

Kuwait a beacon of peace, compassion in a troubled world

On 25 and 26 February, Kuwait celebrates the anniversaries of its 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day, as well as the 12th year of ascension of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. On this joyous occasion, The Times Kuwait extends hearty felicitations to the leadership, government and people of Kuwait.

Since becoming a sovereign nation in 1961, Kuwait has steadfastly striven to advance the economic, social and cultural development of its people while promoting peace, tolerance and coexistence among nations around the world. Pursuit of these noble ideals, along with an unwavering obligation to the fundamental social values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the dignity of the individual, as well as genuine compassion for the plight of people everywhere, irrespective of race, religion, gender or language, have made Kuwait a beacon of peace, tolerance and humaneness.

During the past 57 years, as Kuwait continued its steady march along the path of growth and development to ensure the wellbeing and prosperity of its people, the country's commitments to humanitarian causes and its adherence to the lofty principles of kindness

and generosity have been recognized globally. In 2014, the United Nations acknowledged this by conferring on Kuwait the befitting title of "an international humanitarian center" and His Highness the Amir was designated as a "humanitarian leader" of the world.

In his statement on accepting the honor from the United Nations on September 2014, His Highness the Amir expressed "appreciation for the gracious and unprecedented gesture towards the people and government of my country Kuwait, and towards me personally". He added the honor bestowed on him and the country were "a tribute to all the people of Kuwait in appreciation of their longstanding and ongoing benevolence".

He pointed out that since gaining independence and its consequent membership of the United Nations, the State of Kuwait had followed a steady approach in its foreign policy based essentially on providing humanitarian assistance to all needy countries, regardless of their geographic location, religious beliefs or ethnic origins.

He concluded by stating, "I also would like to renew the commitment of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations and its noble message of the preservation of international peace and security, the dissemination of the principles



of justice and equality, and ensuring a life of dignity and welfare to the peoples of the world."

Kuwait has been a valued, actively involved partner of the United Nations ever since it became the 111th member of the global organization in 1963. Immediately after the country's independence in 1961, Kuwait's leadership realized that a strong and robust

presence on the international diplomatic scene was pivotal to the country's survival and existence as a nation. Accordingly, one of the first decisions of the fledgling State of Kuwait was the establishment of a Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the appointment of then Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Salim Al-Sabah as the country's first Foreign Minister.

In 1963, following the appointment of Sheikh Sabah Al-Salim as Prime Minister, the role of foreign minister fell on the young shoulders of Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the present Amir. For the next forty years, until his appointment in 2003 as prime minister, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad served as the country's foreign minister, building and reinforcing diplomatic relations and spearheading the implementation of Kuwait's foreign policies with nations around the world. In his first speech following the hoisting of Kuwait's flag at the United Nations headquarters in New York, Sheikh Sabah said: "Kuwait's participation in international activities clearly indicates that our independence and our membership of the UN are not an end by themselves, but are rather a means by which Kuwait can share responsibility in improving the lives of the people in our country and in other countries."

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AL SHAHEED PARK

Al Shaheed Park is a project developed by Al Diwan Al Amiri and managed by LOYAC (Lothan Youth Achievement Center), who are undertaking and organizing community programs that focus on healthy living, education, empowerment and other cultural activities that encourage the exchange of international and regional arts.

The Park's main mission is to promote sustainability and teach the people of Kuwait to take better care of Kuwait's natural landscapes through interactive activities. Visitors will instantly notice the remarkable

difference in the landscapes that occur around The Habitat Museum, where the area showcases the different flora and fauna that natively grow in Kuwait, as well as a myriad of plant species that are projected to flourish in the same area, affirming the Park's aims and goals to promote sustainability.



The story of Al Shaheed Park dates back to when the Amiri Diwan initially wished to reclaim the country's previous greenbelt garden that once bordered Kuwait's original entry gates. This was then allocated as the country's green belt, which evolved into the green belt garden with the city's growth past the original city gates. The initial project entered different phases of development and evolution, and eventually became the original Al Shaheed Park to commemorate the country's martyrs.

A must visit here is the Thekra Museum, a historical museum that provides information about the country's historical battles, along with the invasion of 1990. Visitors are also at liberty to share their own experiences at a dedicated memorial center. The Park aims to preserve these memories as part of the park's legacy to Kuwait's people. Other than the Thekra Museum, Al Shaheed Park is home to the beautiful Constitution Monument



that commemorates the country's 53rd anniversary of the constitution's ratification, along with the Martyrs Monument that serves as a reminder to the country's most pivotal events, the proclamation of freedom and those who lost their lives in reclaiming and protecting Kuwait's freedom.

An open-air amphitheater, a designated visitor center, cafes, restaurants, gift shop, book shop and other cultural amenities further perpetuate the country's commitment to creating public spaces that serve its citizen's interests.

As a cultural platform, Al Shaheed Park serves to help people who are leading the cultural renaissance in Kuwait, by showcasing outdoor installations by local architects and designers. These installations are constantly incorporated into the park and its multi-purpose usage areas.

The pristine park is only a short walk away from the lush open grassy area that is called the Circle of Peace. The Constitution Monument garden is abundant with flora and fauna from around the world, where each row of plants symbolizes an article from Kuwait's constitution. There is also a renovated underground tunnel that initially connected Kuwait's first green belt; this passageway has been immaculately refurbished, incorporating stunning three-dimensional Portuguese tiles in shades of deep emerald green and calming jade.

Al Shaheed Park also prides itself on ensuring the safety of its patrons with a fully dedicated security team that is mindful of visitors' safety from its opening time up until its closing time. If you decide to take on a leisurely stroll through Al Shaheed Park but are not sure where to start, then do not hesitate to speak to any of their qualified tour guides and security officials on the premises. They are well trained, very friendly and are always around to offer a helping hand to visitors with any requests.





Heartiest felicitations and Warm wishes to
H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah
 Amir of the State of Kuwait
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AUSTRIA



On the occasion of Kuwait National Day and Kuwait Liberation Day it is my distinct pleasure and honor to convey on behalf of the people and the government of Austria the most sincere congratulations to the Kuwaiti leadership, the Kuwaiti government and the Kuwaiti people. May the State of Kuwait and its people continue to be blessed with prosperity, peace and a happy future under the wise leadership of H.H. the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

SIGURD PACHER
Ambassador of Republic of Austria



AZERBAIJAN



On behalf of the people and government of Azerbaijan and on my own behalf I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the brotherly people of Kuwait on the occasion of Kuwait's 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day.

I would like to note that under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Kuwait is confidently moving forward on the path of development in all spheres and is playing an active role in addressing international problems. On this joyful days taking this pleasant opportunity, I extend my best wishes and everlasting peace and prosperity to the brotherly people of Kuwait.

ELKHAN GAHRAMAN
Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan



BHUTAN



On the joyous occasion of the National Day and the Liberation Day of the friendly country of Kuwait, the Royal Family, the Government and the People of Bhutan, join me in sending our warm felicitations and Tashi Delek to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

Over the years, Kuwait has witnessed rapid development in various fields. Politically, the government has succeeded in establishing deep rooted principles of democracy, people's participation in decision making, freedom of speech and

expression. Economically, there is rapid progress in its path to transform the country into an economic and financial hub in the region. In diplomatic front, His Highness the Amir continues to be the leading voice on the world stage for peace, moderation and friendly relations.

I am confident that the close and deep rooted ties of friendship, understanding and cooperation between Bhutan and Kuwait, will continue to grow under the wise, dynamic and enlightened leadership of our two leaders, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of Kuwait and His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, King of Bhutan.

May I avail this opportunity to extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes for His Highness the Amir of Kuwait, His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister, personal well-being, happiness and health as well as for continued peace, progress and prosperity of the our friendly people of Kuwait.

TSHERING GYALTSHEN PENJOR
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BRAZIL



On behalf of the Government and the people of Brazil, I warmly congratulate His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the State of Kuwait and its people on the 57th anniversary of Kuwait's independence and the 27th anniversary of liberation. As this year also marks the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Brazil and Kuwait, I would like to express my strong hope that we will engage in new initiatives for the advancement and the benefit of our bilateral cooperation.

Kuwait is internationally recognized as a regional leader and one of the pillars of the stability in the Middle East. On this celebration day, I am convinced Kuwaiti people have all the reasons to be very proud of their country's history, achievements and deeds.

HAPPY NATIONAL DAY!

NORTON DE ANDRADE MELLO RAPESTA
Ambassador of Brazil

CZECH REPUBLIC



The Czech Republic is honored by the opportunity to once again celebrate the significant historical events of this beautiful and friendly nation's past, namely the 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day, alongside our friends here in the State of Kuwait. The people of the Czech Republic stood by their Kuwaiti friends during both these historic occasions. Not long after Kuwait's declaration of independence in 1961, then-Czechoslovakia became one of the first nations to formally recognize the new state on the world stage, and Czech soldiers stood side by side with the troops defending your nation from invasion in 1991. Just so, we will be standing by your side in all future endeavors as well!

We sincerely wish your entire nation many more years of further, successful development, and a life lived in lasting peace and prosperity for all your peoples!

MARTIN DVORÁK,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic

GEORGIA



On behalf of the Government and People of Georgia and on my own behalf, I have the honor to extend to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah my cordial congratulations on the occasion of the National Day and the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait.

I would like also to extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes on the 12th anniversary of His Highness the Amir's state leadership, and I have a special pleasure to congratulate Kuwait for the seat on the United Nations Security Council. I wish His Highness continued good health and the people of Kuwait continued blessing with peace, prosperity and happiness under His Highness's leadership.

On these notable occasions, I would like to reaffirm Georgia's desire to strengthen friendly and mutually beneficial relations with the State of Kuwait. I remain confident that through the joint efforts, bilateral ties between Georgia and Kuwait will be further deepened and enhanced for the mutual benefit of our two nations.

May I again offer congratulations to the people of Kuwait on the occasion of the National Day, and wish all a happy celebration.

ROLAND BERIDZE
Ambassador of Georgia

GREECE



I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to His Highness the Amir, the government and the people of Kuwait on the occasions of the 57th anniversary of the National Day and the 27th anniversary of the Liberation Day of Kuwait.

I fully share the importance of these two anniversaries to the national pride of the Kuwaiti people and to its endeavor towards a prosperous and peaceful society.

Kuwait's policy of moderation, prudence and mediation for a stable and secure environment in the Gulf area as well as in the wider region is an inspiration to us all.

Conveying the sentiments of deep friendliness of the Greek people, I wish to the Kuwait people every success to its aspirations.

ANDREAS PAPADAKIS
Ambassador of Greece

GUYANA



His Excellency the President, Prime Minister, Vice Presidents, Ministers, Citizens and the Embassy of the Republic of Guyana, in the State of Kuwait congratulates and extends best wishes and joys to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, members of the Ruling Family, Government and People of Kuwait on the 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day celebration.

May Allah grant bountiful blessings forever to all.

Long live Kuwait.

PROF. DR. SHAMIR ALLY
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Guyana

KENYA



I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait and the people of Kuwait on the occasion of the 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day. Under the exemplary leadership of His Highness the Amir, Kuwait remains an oasis of peace, political stability and economic growth in a region that is engulfed by conflicts.

I acknowledge with thanks the visionary leadership and compassion of H.H. the Amir for his outstanding leadership in spearheading the international humanitarian work that led to his recognition by the United Nations as a "Humanitarian Leader". The award is a clear indication of His Highness' outstanding act of kindness and generosity in humanitarian work for humanity. I once again wish His Highness the Amir, the very best of success as he continues with his outstanding leadership in support of humanitarian work.

The mediation efforts of His Highness the Amir in bringing peaceful resolutions to various conflicts in the region is a confirmation of his leadership of tolerance, dialogue and bringing people together. I further wish His Highness the very best in his peace mediation efforts in the region.

I wish His Highness the Amir and the people of Kuwait long life, good health, happiness, and lasting prosperity.

ALI ABBAS, MBS
Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya

KOREA



On behalf of the Government and People of the Republic of Korea, and on my own behalf, I have the great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations and warmest wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and the people of Kuwait on the auspicious occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence and 27th Anniversary of the Liberation of the State of Kuwait.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations in June 1979, the Republic of Korea and the State of Kuwait have over the years established a solid basis for prosperous and mutually beneficial cooperation. Therefore, it is my hope that the existing traditional long-standing bond of friendly relations and close cooperation between our two countries will be further strengthened and deepened in the years ahead for mutual benefits of our two peoples.

I also hope Kuwait to continue serving as an oasis of peace and welfare regionally and internationally, and to be a close and strategic partner for the Republic of Korea.

I wish you every success as well as long years of prosperity and well-being to the State of Kuwait. May I again offer congratulations to the Government and the people of Kuwait on this occasion, and send my best wishes for a happy anniversary celebration.

YOO YEONCHUL
Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea

KAZAKHSTAN



On behalf of the Government and all citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, I would like to extend to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah my heartiest congratulations and warmest best wishes on the auspicious occasion of Kuwait's National and Liberation Days, and that Kuwait continues to be blessed with peace and happiness under your leadership.

As a representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan, I want to congratulate Your Highness on Kuwait's new seat on the United Nations and say: We were happy to support the State of Kuwait's non-permanent membership in the UN Security Council.

May I again offer congratulations to the State of Kuwait, its leadership, people and government, on the auspicious occasion of the National and Liberations Days, and wish you all a happy celebration.

ALMAS ABDAMANOV
Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of The Republic of Kazakhstan

LAOS



On the glorious occasion of Kuwait celebrating the 57th National Day and the 27th Liberation Day, on behalf of the Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the State of Kuwait, I wish to extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes of happiness, stability and prosperity to His Highness the Amir, to His Highness the Crown Prince, to His Highness the Prime Minister, to the Government and Citizens of Kuwait.

Under the visionary and sagacious leadership of His Highness the Amir, the State of Kuwait has achieved tremendous progress that all friendly countries both in the region and in the world have highly appreciated. In this regard, I cannot forget to mention about the most outstanding and prominent role of His Highness the Amir in leading Kuwait to be the International Humanitarian Centre and His Highness the Amir as a Humanitarian Leader.

Furthermore, I have been impressed with the great and constant efforts of His Highness the Amir in terms of ending the crisis in Yemen and in terms of mediating the rift amongst GCC member States for regional security and the cooperative unity of the Gulf.

Let me finally conclude my message of greetings by extending again my best wishes for the continued progress and development of Kuwait. May I take this opportunity to renew my best wishes for good health, success and personal wellbeing to His Highness the Amir and other top leaders and friendly people of Kuwait.

Long live the spirit of 25 and 26 February.
Long live the Peaceful and Prosperous land of Kuwait.

PHOUANGKEO LANGSY
Ambassador of Lao PDR to the State of Kuwait

MALAYSIA



Malaysians in Kuwait join me in warmly congratulating the Government and the brotherly people of Kuwait on the auspicious occasions of the 57th National Day and the 27th Anniversary of the Liberation of the State of Kuwait.

Kuwait has always been a close and important friend of Malaysia. This special relationship is based on common interest and shared values, underpinned by mutual trust and respect.

Kuwait, under the wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, has shown extraordinary generosity in humanitarian assistance.

It is my honour to serve as Ambassador of Malaysia to the State of Kuwait. I pray to Allah, the Almighty for the long life and good health of His Highness the Amir and for the continued prosperity and peace of the State of Kuwait.

DATO' AHMAD ROZIAN ABD. GHANI
Ambassador of Malaysia

MALTA



On behalf of the Republic of Malta and its people, we are truly privileged and honored to celebrate alongside the friendly nation of the State of Kuwait and its people, the momentous milestone of the 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day celebrations.

On this historic occasion, the Embassy of the Republic of Malta wishes to extend to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes. We pray that His Highness continues to enjoy good health and that the people of Kuwait continue to be blessed with enduring peace, prosperity and happiness under the strong leadership and wisdom of His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait. Testament to this is Kuwait's resolute peace mediation efforts in the Gulf region and its recent admission to the United Nations Security Council.

PATRICK COLE
Ambassador of Republic of Malta

MEXICO



On behalf of Government and people of Mexico, I would like to extend to His Highness Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah my heartiest congratulations and best wishes on the auspicious occasion of Kuwait's National Day, wishing Your Highness' continued good health and the people of Kuwait continue to be blessed with peace, prosperity and happiness under Your Highness' leadership.

I want to congratulate Your Highness on Kuwait's new seat on the United Nations Security Council and for your leadership in promoting unity in the Gulf region.

May I again offer congratulations to the State of Kuwait (Leadership, Government and People) on the auspicious occasion of the National Day, and wish you all a happy celebration.

MIGUEL ÁNGEL ISIDRO
Ambassador of Mexico

NETHERLANDS



On behalf of the people and government of the Netherlands, I would like to extend sincere congratulations on the occasions of Kuwait's Independence and liberation Days, and to offer the

people of Kuwait best wishes for success, well-being and prosperity.

Kuwait can be rightly proud of its achievements since independence. The country has always been an example of stability and economic growth in a tension-ridden region. I wish Kuwait to continue serving as an oasis of peace and welfare in the region.

It is great to see with how much pleasure Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti are celebrating together not only the independence but also the liberation of the prosperous State of Kuwait. I had the honor to transmit to His Highness the Amir the heartfelt congratulations of the Netherlands King Willem Alexander on this special occasion. The joy of being free and independent is even more thrilling when one realizes that all over the world so many people are not living in a free land under peaceful circumstances. So countries as The Netherlands and Kuwait see it as an obligation to work relentlessly for a better world for everyone. Together our two countries join hands this year in the UN-security council and we are supporting His Highness the Amir in all his efforts to mitigate humanitarian suffering and to ease tensions between countries and people.

Wishing everyone joyful festivities!

FRANS POTUYT
Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

ROMANIA



On the occasion of the celebration of the 57th National Day and 27th anniversary of Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait it gives me distinct pleasure to convey to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, my sincere congratulations, my warmest wishes of good health, happiness and success, as well as to the high authorities of the State of Kuwait.

I extend my best wishes of peace and prosperity to the friendly Kuwait's people, particularly this year when we celebrate 55 years of historical relations between Romania and the State of Kuwait.

DANIEL TANASE
Ambassador of Romania

SERBIA



As the State of Kuwait is celebrating its 57th Anniversary of independence as well 27th Liberation Day, I would like to take

this opportunity, on this auspicious occasion, to congratulate the State of Kuwait and its great and proud people and wish them a peaceful and prosperous future under extremely wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait.

Representing friendly leadership and people of Serbia, I would like to express my sincerest feeling and proudness with very good relations in all fields, deep mutual respects, understanding and traditional long-lasting friendship established since independence of Kuwait. The peoples of the two countries share same aspiration for independence, freedom and peace. Both nations have been struggling very hard to achieve these noble goals. Using this auspicious occasion to refer about the role and contribution of H.H. the Amir of Kuwait with H.H. Crown Prince and leadership of the country in establishing better regional and international relations, as well decent life to Kuwaiti people, I have the pleasure to express my sincere appreciation and special congratulations for being humanitarian leader on the world scale and Kuwait as a humanitarian world center.

People of Kuwait can be proud of their country's generosity, and its friends, which happily include Serbian people too, who are sharing those feelings and happiness on foundation of friendship and continuous strongly growing relationship.

VLADIMIR KOHUT
Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia

SOUTH AFRICA



On the occasion of the 57th National and 27th Liberation Days of the State of Kuwait, I am pleased to convey to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Crown Prince, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Prime Minister, the Government and the people of Kuwait warmest greetings and sincere congratulations.

As I commend the strong ties between the State of Kuwait and the Republic of South Africa based on the principles of mutual understanding, consultation and respect, I affirm the keenness of the governments of the two friendly countries to strengthen the excellent bonds of friendship and partnership for the benefit of both countries.

We commend His Highness the Amir for his excellent humanitarian endeavors and political wisdom. In this regard, we would like to congratulate His Highness and the People of Kuwait for the successful Iraq Reconstruction Conference that was recently held in Kuwait as well His Highness's mediation efforts in the region.

Furthermore, the State of Kuwait's generosity to help distressed communities and countries is an example to us all, and being recognised as a Global Humanitarian Leader by the United Nations is a fitting tribute to His Highness, the government and the people of Kuwait.

Finally we ask the Almighty God to safeguard the State of Kuwait and to bless it with peace and prosperity under the wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

MZOLISA BONA
Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa



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 **TAJIKISTAN**



With great delight I would like to extend sincere and the most heartfelt felicitations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Government and the glorious people of the State of Kuwait on the graceful occasion of the 57th Kuwait's National Day and the 27th Liberation Anniversary and to offer the people of Kuwait best wishes for success, progress and prosperity.

Kuwait can indeed take pride in its visible progress it has made over this period of time under the prudent and wise leadership of His Highness the Amir. The State of Kuwait has become an example illustrating enduring peace, prosperity and harmony in the Arabian Gulf area. As Kuwait marks the auspicious occasions, I wish to highlight strong ties of cordial friendship and all-embracing relationships between Tajikistan and Kuwait. Kuwait has proven itself as a reliable, valued and trustworthy partner of Tajikistan on the international stage. I do strongly believe our bilateral relations in all areas of shared interest will be further diversified and strengthened in the years to come for the good of both nations.

Happy National Day and Liberation Anniversary.

DR. ZUBAYDULLO N. ZUBAYDOV
Ambassador of Tajikistan

 **THAILAND**



On the auspicious occasion of the 57th anniversary of National Day and the 27th anniversary of Liberation day of the State of Kuwait, I am honored and delighted to express heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the State of Kuwait and her people. We have witnessed with great admiration Kuwait's advancement and remarkable role, and are confident that the people of Kuwait continue to be blessed with peace and prosperity under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait.

Based on the close and cordial bond between the Kingdom of Thailand and the State of Kuwait for over 55 years, I strongly believe that our cooperation and relations happily existing will continue to deepen and further develop towards mutual prosperity for the benefit of our countries and people.

DUSIT MANAPAN
Ambassador of Thailand

 **TURKEY**



On behalf of the Government and people of Turkey as well as the Embassy and Turkish community in Kuwait, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and government and citizens of Kuwait on the occasion of Kuwait's National Day.

May Allah give His Highness the Amir best of health, happiness and long life and the nation of Kuwait continue to flourish in peace, prosperity and harmony under His Highness the Amir's wise and humanitarian leadership which extends the boundaries of Kuwait.

Turkey and Kuwait have enjoyed brotherly relationship for centuries. As the Turkish Ambassador in Kuwait, I can truly feel the unique nature of this special and excellent relationship between our countries.

In this spirit of cooperation, I wish His Highness the Amir personally and the people of Kuwait, good health, happiness and prosperity.

MRS. AYŞE HILAL SAYAN KOYTAĞ
Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey

 **UKRAINE**



Iwould like to express my congratulations on the occasion of the 57th anniversary of Kuwait's independence and 27th Liberation Day to the Kuwaiti Nation. I would especially like to extend my best wishes of good health and wellbeing to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who has been successfully leading the State since 2006.

The National Day of Kuwait is a double holiday for the Kuwaitis. From one side, it is a joyful event as it is the celebration of independence gained in 1961. It is a big pride for any nation in the world to be independent from foreign protectorates. On the other hand, this holiday reminds every citizen of Kuwait about both tragic events of foreign occupation and the happiness of liberation.

On the occasion of this bright holiday I wish long lasting prosperity, success and peace to the friendly people of Kuwait.

DR. VOLODYMYR TOLKACH
Ambassador of Ukraine

 **UNITED NATIONS**



Iwould like to congratulate The leadership, government and people of Kuwait on the celebration of the National and Liberation Days on

25 and 26 February. It is a special day for Kuwait and for the Leadership H.R.H The Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, The World Humanitarian Leader.

It also marks a special day for the United Nations of being proud that it supported the right of Kuwaiti people to their peace, prosperity and Security. The United Nations will always be standing and striving for the rights of people all over the world and building better, stronger and more peaceful communities for everyone and collaborating with countries (like Kuwait) and people around the world who support humanity and dignity anywhere.

During my first month here as Resident Coordinator it was very important and a blessing for me that during this month the highest officials of the UN visited Kuwait (The President of the General Assembly, The Secretary General, and many other Under Secretary Generals) this is because Kuwait is becoming an International Hub from which to promote peace, prosperity, development and humanitarian reconstructions. A country that is mastering diplomacy of peace and development through a strong diplomatic machinery at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, led by H.E. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Kuwait was the host for a large gathering to fight terrorism and ensure peace and reconstruction this is with the efforts exerted by His Highness the Amir of Kuwait in his role as the humanitarian leader of the world. His Highness the Amir raised the Kuwaiti flag of peaceful diplomacy, complemented by humanitarian support and development, which has been taken forward by many Foreign Ministers who followed his path and we it more visible now that Kuwait foreign policy is getting very strong, respected, listened to and standing towards the rights of people, towards the establishment of peaceful diplomacy and extending humanitarian support to various locations around the world.

The Kuwait Conference on Iraqi Reconstruction is historical because Kuwait presents a great proof that it is peaceful country and that it stands with the people of Iraq after defeating terrorism, to help them recover from stressful situations they are in and mobilizing the whole world to support the people of Iraq.

Kuwait is the country that is carrying the flag of intermediation and reconciliation between different parts of the world, between even those who are brothers in the Gulf area.

I am delighted and privileged to be assigned as Resident Coordinator to Kuwait very recently and I wish all the people of Kuwait, His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince, His Highness the Prime Minister and the deputy prime minister, Foreign Minister, who heads Kuwait's excellent diplomatic structure and leads a very intelligent and dedicated diplomatic corps committed to peace, prosperity and security around the world. Congratulation Dieratna.

DR. TAREK ELSHEIKH
UN Resident Coordinator
UNDP Resident Representative

 **UNITED NATIONS - IOM**



On the occasion of National Day and Liberation Day 2018 of the State of Kuwait, I would like to wish this wonderful country and its people very happy celebrations. Under His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Humanitarian Leader, Kuwait has become a lighthouse in the region that its closer and more distant neighbors can turn to for direction, friendship and support. Be it as mediator in the Gulf, as humanitarian partner in the Syrian war or driver of the reconstruction of Iraq, Kuwait works proactively for more stability and well-being in the countries of the Middle East. As Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Kuwait, it

fills me with joy and pride to join in this year's festivities of a great country and a generous partner of IOM

IMAN Y. EREIQAT
Chief of Mission
International Organization for Migration
The UN Migration Agency

 **UNITED NATIONS - UNHCR**



UNHCR would like to congratulate H.H the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the Kuwaiti people on the occasion of National and Liberation days.

On this occasion, UNHCR would like to reiterate its appreciation for the leading humanitarian role that the State of Kuwait is undertaking under the able leadership of HH the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in response to the growing humanitarian crises around the world and in the region. The State of Kuwait contributed greatly to the humanitarian situation in the region by hosting 3 international pledging conferences for Syria crisis in addition to co-chairing two other conferences and mobilizing donors in the nine Top Donors meetings. These important conferences and follow-up mechanisms helped in aiding millions of refugees and internally displaced individuals. With the unprecedented growing number of refugees and displaced people around the world, amounting to over 65.5 million individuals, this leading humanitarian role of the State of Kuwait continues to be of crucial importance to the international community and to UNHCR.

The role that the State of Kuwait is undertaking in the fields of conflict resolutions, prevention, mediation and hosting peace talks, and reconstruction conferences is further confirming Kuwait's role as a catalyst for peace and security in the region, and internationally as a non-permanent member at the Security Council for the term 2018-2019.

DR HANAN HAMDAN
Head of UNHCR Office, Kuwait

 **UZBEKISTAN**



On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and on my own personal behalf, it gives me immense pleasure and joy to extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and the people of Kuwait on the glorious occasion of the 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate Uzbekistan's strong and friendly relations with Kuwait, which is based on shared values and interests reinforced by mutual trust and respect. Uzbekistan looks forward to further consolidating and enhancing bilateral ties in all fields with Kuwait for the mutual benefit of our two countries and its people.

DR. BAKHROMJON ALOEV
Ambassador of Uzbekistan

KUWAIT'S TRACK RECORD OF MEDIATION



Shortly after the current Qatar crisis erupted on 5 June, 2017, Kuwait stepped in to mediate between the two sides, an effort supported by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members as well as international players. The Kuwaiti mediation draws from a long history of successful intervention in dozens of conflicts across the Arab and Muslim regions, analysts say.

Dr. Abdul Hadi Al Ajmi, chairman of the history department at Kuwait University, said across the region, the Amir of Kuwait H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah is a respected mediator seen as the leader with the best chances of negotiating a settlement to the ongoing Qatar rift, given his long-time service as Kuwait's deputy prime minister and foreign minister (1965-2003) and prime minister (2003-2006).

In 1938, Kuwait's then Amir, Sheikh Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah (1885-1950), who was the 10th ruler of Kuwait, from 1921 until his death in 1950, mediated between Qatar and Bahrain, which were engulfed in territorial disputes over the Hawar Islands since 1936. The dispute was eventually resolved by the International Court of Justice in 2001. Kuwait also played a key role in the negotiations to set up the UAE Federation in 1971 and the establishment of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Abu Dhabi in 1981. In 1968, Kuwait's good offices played a major role in bringing about a peaceful settlement to the struggle between Saudi Arabia and Egypt, who supported opposing warring factions in Yemen.

Kuwait also mediated between North Yemen and South Yemen in 1972, acted as a go-between Saudi Arabia and Libya in 1982 and mediated a settlement to the Oman-Yemen crisis in 1984.

Dr. Fayeze Al Nashwan, professor of international relations at Kuwait University, said during the 1991 Gulf War, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, then Kuwait's deputy prime minister and foreign minister, had demonstrated his diplomatic clout by orchestrating Kuwait's policy,

gathering international support and building up the coalition forces from 35 nations led by the United States to free Kuwait from the Iraqi invasion.

The bitter experience of the Iraqi invasion led Kuwait to maintain relatively normal relations with Iran — as a bulwark and a counter-balancing power against Iraq.

"Therefore, Kuwait prides itself on serving as a peacemaker between Saudi Arabia and other GCC member countries, on the one hand, and Tehran, on the other hand," Dr. Al Nashwan said.

Once the Qatar row erupted, Kuwait quickly offered itself as a mediator with H.H. the Amir engaging in shuttle diplomacy that took him to Riyadh, Abu Dhabi and Doha.

As a veteran mediator, Amir Sheikh Sabah received support from a host of countries including the US, the UK, France and Germany, besides the countries involved in the Qatar row.

In 2014, Sheikh Sabah played a vital role in efforts to resolve a rather less challenging intra-Gulf rift, during which envoys of Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Bahrain were summoned from Doha.

The Amir actively pursued and led rounds of negotiations that culminated in the return of Arab ambassadors to Qatar's capital and to a more public signal at the GCC Summit that differences had been overcome. Today, Sheikh Sabah faces many similar issues of contention.

In the latest rift, he has again shuttled between Gulf capitals. He is more than a mere intermediary — rather, he leverages Arab and Gulf-based cultural, religious, and identity norms of appeal that resonate with all sides.

Kuwait has a track record of mediation diplomacy. During its 'era of golden diplomacy' in the 1960s to the 1980s, Kuwait played a key role in regional politics punching above its weight and acting as a go-between in many crises: between Pakistan and Bangladesh, and between Turkey and Bulgaria over their row over Bulgaria's ethnic Turkish minority.

Moreover, Kuwait played a mediator's role between Bangladesh and Pakistan which led to mutual recognition between the two countries and opened the door for Bangladesh to participate in the 1974 Organization of the Islamic Conference Summit in Lahore, Pakistan.

Kuwait took other mediation tasks like leading Arab arbitration efforts among Lebanese factions in an initiative aimed at ending the civil war in Lebanon. Kuwait also mediated between the Palestinians

and Jordanians.

Kuwait's recent mediation efforts between the three Gulf countries and Egypt on the one hand, and Qatar on the other, reminds one of those good

old days when the country played a key role in regional politics and had a benign intervention diplomacy led by His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah —

who was the world's longest serving foreign minister having spent over 40 years as the top Kuwaiti diplomat — and thus deservedly earned the coveted title of 'dean of diplomats'.

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Bringing hope and help

The face of Kuwait's charities

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the people of Kuwait have won international acclaim and recognition over the years for humanitarian activities around the world.

Kuwait's humanitarian spirit is unique in that it pervades any nationality, religion, race or gender, and only seeks to provide solace to people in need wherever they are in the world. In addition to offering immediate necessities such as food, water, clothing and medicine in emergency situations, Kuwait's charity and welfare organizations have also helped set up homes, hospitals, schools and other social infrastructure in developing nations



all over the globe. Besides organization that promote charitable activities outside Kuwait, the country also has

a number of local organizations and groups whose volunteers are involved in bringing hope and assistance to

citizens and expatriates caught up in unfortunate circumstances. Kuwait's charitableness also extends beyond humans to encompass different types of animals. Several local groups offer shelter, veterinary care and adoption services for injured, abandoned or stray animals

Here are some of Kuwait's many charity and support groups to volunteer in.

Operation HOPE: An acronym for Helping Others Practically & Everyday, Operation HOPE is a grassroots non-profit humanitarian organization with its outreach program motivated by compassion to alleviate suffering in Kuwait without discrimination or disrespect to anyone. Operation HOPE aims to serve those in the greatest of need through support from the local and international community. They distribute bags of gently-used clothing to those who need it the most, but their outreach has grown to include toiletries, blankets, bedrolls, and foodstuff to embassy shelters; visits to farmhands in need of shoes, blankets, and food at Kuwait's borders; visits to local jails to deliver blankets and toiletries for detainees and more.

Equait Kuwait: Equait is a youth-driven organization founded and run by Faisal Al Fuhaid and Leanah Al-Awadhi. It works by promoting social equality and respect toward Kuwaiti residents from all walks of life. Nearly 69 percent of Kuwait's population are expats and some of them are seen as occupiers rather than residents, so through events like the Model United Nations, food rallies and walkathons, Equait aims to make Kuwait a more open and accepting environment. So far, they have recruited a number of volunteers to help with their missions such as distributing lunch-bags for the needy throughout Kuwait.

AlNowair: As an organization, AlNowair is a 5-year initiative driven to spread positive attitudes in Kuwait through events, exhibitions, activities, seminars, workshops and campaigns. It plans to communicate simplified scientifically proven data about the benefits of a positive attitude toward life. They have also created a grassroots movement by engaging, enlightening and inspiring the youth of Kuwait through their multitude of programs, independent initiatives and projects.

Kuwait Red Crescent Society: This is a voluntary humanitarian society that provides assistance to the most vulnerable people affected by social conflicts, wars or natural disasters regardless of nationality, gender, color, race, religious or political beliefs.

Sheikh Abdullah Al Nouri Charity Society: In the months that followed the passing of Sheikh Abdullah Al Nouri in 1981, the Sheikh Abdulla Al Nouri Charity Society was formed – an organization embodying his spirit and dedication to charitable causes. The society focuses its

efforts on aiding those caught in politically turbulent countries such as Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Since its inception the charity's achievements include the establishment of over 160 mosques, 14 Islamic schools and 12 Islamic centers. It has also sponsored more than 300 students and 115 teachers across 26 countries. In Somalia the charity has focused on larger projects such as the drilling of a well large enough to supply a small community of 9,000 people, in addition to setting up mosques and schools in the vicinity.

PAWS Kuwait: Protecting Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) shelter strives to provide assistance to homeless, neglected and abandoned animals by offering veterinary care, rescue and adoption services, to domestic, wild and pet animals in Kuwait, in partnership with their rescuers.

OXAdventure: The mission of this organization is 'Inspire the youth through travel, charity and adventure to create global citizens and to enrich the minds of the future leaders.' They are a non-profit organization that started with three Kuwaiti youth who had a passion for travel, charity work and adventure. During each carefully planned trip, the team will involve themselves in charity work which includes education, construction, or delivering laptops they have collected and repaired in Kuwait to give to less fortunate university students abroad. Over the years, the trips have developed into an accredited internship program in several universities in Kuwait, and the organization is funded through sponsorship and volunteers who pay their own way to assist during the projects.

KAACH: Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospital (KACCH) advocates for the provision of optimal conditions for children and their families in the hospital to reduce the adverse effects of hospitalization on their development and well-being. Volunteers unselfishly give their time by contributing in many different ways and ultimately helping provide children in the hospital with a friendly positive atmosphere. Whether it is playing with the children in the hospital, decorating the pediatric wards for a child-friendly environment, helping in the office, or at fundraising events, volunteers play a significant role in supporting KACCH in its aims and goals.

KAREQ8: This is a group of passionate animal lovers, based in Kuwait and throughout the world, who focus on helping rescue animals, and finding a good home for injured or abused pets. They also have programs that help create awareness of animal care and rescue by visiting schools, institutions and universities. They do not have a shelter, so are always looking for volunteers to help with adoption, rescue, foster, care, donations or help to spread awareness of the need for adoption, TNR, and of the plight of abandoned animals.

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Kuwait National Museum

A showcase of history and culture

The Kuwaiti National Museum, which celebrated its diamond jubilee on 31 December 2017, showcases efforts of the past 60 years in preserving for future generations the history and culture of Kuwait.



The origin of the museum can be traced back to the comprehensive renaissance that happened in Kuwait during the reign of the late Amir Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah (1950-1965). During this period Kuwait witnessed many major social and economic transformations including in the concept of culture with respect to fine arts, literature and poetry.



With a keen interest in preserving Kuwait's archeological history, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem requested experts from Denmark's Moesgaard Museum to examine archeological antiques in Failaka. He also established the Department of Antiquity and Museums to restore, preserve and display the unearthed artifacts.

Records show that the first building to host the museum was an administration building in Dasman area, belonging to Sheikh Khaz'al bin Jaber bin Merdaw Al-Ka'bi (1863-1936). This historic building was bought and transformed into a palace by the first Minister of Education of Kuwait Sheikh Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.



During his reign, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah transformed part of the palace into the National Museum of Kuwait, with its official opening happening on 31 December, 1957.

Kuwait National Museum was the first museum in the entire Arabian Gulf region and was initially supervised by Ahmad Al-Othman, who attended the opening ceremony in 1957, and then the responsibility was passed on to Tareq Rajab, the first official director of the National Museum. The museum initially displayed traditional antiques representing the Kuwaiti environment. In 1958, some of the antiques discovered by the Danish archeological team in Failaka Island were added to the museum's collection. Most of these antiques dated back to the Bronze Age and Hellenistic period.

In 1976, the museum went through a transition when it was relocated temporarily to Bait Bader,

one of Kuwait's historic houses along the sea-front in Al-Qibla area. Bait Bader, which was built in 1837, and depicted the social and economic aspects prevailing in Kuwait society in mid-19th century, was incorporated by the Department of Antiquity and Museums in 1968.

On 23 February 1983, the National Museum of Kuwait opened at its current location. The museum's building was designed by Michel Ecochard, a renowned French architect and urban planner. Since its opening, the museum has continued its role of capturing and representing the culture, tradition and heritage of Kuwait and its people.

The collections exhibited in the museum show visitors the richness and deep roots of Kuwait history and the museum is regarded as a cultural establishment that reflects the country's contributions to global civilization.

Kuwait a beacon of peace, compassion in a troubled world

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Over the years since its independence, Kuwait has established diplomatic ties and expanded bilateral relations with countries worldwide, based on mutual adherence to the principles of equal rights, self-determination and non-interference in the internal affairs of other states. Through its 'quiet diplomacy', constructive cooperation, and positive dialogue, Kuwait has sought peaceful solutions to conflicts around the world, and strived to solve social, economic and humanitarian problems, both on the regional and global level.

In the past five decades and more, Kuwait has been involved on its own, as well as by collaborating and contributing generously to various UN bodies, in relief operations in the aftermath of natural calamities or other catastrophes and emergencies around the world. Kuwait has also steadfastly been in the lead in providing assistance for international development through the country's flagship organization for foreign development assistance, the Kuwait Fund. Since its establishment, the Kuwait Fund has provided training and technical assistance, as well as soft loans and grants totaling nearly US\$20 billion to more than a 100 developing countries in the Middle-East, Africa and Asia.

A foreign policy characterized by transparency, clarity, generosity and sincerity, has allowed Kuwait to establish and consolidate strong relations with nations all over the world. These strong ties were clearly demonstrated by the overwhelming support to Kuwait from the international community in response to the vicious invasion and occupation of the country by Iraqi forces in 1990. The illegal occupation of Kuwait not only met with international condemnation, and brought immediate economic sanctions against Iraq by members of the UN Security Council, but also more than 30 countries participated by contributing troops to the international coalition formed to drive out the occupying forces.

For the past 57 years, Kuwait diplomacy

has pursued the just causes of the Arab world and sought to find solutions to regional and international issues through dialogue and discussions without resorting to violence.

Attesting to the maturity of the country's political and foreign policy, and also underscoring the diplomatic maxim that there are no permanent friends or enemies in international relations, only abiding interests, Kuwait and Iraq reestablished diplomatic ties and two countries reopened embassies in each other's capitals in 2008.

The historic visit to Iraq in 2012, by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, to attend the 23rd Arab Summit held in Baghdad, had a profound impact on further consolidating relations between the two countries.

Kuwait's keenness to build bridges of friendship and solidarity among nations around the world, its independent and moderate foreign policy and its desire to seek accord among diverse viewpoints, have come together to make the country an oasis of peace and voice of reason in a troubled region. Kuwait has been arbitrator of choice in the Arab world whenever disagreements arise or boil over into conflicts. Kuwait is currently a partner along with the UN in negotiations to end the conflict in Yemen, as well as the respected peacemaker in the ongoing attempts to reconcile difference between Qatar and its immediate neighbors, Bahrain, Saudi Arabian and the UAE, as well as Egypt.

Influence of Kuwaiti diplomacy on the international stage and its image as a promoter of peace and resolver of conflicts threatening stability in the world can be summarized best by His Highness the Amir's words. At the First Asian Cooperation Dialogue Summit, which Kuwait hosted in 2012, His Highness the Amir stated that despite different ethnicities and religions, the peaceful coexistence exhibited by people of the Asian continent, "reinforces the principle that knowing each other is better than ignoring each other, and coexistence is better than fighting, and standing by each other is better than being rivals of each other."

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