić explained. Looking ahead, he underlined the potential for further strengthening ties in tourism, sports, culture, and agriculture. "These are areas

where we see meaningful opportunities for joint projects and exchange of experience. There is strong potential to deepen cooperation in ways that benefit both nations."

Speaking about Serbia's Statehood Day, celebrated on 15 and 16 February, Katić described it as a holiday with profound historical and symbolic meaning. "The 15th of February, known as Sretenje, marks the beginning of modern Serbian statehood. It also commemorates the adoption of the Sretenje Constitution in 1835, one of the most advanced constitutional acts of its time in Europe. This represented an important step toward building a modern and well-organized state." For Serbia, the holiday is both a reflection on its historical journey and an affirmation of its contemporary values. "This occasion allows us to look back with pride, but also to highlight the importance of friendship and mutual respect that Serbia and Kuwait have nurtured for many years. The relationship is built on understanding and goodwill, which gives strength to our bilateral cooperation and encourages its further development."

Turning to the future, Katić highlighted the significance of Expo 2027, which Serbia will host in Belgrade. Recognized as a Specialized Expo by the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE), it will be the first event of its kind held in Southeast Europe.



He added, "This represents special recognition for Serbia and an important milestone for the wider region. Its symbolic value is considerable, as it positions Serbia as a meeting point between regions and cultures. The theme of the exhibition, 'Play for Humanity – Sport and Music for All', underscores the universal role of sport and music in connecting people across cultures and traditions. "More than 127 countries have already confirmed participation, and we expect

over 135 participants in total. We are particularly encouraged by the strong interest from Gulf and Arab countries, including Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, as well as Egypt, Yemen, Libya, Sudan, and many other friendly nations," he said.

According to him, EXPO 2027 is far more than an exhibition. "We see it as an opportunity for Serbia to become a hub of ideas, innovation, and cultural exchange. The event is expected to bring new momentum to tourism, investment, and infrastructure development, while leaving a lasting legacy through modern urban projects and strengthened international cooperation."

Concluding the interview, Katić reiterated that Serbia approaches both its bilateral partnerships and the organization of EXPO 2027 with responsibility and confidence.

"Our friendship with Kuwait is built on decades of trust and shared respect. As we celebrate important milestones in Serbia's history and prepare to host a global event like EXPO 2027, we remain committed to further strengthening our cooperation and building bridges between our regions."

With more than six decades of uninterrupted diplomatic relations and new opportunities on the horizon, Serbia-Kuwait ties continue to stand as a model of steady, respectful, and forward-looking international partnership.

A tribute to the Spirit of Kuwait: Celebrating National & Liberation Day

Every nation has defining moments that shape its identity — moments of courage, unity, resilience, and vision that echo across generations. In Kuwait, the 25th and 26th of February are not merely dates on a calendar; they are a powerful reminder of a nation's journey, its enduring strength, and the unbreakable spirit of its people.

As Kuwait celebrates its National Day and Liberation Day, all of us at Indian Heritage join the country in honoring this remarkable legacy. For over three decades, Indian Heritage has proudly called Kuwait home. While our roots are inspired by the timeless artistry of Indian textiles, our story has been written here — shaped by the values, culture, and aspirations of the Kuwaiti people. We are not just present in Kuwait; we are a Kuwaiti brand, built with the trust and patronage of generations of Kuwaiti customers.

From our earliest days serving local families to becoming a name embraced by women across the GCC, our journey has grown alongside this nation's own path of progress and transformation. Kuwait's openness, entrepreneurial spirit, and deep appreciation for quality and craftsmanship have allowed businesses like ours to flourish — creating opportunities, fostering innovation, and



strengthening community ties.

National Day is a celebration of identity — of heritage, leadership, and unity.

Liberation Day stands as a testament to resilience — a reflection of courage in the face of adversity and the collective determination that restored hope and sovereignty.

Together, these days remind us of the values that continue to define Kuwait: perseverance, generosity, and pride in tradition while embracing the future.

At Indian Heritage, we remain deeply grateful for the opportunity to contribute, in our own small way, to Kuwait's vibrant cultural and economic landscape. It is an honor to serve the women of this great nation — to design, curate, and offer fabrics and garments that reflect both tradition and modern elegance.

As Kuwait looks ahead toward an ambitious and inspiring future, we are committed to growing alongside it — continuing to uphold our values of quality, authenticity, and service in everything we do.

On this joyous occasion, we extend our warmest wishes to the people of Kuwait.



Bulgaria

two countries and peoples for more than six decades.

H.E. Dimitar Dimitrov
Ambassador of Bulgaria

During these special days when 'Hala Febrair' coincides with the holy month of Ramadan and Kuwait is so colorful in its festive attire, it gives me particular pleasure to extend to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al Abdulla Al-Sabah, the Foreign Minister Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al Ahmad, to the Government and the people of Kuwait our heartfelt congratulations on the 65th Kuwait's National Day and the 35th anniversary of the Liberation.

We extend sincere wishes for continued prosperity, progress and achievements to Kuwait and its friendly people. May this country remain an oasis of peace, stability and well-being, so widely admired for its support of the cause of humanism, development, and friendship.

We also look forward to further strengthening our bilateral dialogue and mutually beneficial cooperation with Kuwait in many fields of common interest, bringing to higher levels and further enhancing the friendly ties which exist between our



El Salvador

It is a profound honor for me to convey, on behalf of the People Land Government of the Republic of El Salvador, our heartfelt and most sincere congratulations to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, to His



Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Sabah, to the Government, as well as to the noble and friendly people of Kuwait, on the 65th National Day and the 35th Liberation Day. This occasion is a good opportunity to highlight the sincere friendship between our two countries, marked by shared values, while confidently auguring that our relationship will continue to flourish for the benefit of our peoples. I am firmly convinced that,

under Kuwait's visionary leadership, the Kuwaiti people will enjoy greater progress and prosperity in the future.

H.E. Juan Carlos Staben Boillat
Ambassador of El Salvador



Vatican

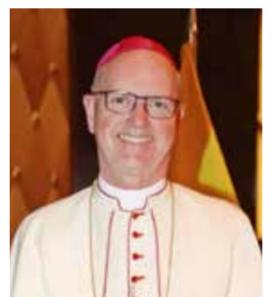
On the joyous occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I extend to His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince, to the Government and to the beloved people of Kuwait my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

Over the years, Kuwait has witnessed remarkable progress, marked by vision, resilience and commitment to development, stability and humanitarian leadership.

The recent visit of His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See (Prime Minister), when the Church of Our Lady of Arabia in Ahmadi was raised to the dignity of a Minor Basilica, stands as a further testament to Kuwait's longstanding tradition of openness and interreligious coexistence.

I pray that Almighty God will continue to bestow abundant blessings upon the State of Kuwait, granting the nation enduring prosperity, peace and harmony.

H.E. Archbishop Eugene Nugent
Apostolic Nuncio of the Vatican





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- Verona — beautiful piazzas, opera, history.
- Venice — canals and timeless beauty.
- Florence — art, architecture, Tuscan charm.

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