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It is with deep sadness and a heavy heart that  
**Zain Group**  
mourns the passing of His Highness the late Amir  
**Sheikh**  
**Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah**  
may he rest in peace.

We extend our deepest condolences and sincerest  
sympathy to  
His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait  
**Sheikh**  
**Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah**  
to His Highness the Prime Minister  
**Sheikh**  
**Ahmad Al-Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah**  
and to the entire Al-Sabah family.

Our condolences also go out to the people of  
Kuwait, Arab and Islamic nations.

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

The Amiri Diwan announced on Saturday the passing of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The Amiri Diwan stated, "With deep grief and regret, we announce to the Kuwaiti people, the Arab and Muslim nations and friendly people the passing of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah who passed away today Saturday."

"We pray to Almighty Allah to bestow upon the deceased His unlimited mercy and embrace his soul in His vast paradise."



Late Amir as a young man

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His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

### Cabinet mourns loss ... declares 40 days of mourning

# Amir of forgiveness, humility bids adieu

## World leaders mourn passing of Sheikh Nawaf

By Saeed Mahmoud Saleh, Marwa Al-Bahrawi, Munaif Nayef, Jaber Al-Hamoud, Abdul Rahman Al-Shammari, Najeh Bilal, Inaas Awadh, Mohammad Ghanem, Medhat Allam  
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KUWAIT CITY, Dec 16: Kuwait government mourned His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who passed away on Saturday, and named His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as Amir.

His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, chairing an extraordinary cabinet meeting following the passing away of His Highness the Amir, mourned the late Amir and paid tribute to his achievements.

"With great sorrow, the Council of Ministers expresses deep condolences with the passing away of our father, leader of our march His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who passed away following a journey of dedication and loyalty to his nation and its people," His Highness the Prime Minister said in a sombre tone.

He said the Council of Ministers recalled sacrifices of the deceased during his life for the sake of the development of the nation in all fields and in the services of the country and people.

#### Funeral

The funeral of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah will be restricted to family members and relatives, Minister of Amiri Diwan Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah announced Saturday, appreciating sentiments of sorrow of citizens and expatriates.

He said, in a statement, prayers would be held at Belal bin Rabah Mosque tomorrow Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and funeral would be held later in the morning.

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Al-Sabah Family would personally receive condolences of people at the Diwan of Al-Sabah Family at Bayan Palace on Monday morning, and Tuesday morning and afternoon.

#### Flags to be lowered at half-mast for 40 days

Kuwait Municipality said on Saturday that flags would be flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning for the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Measures are being taken to lower the flags of all ministries, state agencies and main roads at half-mast, the municipality's Spokesman Mohammad Al-Mutairi said in a press statement.

The municipality's teams are ready to check relevant arrangements during the mourning period, he added.

The Amiri Diwan announced earlier on Saturday the passing away of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

#### Three days shutdown

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) announced Saturday that ministries and government institutions would close for three days as of tomorrow Sunday following the passing away of the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

It added in a statement work would resume on Wednesday, December 20. Meanwhile, Ministry of Education said tests for secondary school would be postponed to be on December 20-28, while 10th and 11th grades would hold on December 20 until January 4.

Ministry spokesman Ahmad Al-Wuhaida 12th grade tests would be postponed until January 7 and ended on January 18.

Kuwait Banking Association said banks would be closed for three days and would reopen on Wednesday, December 20.

Ministry of Health, meanwhile, said it would reschedule appointments that were not urgent following the death of the Amir.

#### Parliament mourns

Deputy National Assembly Speaker MP Muhammad Al-Mutair expressed condolences to the bereaved family of HH the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and all the people of Kuwait.

He pointed out that the death of HH the Amir is big loss not only for Kuwait, but also the entire Arab and Muslim world. He implored Allah Almighty to have mercy on him and to make his last day his happiest day.

MP Muhannad Al-Sayer said HH the Amir led the country in an exceptional era characterized by tolerance, love and amnesty; thereby, recording his name with letters of gold in the political history of Kuwait.

MP Marzouq Al-Ghanim expressed condolences to the Kuwaiti people, Arab and Muslim world, the whole world and to HH the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. He prayed that Allah Almighty grant mercy to HH the late Amir and reward him for the efforts he exerted in favor of his nation.

MP Adel Al-Damkhi asserted that HH the late Amir manifested amnesty, humility and love for his people; asking Allah Almighty to reward HH the late Amir in Paradise. He then affirmed loyalty for HH the Amir Sheikh Mishal



His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

MP Abdulwahab Al-Essa testified that HH the late Amir was a just, wise and pro-reform ruler who devoted himself to serving his nation.

MP Osama Al-Zaid said HH the late Amir was proven to be a tolerant leader who granted amnesty to the concerned citizens and followed the reform course. He implored Allah Almighty to have mercy on HH the late Amir and help HH the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to continue walking on the pro-reform path.

MP Abdulhadi Al-Ajmi said HH the late Amir provided exceptional services to his nation, as well as the Arab and Muslim world. He prayed to Allah Almighty to reward HH the late Amir in Paradise for the efforts he exerted in the service of his people throughout his life. He added HH the late Amir left a valuable gift to his people -- the generous Amiri amnesty for a large number of citizens. He expressed condolences to HH the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the whole Sabah Family and the people of Kuwait.

MP Muhammad Al-Hewaila expressed sorrow over the death of HH the Amir of asceticism, humility and tolerance. He prayed that Allah Almighty have mercy on him and put him in the highest place in Paradise; alongside the martyrs, prophets and righteous.

MP Mehalhal Al-Mudhaf said HH the late Amir deeply loved his people who gave him unlimited love in return.

MP Adel Al-Obaid said Kuwait bids farewell to HH the Amir of humanity, tolerance and wisdom with tears in their eyes; while imploring Allah Almighty to have mercy on him and reward him in Paradise.

MP Hamad Al-Matar also prayed to Allah Almighty to have mercy on HH the late Amir and grant him forgiveness in the same way he granted amnesty to some of his people. He pledged allegiance to HH the Amir Sheikh Mishal, wishing him success in continuing the pro-reform path of HH the late Amir.

MP Abdullah Fehad said HH the late Amir left an indelible mark in the journey towards reform, stressing that the death of HH the Amir is a huge and bitter issue; but the course will be completed thanks to HH the Amir Sheikh Mishal.

MP Soud Al-Asfour expressed deep sadness over the death of HH the late Amir who loved his people as much as he was loved by his people. He highlighted the good print left by HH the late Amir -- the Amiri amnesty.

MP Hassan Jawhar added HH the late Amir devoted himself to serving his nation, considering he granted amnesty to a number of citizens.

MP Jenan Bu Shehri asserted that Kuwait, the Arab and Muslim world mourn the passing of HH the late Amir who was fully committed to democracy and Constitution. She added the history of Kuwait will record HH the late Amir's essential role in the reunification of the Gulf states. She added HH the late Amir was a staunch supporter of Arab and Muslim issues, particularly the Palestinian issue. She believes that talking about the achievements of HH the Amir will not end as he focused on the prosperity of his people, while pushing for social reconciliation and economic reform.

MP Abdullah Al-Mudhaf said HH the late Amir was the epitome of tolerance, good deeds, and commitment to his religion and to the Constitution. He added that HH the late Amir adopted a humble and pro-reform attitude.

MP Badr Nashmi asserted he could attest that HH the late Amir carried the burden and served his people sincerely. He implored Allah Almighty to have mercy on him and reward him for the efforts he exerted in favor of his nation.

#### Ministry of Health mourns

The Ministry of Health expressed deep sorrow over the death of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In view of the death of HH the late Amir, Director of the Public Relations Department at the ministry Dr Muhammad Al-Azmi announced the suspension of all activities and events; including the Kuwait Dermatology and Laser Diseases Conference, which was launched recently under the patronage Health Minister Dr Ahmad Al-Awadhi.

Al-Azmi added: "Kuwait lost a great father, a brother and a wise leader. We pray that God cover him with His vast mercy and make him dwell in His spacious Paradise."

Director of Mubarak Al-Kabeer Health District Dr Walid Al-Busiri expressed his deepest condolences to the Kuwaiti people. "May the Almighty grant us patience and solace in the midst of this affliction. We belong to God and to Him we shall return," he stressed.

Director of the Medical Emergency Department Dr Ahmed Al-Shatti said: "During this difficult time, we condole ourselves and the dear people of Kuwait. The death of HH the Amir is a great tragedy for Kuwait and the entire Arab and Islamic world. We offer our deepest condolences to the ruling family in Kuwait and to all Kuwaitis. I cannot utter the right words to express the depth of my sadness upon hearing this news. I implore God to give strength and patience to the Kuwaiti people and the ruling family -- Sheikh Nawaf's family, during this difficult period. It is a big loss as we lost a great personality. His legacy and achievements will remain immortal in our memories. May God have mercy on Sheikh Nawaf and grant him peace in His spacious Paradise."

He added that HH the late Amir was a prominent figure in the political and social life of Kuwait and the entire Arab world. He had a career full of achievements and dedication to serving his country.

Director of the Health Promotion Department Dr Abeer Al-Bahwa disclosed that she is deeply affected by the previous television interview of HH the late Amir in which he said, "I am affected if I find a person who needs me and I cannot help him, or a patient who needs treatment and I cannot help him."

Al-Bahwa said that after hearing the news of the passing of HH the Amir of Hearts, she immediately remembered the interview. Her heart is filled with sadness and pain for this father, brother, leader and admirable human being; stressing that the country's loss is enormous and its affliction is huge.

She stated that the late father was characterized by mercy, tolerance and forgiveness; hence, he was called the Amir of Pardon. "The Kuwaiti people remember him for his good deeds and his constant presence in the mosque to perform Friday prayers alone without any guard. May God have mercy on him. He used to sit in calm and tranquility until the end of the prayers, and then left quietly," she revealed.

Director of the Infection Prevention Department Dr Ahmed Al-Mutawa said: "With hearts filled with sorrow and grief, Kuwait mourns the death of the humanitarian leader, Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. He followed the wise approach of his predecessors, the honorable rulers over the past decades. They played an active role in maintaining security and stability in the region, while preventing disputes and achieving peace in our societies."

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The Chairman, Board Members,  
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heartfelt condolences to the

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and the people of Kuwait,  
on the sad demise of

His Highness the Amir  
of the State of Kuwait

## **SHEIKH NAWAF AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH**

May his soul rest in peace

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Declaration follows regular process of succession

# Sheikh Mishal proclaimed Kuwait's Amir ... 17th ruler

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 16, (KUNA): His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has been proclaimed the State of Kuwait's new Amir to become the country's 17th ruler, in line with the country's Succession Law, succeeding the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah (may Allah bless his soul).

His Highness Sheikh Mishal has been declared the Amir of the State of Kuwait following a regular process of succession to the Amir's post, a recurrence of the power transfer by the previous top rulers.

The newly-proclaimed Amir is one of the extraordinary men who were raised by the gracious Al-Sabah Family, learning leadership skills from the sagacious seniors and the family's shrewd politicians.

Sheikh Mishal, over the past three years, was the trusted top supporter of His Highness the Amir, partaking in decision making, taking over the State leadership in his absence, bearing part of the responsibilities' heavy burden, leading the country to be among the developed states, bolstering its security and prosperity.

The freshly-designated the State of Kuwait Amir had served in a number of security and military posts, including senior positions in the Ministry of Interior, the National Guards and representing the top rulers on official occasions and during various diplomatic and political missions.

Sheikh Mishal, born in Kuwait in 1940, is the seventh son of Kuwait's 10th Ruler Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah who governed the country between 1921 and 1950. In his early childhood, he was taught reading and writing by his parents and some seniors in the family before joining Al-Mubarakiya School, the first private school in Kuwait at the time.

He continued higher level studies in the UK where he graduated from Hendon Police College in 1960.



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After returning home, he joined the freshly-established Ministry of Interior. In 1987, he was appointed public inspection chief with a colonel's rank and remained in the department for up to 20 years occupying diverse posts.

On April 13, 2004, Sheikh Mishal was appointed according to an Amiri Decree the Deputy Chief of the National Guards with a Minister's Degree, where he contributed to

overhauling this sensitive security apparatus and enhanced its role in maintaining the national security.

Sheikh Mishal had repeatedly affirmed the National Guards' keenness on backing the army, the police and the fire force for defending and maintaining the country's security and stability as well as securing the key installations.

On October 8, 2020, Sheikh Mishal was proclaimed as the

State's Crown Prince during a special session of the National Assembly, where he took the constitutional oath in front of the MPs after a swearing-in ceremony in front of the late Amir, according to the country's Succession Law and Kuwait Constitution.

Addressing the MPs, Sheikh Mishal said during the session that the public participation would be part of his ruling policy, pledged

to boost a spirit of amity, tolerance and divisions' renunciation among the citizens. He also vowed to ensure a bright future for Kuwait with a democracy of stability, placing the national interests above all other considerations on the basis of the Constitution and justice.

Sheikh Mishal has always advocated bolstering the cooperation between the executive and legislative authorities to attain the aspired goals,

taking agile steps for attaining objectives of the sagacious leadership and the Kuwaiti people and that is by development in the key sectors.

Sheikh Mishal after the proclamation devoted much of his attention to local affairs, amid shutdowns witnessed throughout the world after flare-up of the corona virus. He followed up on measures to minimize effects of the pandemic at the domestic level. In this vein, he guided various authorities and associations to perform the special tasks.

Sheikh Mishal has regularly held meetings with ordinary citizens who would express complaints or talk about their needs.

At the Gulf level, Sheikh Mishal has adopted his predecessors' path, keenly cementing the relations with brotherly countries, cooperation with their leaders regarding regional issues, Arab and global affairs, namely the need to maintain security and stability in the Gulf and tackling occasional rifts among the regional countries.

Also following the steps of his predecessors, Sheikh Mishal has maintained close relations with Arab states and his efforts at this level were tangibly fruitful particularly with respect of strengthening the Arabs' ranks.

In addition to the posts he had occupied, Sheikh Mishal was granted honorary positions. He was designated as an honorary chairperson of Kuwait Aircraft Engineers and Pilots Association (1973-2017). Moreover, he was a co-founder and the honorary head of the Kuwait Association for Wireless Amateurs.

In 1977, the late Amir Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah named Sheikh Mishal the chairman of Al-Nabat Poets Diwaniya. On December 4, 2018, French Minister of the Armed Forces, Florence Barelly, decorated him with the Legion of Honor Medal for his prime role in developing Kuwait and establishing solid ties with Paris.

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In the name of God, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

On the sad occasion of the passing of  
**His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah**  
 May God bestow mercy upon his soul

talabat offers its sincere and heartfelt condolences  
**To the honorable Al Sabah family**  
 And to the honorable people of Kuwait and all Arab and Islamic nations

We pray for God's mercy upon him and may  
 He grant him the highest position in heaven.

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on the death of His Highness

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May Allah grant his soul eternal peace

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## Lawyers express pain over loss of Sheikh Nawaf

## ‘We lost a father... a role model’



His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as defense minister.



His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in the National Assembly 1981-1995.

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Chairman of the Council of Nuclear Medicine Departments Dr Abdul Redha Abbas Ismail expressed his sincere condolences and sympathy to the Sabah Family and to all the Kuwaiti people. The members of the Council and the employees, including doctors, technicians and nurses in the Nuclear Medicine Department of the Ministry of Health extend their sincere condolences to the honorable Sabah Family, praying to God Almighty to bestow His mercy on the deceased and to let him dwell in His spacious Paradise together with the prophets, truthful, martyrs, righteous and good companions.

Director of the Union of Private Medical Professionals Dr Issam Al-Saleh expressed with deep sadness and sorrow his sincere condolences and sympathy to the Sabah Family, government and all Kuwaiti people over the loss of the father and ruler. He implored Almighty God to cover the deceased with His vast mercy and allow him to enter His spacious Paradise.

Director of the Radiology department at Adan Hospital Dr Latifa Al-Kandari expressed her deep sadness over the death of the HH the late Father and Amir of Pardon – the wise leader who pushed the country towards renaissance and pioneering achievements that strengthened its position regionally and globally.

Al-Kandari pointed out that sadness engulfed all homes in Kuwait due to the passing of the great father and leader. “Kuwait has lost one of its great leaders and makers of its glories. The Arab world has lost a wise leader keen on uniting the ranks and advancing the country despite being in a difficult stage as the region continues to face many challenges,” he concluded.

## Amir of Pardon

Former governor of the Capital Governorate retired Lieutenant General Thabet Al-Muhanna, affirmed: “A heart wracked with pain and sadness prevails in Kuwait with the death of HH the Amir of Pardon, Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad, who was keen on making it easy for everyone. When he was Minister of Interior, he always instructed me: ‘Do not make it difficult for the people in all of their affairs.’”

He added: “Indeed, Kuwait is saddened by the death of His Highness. He was a noble, generous and humble man who did not tolerate transgression against any human being. He had good morals. He departed and left behind him the love of Kuwaitis and residents as well. Pain grips their hearts due to his departure. Everyone loves this ascetic and prayerful man.”

“My sincere condolences to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf, the honorable Sabah Family, and to the Kuwaiti people over this deep affliction. We ask God to have mercy on His Highness, forgive him, and admit him into His spacious Paradise. We belong to God and to Him we shall return,” Al-Muhanna concluded.

## ‘We lost the father and role model’

With words dripping with sadness and expressions filled with pain, a number of lawyers expressed their deep sorrow over the death of HH the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

All social media platforms were filled with sadness on the day the Sun set with the symbol of kindness, humility and wisdom; and had clear imprints on the legal scene. Several lawyers expressed their pain over the loss of the father, leader and role model. They stressed that His Highness the late Amir, may God have mercy on him, extended his white hands to the Kuwaiti people. They pointed out: “Even if he is separated from us physically, his biography will remain in the minds of everyone who lives on this good land.”

Attorney Anam Haidar expressed her sadness over the passing of HH the Amir of Humility and Kindness. She lamented: “Sadness grips my heart. His Highness passed away and the two Kuwaitis are gone. Indeed, I am not exaggerating if I say that the Kuwaiti people have lost a father, a brother, a friend and a lover. No matter how much I talk about his qualities and exploits, I will not do him justice, as all the beautiful qualities suit him. May God have mercy on His Highness the Amir and make him dwell in the spacious Paradise.”

Attorney Ali Matar Al-Wawan said: “We can only hope that God will cover him with His vast mercy. We were all living under his shadow, may God have mercy on him, our elder and supporter. We are all confident that



His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as interior minister visits a pavillion at an exhibition.



His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as interior minister.

His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah is the best successor to the best predecessor.”

Attorney Abdul Mohsen Al-Qattan asserted: “In such difficult times, words are not enough for us to express the extent of the pain and sadness that is overwhelming us. Kuwait will sleep today, mourning the passing of the father of everyone. We lost a caring father and a seasoned leader, and there is nothing more eloquent about that than the torrent of condolences flooding the social networking sites, social media and all other media platforms around the world. Our consolation today is that His Highness left a great legacy that will remain a mark in history, considering his unlimited humanitarian generosity. His Highness the late Amir will remain in the conscience of every Kuwaiti, Gulf and Arab, particularly his remarkable biography and honorable positions.

Attorney Muhammad Safar added: “A day of great sadness in Kuwait, the Arab world, and even the entire world. Our grief cannot be expressed in words. We lost a caring father and a wise leader... the one with a big heart and unlimited generosity. His finger-

prints will remain forever. We condole ourselves and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad, the Sabah family, and every resident of this good land.”

Attorney Hussein Al-Asfour praised His Highness the late Amir’s humanitarian stances, wisdom, influential role and prominent imprints in the renaissance of Kuwait. He was known for his wise diplomacy throughout the course of his work, he added.

He expressed deep sadness over the passing of HH the late Amir, stressing that Kuwait lost a first-class man of peace who, throughout his life, had been keen on achieving justice, harmony and peace for the Kuwaiti people. He highlighted HH the late Amir’s vital role in the modern renaissance of Kuwait, and his impact in shaping the features of economic, educational and commercial excellence that was reflected on his people.

Attorney Ali Al-Ali said: “We all offer our sincere condolences to the Kuwaiti people on the death of HH the late Amir, may God bless him with His vast mercy. Kuwait lost a leader characterized by wisdom, moderation, foresight and good opinion, and who devoted

his life and effort to serving his homeland and nation. He played an influential role in uniting the Kuwaiti ranks and defending his nation’s just causes. He laid economic, developmental and diplomatic foundations for the progress and prosperity of the homeland. He fulfilled all the wishes and aspirations of his people, which became a model worthy of emulation. HH the Amir of Wisdom fought and defended honestly and sincerely for the issues of his nation, especially that of Jerusalem, which was never absent from his mind. He conveyed its message in all international forums. He exerted tremendous efforts to achieve stability, justice and peace throughout the Arab nation.”

Attorney Zaid Al-Khabaz asserted: “We offer our condolences to the Kuwaiti people on the death of our father Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah who continued the path of his brother HH the late Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad by seeking reconciliation and bringing together the Gulf. His Highness Sheikh Nawaf continued to seek reconciliation since he assumed the Amiri seat. He brought points of view closer together, given the current regional circumstances, out

of concern for the security and safety of the Gulf peoples and brought joy to every Gulf home.”

## MoE mourns

Senior officials of the Ministry of Education expressed their heartfelt condolences on the passing away of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad.

They prayed that the Almighty Allah would bestow His mercy upon the deceased and dwell him in His spacious paradise.

The officials recollected the great role the late Amir played in supporting the education sector and the learners, and highlighted his keenness to honor teachers on their international day every year, adding that he was a stern believer of the role of teachers.

In this regard, the Assistant Undersecretary for Financial Affairs at the Ministry of Education Matrouk Al-Mutairi said, “It was with great sadness and sorrow that we received the news about the death of our Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad. Kuwait and its people have lost a wise and compassionate leader who devoted his life for the sake of his people, his homeland, and his Arab and Islamic nation.”

In a press statement, Al-Mutairi explained that the late Amir was a supporter of education and academics because he believed that Kuwaiti human element is the country’s true wealth. He was also keen to honor teachers on their International Day every year based on his belief in the role of teachers.

He played a major role in supporting youth and education through the New Kuwait 2035 vision, which prioritizes creative human capital and introduces a new perception about education based on a comprehensive and participatory approach.

The percentage of public spending on education in Kuwait during the era of His Highness amounted to 12 percent of the total domestic spending, which is one of the highest rates globally.

Al-Mutairi offered his condolences to the political leadership and the entire Kuwaiti people.

He asked Allah Almighty to show mercy and forgiveness, and to grant him a kind acceptance, as well as bless him with His vast mercy and dwell him in His spacious and great paradise.

Meanwhile, Director of the Capital Educational Zone Mansour Al-Daihani said, “We all are grieved to hear about the death of our father and leader, the Amir of Amnesty and the Amir of Tolerance. May God forgive him and place him in His spacious Paradise.”

We, as an educational family, remember the efforts and stances of the late Amir regarding education and its advancement, and his encouragement towards the educational staff to continue the educational work successfully. He was greatly interested in children, teachers and students, and meeting all their needs to continue advancing the educational process.

Kuwait has lost its father, its pride, and its sage. He loved his people and his people loved him. He was born of humility, devoted his life to serving his homeland and nation, and did not hesitate in his good endeavors to make every effort to support the Arab and Islamic nations. The loss of Kuwait and its people is great indeed.

We will not forget the way His Highness cared for education and learners at all times. He was particularly keen about honoring teachers on the International Teacher’s Day.

May God have mercy on Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad and make his resting place in Paradise. May God bless the Kuwaiti people and the honorable Al-Sabah family with patience and solace to deal with the loss of the prince of humility and forgiveness.

Furthermore, the Director General of the General Department of Mubarak Al-Kabeer Educational Zone A. Muhammad Al-Ajmi and all employees of the educational zone expressed their deepest condolences over the passing away of the father of all, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad.

In a press statement, Al-Ajmi said, “Under the wisdom of His Highness the late Amir (May God have mercy on him), our country enjoyed security, safety and prosperity.”

We cannot forget the support he gave to the education sector, and his keenness to honor the teachers. He had supervised the annual honoring ceremony, and encouraged his children who excelled academically with his support and touching words from the caring father to his children who he considered saw as the future of Kuwait.

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His Highness left unforgettable marks in the history of Kuwait, especially in the educational aspect, to which he gave the greatest care and attention. He was a father to everyone, and a source of wisdom, humility, and forgiveness."

In addition, Director of the Human Resources Department Saud Al-Juwaiser said, "with the passing of the late His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad, Kuwait lost a wise leader whose policy was characterized by sincerity and loyalty to his country and his people."

We pray to God Almighty to cover the great deceased with his vast mercy and forgiveness, and to dwell him in spacious gardens with his friends and the righteous, and to reward him with the best reward for what he gave to his country and nation, and to inspire patience and solace in us and the Kuwaiti people."

Furthermore, the Minister of Education and former Minister of Higher Education Dr. Hamid Al-Azmi said, "With hearts full of sadness, with patient souls, and faith in God's will and destiny, we mourn the passing away of our Amir His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad."

We pray to God to shower him with mercy and forgiveness, and we ask God for patience and solace for the Kuwaiti people and the Al-Sabah family over this great affliction."

He stated that Kuwait has always had wise leaders who hold firm principles and firm humanitarian stances.

Dr. Al-Azmi offered his condolences to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad, stressing that the consolation of the Kuwaiti people is that the process of wisdom, reform and development will continue under the leadership of His Highness.

## Municipal Council, Municipality mourn Amir death

Head of the Municipal Council Abdullah Al-Mahri mourned, with the people of Kuwait, the passing away of the late Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

He said, "Our Amir, the leader of our journey, and the spiritual father of the people of Kuwait and everyone who lives on its good land, has passed away."

Al-Mahri prayed to the Almighty God to bless Sheikh Nawaf's soul with forgiveness and pardon and make him reside in His spacious paradise.

He concluded his statement by saying, "Farewell to the Amir of forgiveness and humility".

Meanwhile, the Director General of the Kuwait Municipality Engineer Saud Al-Dabbous said, "The pain is unbearable. May God help us bear it and inspire us with patience and solace. The career of our late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was filled with achievements that history will preserve forever with letters of light. He is gone, but his good influence remains. We pray that the Almighty God will forgive him, have mercy on him and make him dwell in His spacious gardens."

May the Almighty help Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad and strengthen him to carry the trust and complete the journey."

He concluded by saying, "May God reward you, the people of Kuwait. We belong to God and to Him we shall return."

In addition, a member of the Municipal Council Fahad Al-Abd Al-Jader said, "May God comfort Kuwait and its people over the pain of the loss of their Amir, the Amir of humility and forgiveness, the late Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. We pray to the Most High and Almighty Lord to accept those whose deeds ended with a pardon ... Kuwait lost a loving heart. O Lord, heal the brokenness of our hearts. There is no power or strength except in God."

## Public reaction

A large number of Kuwaiti citizens expressed great sadness over the death of the Amir of humility and morals His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad (May God have mercy on him).

With words filled with sorrow, and hearts content with God's will and destiny, a number of citizens agreed, in separate meetings with the daily, that His Highness the late Amir of the country Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad (May God have mercy on him) was a pious man who never left the mosque.

They said he listened to every complaint of every citizen, and always behaved with everyone based on the principle of equality.

In this regard, a Kuwaiti citizen Saud Al-Othman said, "The pain is unbearable, and our hearts are filled with sadness, but this is the state of the world."

"All the people of Kuwait prayed to Allah Almighty to forgive His Highness our late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad, who was the man of the mosques, as His Highness was keen to perform all prayers, especially the dawn prayer in the mosque. He was very humble and upheld high moral values. All his children and grandchildren inherited his good qualities from him."

Meanwhile, Umm Fahd said, "May God have mercy on His Highness the Amir and make Paradise his abode because of what he provided to the Kuwaiti people and all Muslims. He sent a lot of humanitarian aid to countries that were exposed to disasters. He also dealt humbly and equally with all categories of the Kuwaiti society."

Furthermore, a Kuwaiti citizen Ali Al-Enezi expressed his sorrow by saying, "Almighty Allah, have mercy on our Amir and forgive him. He always took the initiative to stand with the people, and was never stingy with his people. Most of his decisions and positions were positive and in the interest of Kuwait and its people."

He added, "There is no doubt that His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad is the best successor to the best predecessor, especially since he is distinguished by wisdom."

Also, Umm Abdullah said, "I received the news of the death of His Highness the Amir of the country with great sadness. The people of Kuwait adored him and considered him as a caring father."

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti citizen Bou Rashid said, "The Kuwaiti people felt extremely sad and bitter when the death of His Highness the Amir (May God have mercy on him) was announced, especially since he was always keen to relieve concerns that fell on the people's shoulders."

He affirmed that the courtyard of the late Amir's house was open to everyone.

Furthermore, Kuwaiti citizen Salem Al-Kandari expressed his condolences to the honorable Al-Sabah family and to all the people of Kuwait for the passing away of the late Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad.

He asked God Almighty for mercy and forgiveness towards the deceased, and for patience and solace towards Kuwait.

Also, Bou Hamad said, "May Allah bless Kuwait and its honorable people over the loss of the homeland, the Arab and Islamic nations, and the international community."

In addition, Jameel Al-Abdul Rahman said he received the news of the death of everyone's father with great sorrow, asking for the highest place in Paradise for the deceased.

## MoC mourns Amir

The Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Communications Ahmad Al-Mujren offered his sincere condolences to the Kuwaiti people and the honorable Al-Sabah



His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

family over the death of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad.

He asked Allah the Almighty to overwhelm the deceased with His vast mercy and to grant him Paradise as his final abode.

In a press statement, Al-Mujren explained that the late Amir had a great place in the hearts of all Kuwaitis because of his qualities and attributes that are rarely found together in one person, namely humility, forgiveness, generosity, and other good qualities.

With the loss of the late Amir, Kuwait has lost one of the dearest and most precious men who wrote bright pages in the history of Kuwait with the great works he did and with his integrity, which will remain engraved in the memory of Kuwait for life.

The path of the late Amir will remain immortal in the minds and consciences of his people. It will also remain a lesson, admonition and role model for future generations, instilling in them patriotism and a sense of belongingness to the dear homeland.

Al-Mujren concluded by saying, "From this pulpit, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the Kuwaiti people and to the honorable Al-Sabah family. We pray Allah the Almighty will cover him with His vast mercy and inspire patience and solace in all of us during this great affliction."

Meanwhile, the official spokesman of the Ministry of Communications Dr. Ahmed Al-Husseini mourned the passing away of the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad, asking Almighty Allah to bless the deceased with His mercy and grant him paradise as his final abode.

In a press statement, Al-Husseini said, "The late Amir was an example of humility, tolerance and forgiveness. His fragrant biography will remain a beacon for current and future generations, just as the late Amir is the owner of a national journey that will remain immortal and engraved in letters of gold across the pages of history at all levels."

The virtues and deeds of the late Amir require pages and pages because they are full of immortal achievements from his beginning in public works until he assumed the reins of government in the country. His memory will remain immortal among all Kuwaitis, all of whom he loved and who loved him.

Testimony to this is the great sadness that casts its shadow across the country. The late Amir was a father and brother who was friendly with all groups of people. The examples and models here do not need explanation or proof."

Al-Husseini concluded by saying, "We Kuwaitis condole ourselves and extend our condolences to the honorable Al-Sabah family on the death of the late Amir Sheikh

Nawaf Al-Ahmad."

## ...And the knight got off his horse

Kuwait is engulfed in sorrow as HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah died on Saturday.

HH the late Amir dismounted from his horse, as he carried in his heart the concerns of the nation until the last moment of his life.

Sadness overwhelmed the entire country, with everyone imploring God to ensure HH the late Amir resides in the spacious Paradise. He succumbed to illness after many years of achievements, successes and hard work in serving the nation. He had been steadfast in many stages despite the successive crises. He bore the weight of responsibility, trustworthiness and the accompanying hardships, especially in the recent period of illness and pain.

With tearful eyes and weeping hearts, the Arab Times and Al-Seyassah newspapers express their deepest condolences and sympathy to the family of the great deceased, to all the Kuwaiti people and residents, as well as the Arab and Islamic nations.

## Three years in the emirate

At the end of September, the country celebrated the three-year anniversary of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad, may God have mercy on him, taking the reins of leadership. He led the process of renaissance, prosperity and development in the most difficult circumstances that the nation and the world experienced, considering the rising conflicts and escalation of wars. It was a difficult period due to the repercussions of Covid-19, the global food crisis as a result of the war between Russia and Ukraine, and the intensification of political crises in the East and West.

HH the late Amir, may God have mercy on him, maneuvered the national ship towards safety through his sublime wisdom, pure conduct, calmness, and with faith in God and loyalty to Kuwait and its people. Thus, he deserved -- in deed, not in words -- the description of the poet, Ahmad Al-Adwani, in our national anthem: "And our Commander of Glory, our Leader... The Lord of protection, true to His promise."

## Historic day

Sept 29, 2020 was a day unlike all other days. It was the day that our dear country witnessed a new page in the bright record of the history of its honorable rulers, with His Highness the late Amir assuming the reins of power as the leader of national renaissance, prosperity and development.

The next day, His Highness, may God have mercy on him, took the constitutional oath before the National Assembly, as the 16th ruler of the country, in accordance

with the Constitution and the provisions of the Emirate Inheritance Law.

Upon assuming the reins of power, His Highness promised to follow the path of HH the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, may God have mercy on him, by preserving national unity, elevating the pride of Kuwait, protecting its security and stability, and guaranteeing the dignity and well-being of its people.

## Striving for Gulf reunification

His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad, may God have mercy on him, began his auspicious era by completing the Kuwaiti mediation process that HH the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, may God give rest to his soul, started in a bid to reunite the Gulf, and to enhance dialogue and solidarity between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries at the 41st Gulf Summit hosted by Ula City, Saudi Arabia.

Internally, His Highness the late Amir -- from the beginning of his reign until the day he breathed his last, had been keen on preserving the integrity of the country and advancing the development process in all fields despite the challenges, particularly in the period that coincided with his term as Crown Prince and then assuming the reins of leadership, during which the country lived like all countries around the world. It was a very critical period due to the spread of Coronavirus and the decline in oil prices.

## Facing the repercussions of Covid-19

As per the directives of HH the late Amir, may God have mercy on him, the relevant authorities, out of concern for citizens and residents in light of the Corona pandemic, were able to secure the necessary vaccines immediately after the announcement of an effective vaccine. The State was keen to provide the best types of vaccines in abundant quantities for all citizens and expatriates, without distinction.

They also worked hard to secure food without interruption, provided field hospitals and medical staff, various other needs and places designated for isolating the infected... until the crisis passed safely.

## Great interest in youth group

Throughout his reign, HH the late great man focused on the youths, issuing directives to care for them and open future horizons for them, by qualifying them with the best scientific and academic means and instilling authentic Kuwaiti values in them, so that they can participate in the process of development and construction as they are the future of the nation and its true wealth.

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## Late Amir highlights national responsibility of media

# 'National unity ... our most powerful weapon'



His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at children house opening in 2012.

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#### Emphasizing the national responsibility of media

On the media level, His Highness the late Amir, may God have mercy on him, took every chance to emphasize the importance of national responsibility placed on the shoulders of media institutions in publishing national issues and the concerns of citizens, in accordance with what their conscience dictated and with fear in God.

#### Relationship with siblings

His Highness the late Amir, may God have mercy on him, continued the approach that Kuwait followed regarding its relations with its Arab brothers. He was keen to coordinate with Arab leaders in everything related to Arab issues, and to cooperate constructively with them in order to solve the problems that the Arab nation was facing. He focused on the Palestinian cause, as it is the first Arab issue.

Kuwait's relations with other countries around the world followed the approach that it has been following over the past decades in terms of respecting the sovereignty of other countries, not interfering in their internal affairs, adhering to international legitimacy, maintaining international peace and security, and resolving and settling disputes between countries through dialogue and peaceful means.

#### Enhance efficiency of Armed Forces

HH the late Amir was committed to enhancing the efficiency and capabilities of the Armed Forces for them to carry out their sacred duty in protecting the homeland and defending its soil against invaders and aggressors, stressing that this is on top of priorities.

In a speech addressed to the leaders and employees at the Ministry of Defense -- both military and civilian -- when he visited the ministry, HH the late Amir stated: "We will neither be stingy nor lax in providing our Army with the latest weapons and machinery. We will equip it with everything it needs to perform its duty to the fullest and continue working with its full capabilities. We keep on developing and modernizing training, qualification and preparation methods in all sectors of the Army."

#### Support private sector

His Highness the late Amir stressed on several occasions the importance of the role of the private sector in boosting all aspects of the national economy, while contributing to the ongoing efforts to diversify sources of income. He emphasized the significance of coordination with the concerned agencies to achieve the desired development goals.

During his meeting with the President and members of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), HH the late Amir underscored "the need for diligent work of the concerned institutions, taking into consideration the successive economic developments in the world amid the difficulties and challenges the global economy is witnessing in light of the Corona pandemic."

#### Palestine...the first issue

His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad had always been steadfast and unwavering in supporting the just

Palestinian cause. He confirmed standing by the Palestinian people, in an effort to realize all their aspirations to enable them to establish an independent State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital in accordance with the resolutions of international legitimacy and the Arab Peace Initiative. He asserted that the Palestinian cause was and remains the first issue of the State of Kuwait.

This was clearly demonstrated during the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, when he ordered the operation of an air bridge to provide relief to the Palestinians and the people of the Strip. The air bridge planes continue to operate. Till date, there have been nearly 30 planes loaded with food, medicine, ambulances and many other humanitarian needs.

#### Addressing rumors

His Highness the late Amir, may God have mercy on him, always urged everyone to stand united to defend the rights and gains of the nation and protect its capabilities, stressing that no one should be allowed to undermine the security and stability of Kuwait.

In his speech on the occasion of the last 10 days of the holy month of Ramadan, His Highness the late Amir, may God have mercy on him, stressed the importance of standing up to dispel rumors spread on social media platforms and to seek accuracy to know the absolute truth.

#### Dissolving the legislature and calling for elections

In a historic speech delivered on behalf of His Highness the late Amir on June 22, 2020; His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad, may God protect him, said: "As a matter of necessity, we decided to dissolve the National Assembly in a constitutional manner and to call for general elections in accordance with the procedures, dates and controls. Our goal in this solution is the firm desire for the people themselves to stand up and have the final say in the process of correcting the course of the political scene."

#### The National Guard ... institution, a source of pride

His Highness the late Amir was keen on taking care of the National Guard, as reflected in his constant expression of pride in one of the country's lofty military institutions and its brave men who have proven to be a role model in discipline and enforcing the law with firmness and ability. He looked forward to further advancement and success in the system of the institution. He called on all members of the military to cooperate and work as one team.

In his speech during his visit to the headquarters of the National Guard, he recalled with great pride the role of HH the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, and his guidance and support for the security institutions.

He also expressed great pride in the honorable national journey of Chief of the National Guard HH Sheikh Salem Al-Ali, the prominent role of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad, and the tangible efforts he has been exerting to advance and develop the efficiency of this national military institution.

#### Excerpts from the oath

After His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad was sworn in, he delivered a speech touching on

the following important points:

Throughout its long history, Kuwait has been exposed to serious challenges and severe ordeals, which we succeeded in overcoming, working together and taking the Kuwaiti ship to safety.

Our dear homeland today faces delicate circumstances and serious challenges, and there is no way to overcome them and escape from their consequences, except through the unity of the ranks and the concerted efforts of all of us, dedicated to working hard for the good and elevation of Kuwait and its loyal people.

We affirm our pride in our Constitution and our democratic approach. We are proud that Kuwait is a State of law and institutions, our keenness to embody the one-family spirit with which our Kuwaiti society is known, and our commitment to our established principles.

I promise to the people of Kuwait and to you that I will do my utmost, and everything in my power, to preserve the prestige and pride of Kuwait, protect its security and stability, and guarantee the dignity and well-being of its people, armed with the support and assistance of the loyal people of Kuwait."

#### National unity ... our most powerful weapon

His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad, may God have mercy on him, affirmed in his speech during the opening of the supplementary session of the 15th legislative term of the National Assembly the following:

The importance of adhering to the Constitution and the rule of law, and the necessity of adhering to our established national constants, foremost of which is our national unity, solidarity, and cooperation as one family.

Our national unity has proven over the years that it is truly our strongest weapon in facing all challenges, dangers and crises.

The necessity of adhering to our established na-

tional constants, foremost of which is our national unity, solidarity and cooperation as one family.

#### From the words of His Highness

The speech of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad, may God have mercy on him, for the citizens, which was delivered on his behalf by His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad, may God protect him, he urged the people to do the following:

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## Allah May rest his soul in peace

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved Emir, H.H Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. His legacy will forever be remembered, and our thoughts are with the nation during this time of mourning.

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## World leaders mourn passing of great leader

## Saudi King, Crown Prince mourn Amir



His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at the ceremony of honoring sport persons

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Choose well, who represents you correctly, o reflects your aspirations, fulfills your hopes and implements your desires. We hope that the choice will not be based on fanaticism toward the sect, tribe or group at the expense of the nation.

Kuwait is not and will not be for anyone in particular, as it is everyone's homeland -- an oasis of security and safety.

Democracy and loyalty for Kuwait are first and foremost.

Respect the Constitution

Following are the statements of His Highness the late Amir, may God have mercy on him:

I affirm our commitment to democracy as a method, our respect for the Constitution as a principle, the State of law and institutions as a system, and our keenness to rationalize our parliamentary practice. We do not say today that we are in a parliamentary experiment, as we rather have an established practice that has been going on for nearly 60 years.

Despite its importance, the election process represents only the formal aspect of democracy. It is a great national trust and responsibility that is achieved by taking into consideration God, and then being conscientious in choosing the nation's representatives, monitoring their performance, and the soundness of their parliamentary practices in embodying serious oversight, constructive legislation and adhering to the provisions of the Constitution -- in letter and spirit, and ensuring they are held accountable if proven to have committed violations.

I call on all of you to be in awe of Kuwait and to be loyal to it first and foremost.

Important positions

Following are some important facts about HH the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah who was born on June 25, 1937:

- He held the leadership reins in the country on Sept 29, 2020 until his death on Saturday at the age of 86.

- He was the 16th Amir in the country's history and the sixth after independence.

- He was the sixth son of Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber, the former ruler of Kuwait, and his wife Al-Yamamah.

- He grew up in Dasman Palace, the ruling house, during the rule of his father, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber.

- He studied in the regular schools of Kuwait, including the Mubarakiya School.

- He was the third Minister of Interior and the fourth Minister of Defense in the country's history.

- He had the longest tenure at the helm of the Ministry of Interior after Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, as he headed the ministry from 1976 to 1986.

- He headed the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor in the first government after the liberation of Kuwait.

- He was declared Crown Prince on Feb 7, 2006 during the reign of Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, may God have mercy on him.

- On Feb 20, 2006, the National Assembly unanimously pledged allegiance to him to assume the position.

- He assumed the reins of power after the death of HH the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad.

- He was sworn in before the National Assembly in a special session on Sept 30, 2020.

## The world mourns

## Saudi Arabia

Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz and Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Mohammad bin Salman offered condolences to the State of Kuwait and both Arab and Muslim nations over the passing away of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The Royal Court said in a statement that the Saudi King and Crown Prince received the news of the Amir's death with great sadness and sorrow.

The kingdom prayed to Allah the Almighty to bestow mercy upon the late Amir's soul and to grant the people

of Kuwait further patience.

The Kuwaiti Amiri Diwan announced earlier on Saturday the passing away of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

## Egypt

Egypt mourned the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who passed away earlier on Saturday, and announced three days of mourning nationwide.

"President Abdel-Fattah Al-Sisi and the people of Egypt mourn the late leader and the great man, who supported both Arab and Muslim nations, was keen on their affairs, wise in his leadership, and who offered great dedication to his country and both Arab and Muslim nations," according to a presidential statement.

Egypt prayed to Allah the Almighty to bestow mercy upon the late Amir's soul and to grant the people of Kuwait further patience.

## UAE

UAE President Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan mourned the passing of the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Saturday.

In a presidential statement, Sheikh Mohammad prayed to Allah Almighty to rest his soul in Paradise and to grant patience and solace to Al Sabah Family, the State of Kuwait, and its people.

The UAE president announced that the UAE would observe a three-day state mourning with the flag flown at half-mast at all official departments, embassies, and UAE's diplomatic missions outside the country, it said.

For his part, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashed Al-Maktoum offered condolences over the death of the Amir of Kuwait.

## Lebanon

Lebanon declared official mourning for the death of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

This came in a statement issued by Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati, which included the declaration of official mourning and that flags would be flown at half-mast at all official departments, institutions, and municipalities for a period of three days from Saturday to Monday, December 18.

He prayed to Allah the Almighty to bless the late His Highness the Amir with mercy and place him in paradise.

## Pakistan

Caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan, Anwaar ul Haq Kakar on Saturday has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office, Kakar expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of Amir of Kuwait Sheikh and said that Pakistan stands in solidarity with the Kuwaiti Royal Family and the people of Kuwait at this moment of grief. He prayed for the departed soul.

The Prime Minister said the late Kuwaiti Amir will always be remembered for his sterling contribution to strengthening Pakistan-Kuwait relations.

## Palestinian President

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas mourned Saturday the death of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, sending his condolences to the people of Kuwait, the people of the Arab and Islamic nations and the world.

"With his passing, Palestine has lost an Arab leader who spent his life serving his people and his nation, and who stood by our national cause, our people, and their legitimate rights with all sincerity," said Abbas in a statement issued by the Palestinian News Agency (WAFA).

He extended his heartfelt condolences to the freshly proclaimed state of Kuwait Amir His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, to the government,

and the Kuwaiti people, in the name of the State of Palestine and its people, and his name personally.

Abbas declared mourning and flags flown at half-mast, the statement mentioned.

## ICESCO grieves

The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) mourned Saturday the late His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

ICESCO Director General Dr. Salim Al-Malek, on his behalf and on behalf of all the organization's employees, expressed sincere condolences and compassion to the ruling family and the people of Kuwait, asking Allah the Almighty to grant the late Amir mercy and place him the highest paradise.

Al-Malek noted the great role of the late Amir in serving cultural issues and developing the fields of science, his keenness on humanitarian work and promoting sustainable development, and the development witnessed in cooperation between ICESCO and the competent Kuwaiti authorities during his reign.

## Iraq condolences

Iraqi President Abdul Latif Rashid voiced condolences to Kuwait over the death of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Saturday.

"With great sorrow and sadness, we received the news of the death of His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah," he said in a cable to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The Iraqi president prayed to Allah Almighty to bless the late Amir's soul with much mercy, and to grant the Kuwaiti people more patience and solace.

For his part, Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammad Al-Sudani said in a tweet: "We extend our deepest condolences to the State of Kuwait and the government and people, on the passing of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah."

"We ask Allah to bestow mercy upon him, and to inspire patience and solace on his family, relatives, and all the brotherly Kuwaiti people," he said.

Meanwhile, Acting Parliament Speaker Mohsen Al-Mandalawi expressed much sadness to the State of Kuwait over the death of the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

He said that with great sadness and great sorrow, he received the news of the death of the Amir of Kuwait, remembering his sincere stances and good efforts in supporting Arab and Islamic issues and ensuring regional stability in the region.

## Jordan

The Jordanian Royal Court mourned the passing of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah earlier on Saturday.

Jordanian King Abdullah also ordered seven days of mourning over the Amir's death as of today (Saturday), the court said in a statement.

The king expressed his deepest sympathies and condolences of the Jordanian people over these difficult times, voicing solidarity with the Kuwaiti people, it added.

## Oman mourns

Sultan Haitham Bin Tareq of Oman has issued royal orders to declare official mourning, lower flags at half mast, and suspend work in government and private sectors for three days, starting today, Saturday, following the death of the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

According to a Court statement carried by the Omani News Agency (ONA), Sultan Haitham deemed the late Amir as one of the Arab world's prominent leaders, who worked for the progress and prosperity of both Arab and Muslim nations, as well as his country.

An ONA report on the sad occasion said that during Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad's reign, Kuwait witnessed achievements on various levels, praising at the same time the sturdy and brotherly bond between the two Gulf countries.

Reforms on state and parliamentary levels marked the

late Amir's three-year rule, which resulted in creating a sense of union across the Kuwaiti public spectrum.

This was in addition to launching many mega developmental projects in oil and investment sectors, the late Amir made sure to lay new economic foundations for the future.

At the social level, during Sheikh Nawaf's reign, Kuwait came first in Arab social development index for 2021, as well as first worldwide in water and health care indexes, also in 2021.

## Algeria

Algerian President Abdelmajid Tabboune expressed deepest condolences for the State of Kuwait over the passing away of the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

President Tabboune, in a letter to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, that "We bid farewell to a dear brother" who led Kuwait to further development and sustainability, the presidency said in a statement.

He extended deepest condolences to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad.

The Amiri Diwan of Kuwait announced earlier the death of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and declared a 40-day mourning.

## GCC mourns

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) expressed deep condolences for the passing away of Kuwait Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who was announced dead on Saturday.

GCC Secretary General Jassem Al-Budaiwi expressed condolences for His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah over the death of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad.

He paid tribute to the achievements of the late Amir, his wisdom and humanity.

The Amiri Diwan of Kuwait announced earlier the death of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and declared a 40-day mourning.

## Spanish ambassador

Ambassador of Spain Miguel Moro Aguilar expressed his deepest condolences and those of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain on the sad news of the passing of HH the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. God bless his soul.

Our deepest sympathy to the Ruling Family, the Government and the People of Kuwait in this moment with our best wishes for the future of the country.

## Japan mourns

Ambassador of Japan to Kuwait H.E. Morino Yasunari, expressed condolences on the demise of HH Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah : "I would like, on behalf of the Government of Japan and its people, to express our most sincere condolences on the demise of HH Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait. We express our heartfelt sympathies with the Ruling Family of Kuwait and its people. We are deeply grieved by the passing of the late Amir who made great contributions with his outstanding leadership and wisdom to the deepening of the relationship between Japan and Kuwait as well as to the peace and prosperity of the world. We wish the soul of the deceased may rest in peace."

## UK saddened over Amir passing away

The UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Saturday offered his deepest condolences to the Kuwaiti people and the Al-Sabah family on the death of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In a statement to Kuwait TV and KUNA, Premier Sunak said that His Highness the late Amir was a great friend for the UK and that he will remember fondly all what His Highness the late Amir did for the bilateral relationship and his work to promote stability in the Middle East.

The Amiri Diwan announced earlier today the passing away of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf.

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Late Amir pillar of security and stability in Kuwait and region

# Kuwait lowers flags at half-mast

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The British Government, in a statement, said "with great regret that we learn of the death of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah." It also noted that Union flags will be half-masted on all government buildings in the UK on the sad occasion from today until tomorrow (Sunday) at 08:00 p.m. local time.

In the same vein, Foreign Minister David Cameron, in a statement, said the late Sheikh Nawaf "leaves behind a great legacy, the result of a long and distinguished career in the Interior Ministry, as Defence Minister, Crown Prince and then as Amir."

"His contribution to regional stability, his personal commitment to global development and his work to bridge gaps between nations will long be remembered. I offer my profound condolences to Kuwait and its people at this sad time."

## Iranian Pres. FM condoles with Kuwait

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi expressed condolences for Kuwait leadership and people for passing away of Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Saturday.

Raisi, in a statement cited by the presidency website, extended condolences to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Al-Sabah Family and Kuwaiti people.

Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian extended condolences for the Kuwaiti government and people for the death of Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad.

The Amiri Diwan of Kuwait announced earlier the death of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad and declared a 40-day mourning.

## Kuwait lowers flags at half-mast

Kuwait lowered its national flag Saturday declaring a 40-day period of official mourning, grieving the death of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who passed away this morning.

In an extraordinary meeting held today, the cabinet announced official mourning for a period of 40 days and the closure of official departments for three days, while the Kuwait Municipality announced the lowering of flags at half-mast for 40 days in all ministries' buildings, government agencies, and main roads.

Since the morning of November 24, 1961, the country's flag has been flying on its flagpoles, buildings, and institutions, even though the law stipulates that the national flag must be officially raised starting on the morning of January 1, 1962.

That flag was not lowered except during periods when the country witnessed the death of one of its honorable rulers from Al-Sabah family, namely the late His Highness the Amir Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, the late His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, the late His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the late His Highness the Amir Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, and the late His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Despite the crisis of the Iraqi invasion and the months of occupation that the country experienced between August 2, 1990 and February 26, 1991, the Kuwaiti flag remained raised in homes, remaining in the souls as a symbol of freedom and independence after the Iraqi forces resorted to burning flags raised in public and private places.

The flag is considered a national symbol that carries certain connotations and expresses specific meanings that remain eternal over the years and are passed down through generations.

Although each country has its own constitution, laws, and specific signs that express and indicate them, the flag remains the most expressive and used symbol to represent the country in international forums.

The flag of Kuwait has great importance in representing the country through its embassies and consulates abroad, in addition to its presence among the flags of countries around the world on the United Nations building and the buildings of regional and international organizations and institutions in which Kuwait participates.

Article two of Law 26 of 1961 regarding the Kuwaiti flag stipulates that the flag be raised over government buildings in Kuwait and on ships that carry Kuwaiti nationality.

As for Article four of the same law, it stipulates that the flag be flown at half-mast in cases of official mourning being declared in the country.

'Late Amir supported local, int'l cooperation'

His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah had a "prominent" role in shaping Kuwait's local policy, as well as supporting regional and international cooperation, said Oman's top diplomat on Saturday.

"Since assuming power in 2020, His Highness the late Amir worked relentlessly to sustain relations with Gulf, Arab and friendly countries," said Bader Al-Busaidi, the Sultanate's foreign minister in a statement to KUNA. His Highness late Sheikh Nawaf passed away earlier today.

Al-Busaidi stressed "brotherly" Omani-Kuwaiti relations, as the Sultanate's leadership, government and people share the grave sorrow of such great loss with the State of Kuwait.

Sultan Haitham Bin Tareq of Oman has issued royal orders to declare official mourning, lower flags at half mast, and suspend work in government and private sectors for three days, starting today, Saturday, following the death of Sheikh Nawaf.

## OIC, WML condoles over Amir's death

Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Hussein Taha expressed deepest condolences for the State of Kuwait, Al-Sabah family and Kuwaiti people for the passing of the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The late Amir was a pillar of security and stability in Kuwait and the region, Taha said in a statement.

He paid tribute for the late Amir for his contributions to the development, security, stability and prosperity of Kuwait.

The World Muslim League also condoled with the passing away of Sheikh



His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah with Saudi King

Nawaf Al-Ahmad.

Secretary General Mohammad Al-Essa said he received with great sorrow the news of the passing of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad.

The Amiri Diwan of Kuwait announced earlier the death of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad and declared a 40-day mourning.

## Kuwait NOC, sport auth. mourn late Amir

Chairman of Kuwait National Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahad Nasser Al-Sabah and Director General of The Public Authority for Sports Yusuf Al-Baidan expressed condolences for the death of the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Saturday.

Sheikh Fahad mourned the late Amir and said the sport movement lost a great leader.

Al-Baidan expressed condolences of the authority and sportsmen for passing away of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Kuwait lost a leader and a father for all Kuwaitis, he said.

The Amiri Diwan of Kuwait announced earlier the death of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad and declared a 40-day mourning.

## Bahrain king declares 3-day mourning

Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa extended condolences over the passing away of the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Saturday.

The Royal Court, in a statement, also declared three days of official mourning and flying flags at half-mast as of today (Saturday).

The Bahraini king remembered the late Amir's efforts and achievements in serving his people and both Arab and Islamic nations, and supporting their issues, according to the statement.

"He was a wise leader who devoted his life to serving his people and his nation, and serving humanity," he said, voicing sincere condolences to Al-Sabah Family and the dear people of Kuwait.

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His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in a visit to the UAE



His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in a visit to Qatar

## Brotherly nations mourn great loss

## Late Amir's good and fruitful deeds praiseworthy



His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah with Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

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For his part, Chairman of the Shura Council Ali Al-Saleh said the State of Kuwait and its loyal family and the Arab world have lost the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as a wise and sincere leader and Amir who was loyal to his religion, nation and people, as well as to both Arab and Muslims nations.

He remembered the late Amir's praiseworthy record of good and fruitful deeds and support for his country's development and progress.

Meanwhile, Bahrain has postponed all celebrations marking the kingdom's National Day slated for today (Saturday) and Sunday as a sign of mourning for the passing of the Amir of Kuwait.

Senior Jordanian officials mourned the great loss of Kuwait, the late His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who passed away Saturday.

Jordanian Crown Prince Hussein bin Abdullah II expressed his deepest condolences to Kuwait.

"Our deepest condolences to the brotherly Kuwaiti people over the passing of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, may he rest in peace," he said through his account on the social networking site Instagram.

Meanwhile, Jordanian Queen Rania Al-Abdullah offered her condolences to the government and people of Kuwait and recalled the late His Highness the Amir's humanitarian stances.

May Allah the Almighty have mercy on the late His Highness the Amir, she said on her account on the social networking site X.

In turn, Jordanian Prime Minister Dr. Bisher Al-Khasawneh expressed his sincere condolences and compassion, praying to Allah the Almighty to have mercy on the late His Highness the Amir's soul.

With the passing of the late His Highness the Amir, a sincere and faithful Arab leader was lost who devoted his life to serving his country and the issues of the Arab and Islamic nations, Al-Khasawneh said in a press statement, hoping that Kuwait continues the path of achievement, goodness, giving and resilience and to remain a model in regional surroundings and the entire world.

For his part, the Speaker of the Jordanian Senate Faisal Al-Fayez said that with this death, the Arab and Islamic nations have lost a human who always sided with truth, justice, and just Arab and Islamic causes.

The late His Highness the Amir left great imprints in the service of Kuwait and Jordan and was at the forefront of defenders of the dignity of the nation and its just causes, most notably the Palestinian issue and the right of the Palestinian people to establish their independent state on the Palestinian national territory, he mentioned.

Al-Fayez offered his deepest condolences to the ruling family, Kuwaiti government, people, and parliament.

On his side, the Speaker of the House of Representatives Ahmad Al-Safadi, on his behalf and the members of the House of Representatives, mourned the late His Highness the Amir and offered condolences to the Speaker and MPs.

He offered condolences to the ruling family, people and government, praying to Allah the Almighty to have mercy on the late His Highness the Amir's soul and to take him to paradise.

With the passing of the late His Highness the Amir, the Arab and Islamic nation misses a wise leader who dedicated his life to serving his people and nation and remained keen on Arab solidarity and a defender of the nation's just causes, Al-Safadi explained.

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# Sheikh Nawaf ... a life well lived



The late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah with Arab Times and Al-Seyassah newspapers Editor-in-Chief Ahmed Al-Jarallah



The late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah takes the oath on the occasion of his appointment as Minister of Interior in 1978



The late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah with Arab Times and Al-Seyassah newspapers Deputy Editor-in- Chief, Sulaiman Al-Jarallah

'Sheikh Nawaf a leader with a big heart and compassion for his people'

# Late Amir's life full of achievements



His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad with Late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad and Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled.

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Earlier today, the Jordanian Royal Court announced mourning for the late His Highness the Amir at the Hashemite Royal Court for seven days.

His Highness late Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad had always supported Yemen and its people, said Premier Maeen Saeed on Saturday.

In a cable of condolences to his Kuwaiti counterpart His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Saeed said the late Amir's wise leadership was instrumental in supporting Arab and Islamic causes, pointing out Kuwait's influential role in the stability and development of Yemen through many vital projects.

Expressing deep sorrow over the sad occasion, Saeed said by the "loss" of His Highness Sheikh Nawaf, the Arab and Muslim nations "lost" one of their "kind" symbols.

On his part, Chairman of the Presidential Leadership Council Rashad Al-Alimi praised the late Amir's legacy in serving his people.

According to Yemen's news agency, Al-Alimi, in a cable condoling with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, said His Highness late Sheikh Nawaf holds a special place in the hearts of the Yemeni people due to the deceased's support to Yemen all the way through, especially during the hard times in seek of peace and stability.

The Amiri Diwan announced earlier today the passing away of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf.

President of Iraq's Kurdistan region Nechervan Barzani and Prime Minister Masrour Barzani expressed condolences for the State of Kuwait for the passing away of the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The two leaders, in messages of condolences on X, expressed sympathies for the Kuwaiti people and leadership for the death of Sheikh Nawaf.

He prayed to Allah the Almighty to bestow his mercy upon the deceased.

The Amiri Diwan of Kuwait announced earlier the death of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad and declared a 40-day mourning.

Secretary-General of the Arab League Ahmad Abul-Gheit offered sincere condolences and solace to Kuwait's leadership, government and people, as well as the Arab world over the passing away of Kuwaiti Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Saturday.

In a statement issued by the Arab bloc, Abul-Gheit prayed to Almighty Allah to bestow mercy upon the late Amir's soul and to grant the people of Kuwait and all his beloved ones further patience.

The league's chief commended the late Amir as a symbol of tolerant humanity, saying that he devoted his life to serve his country amid great challenges, and he strongly believed in joint Arab action.

He added that the late

Amir's great efforts would remain etched in Arab memories, voicing his agency's utter solidarity with the people of Kuwait at this sad time.

The President of the Transitional Sovereignty Council in Sudan, Abdelfattah Al-Burhan, mourned with great sadness late Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Saturday.

In a statement issued by the Council, Al-Burhan, on behalf of the government and people of Sudan, extended sincere condolences and sympathy to the government and people of brotherly Kuwait on the death of His Highness Sheikh Nawaf.

Several Kuwaiti intellectuals and fine artists unanimously agreed that the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was distinguished by a good reputation, love for goodness, communication with old and young, and closeness to the pulse of the street, throughout his lifetime.

They affirmed that his life was full of achievements, characterized by sincerity in work and effort, as well as the search for everything related to the Kuwaiti citizens in order to achieve their well-being and overcome the obstacles that might stand in their way.

He was also extremely humble and close to the people. There were no barriers preventing any Kuwaiti citizen from addressing him, due to his love for goodness and his dedication to serving Kuwait.

The daily held interviews with many notable Kuwaiti intellectuals, writers, researchers and artists who expressed their deep sadness over the passing of the late Amir of the country Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Poet Ibrahim Hamid Al-Khalidi said, "Sincere condolences to the honorable ruling family... Sincere condolences to Islam, Arabism and humanity, over the death of the Amir of Amnesty, Tolerance and Reform Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Through his death, we lost a high value from which we learned to mix wisdom with humility, compassion with firmness, and commitment to piety.

We are Allah's witnesses, and we bear witness that He was good to his people, and Allah took care of them.

His era was an era of commitment to the Constitution and the values of democracy. He continued the blessed path that his honorable predecessors had taken.

As we offer our condolences to ourselves and our nation, we pledge allegiance to our new Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. We pray to Almighty Allah for his success, wisdom and guidance for the benefit of the country and the people.

To Allah we belong and to Him is our return."

Meanwhile, writer Haitham Boodai said, "The late Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad built his glories in heaven. It is man's great journey to earth that is an irreplaceable opportunity for him, so that he can build his glories in heaven where true and immortal life is.

Our Amir was an Amir of asceticism and generous forgiveness. Many of us noticed his asceticism and his attendance at mosques where he was seen reading the Quran, which was his companion on his enlightened path, leaving his emotional message for us to build our glories in heaven, and not on the mortal earth with its glories... and it will one day become a barren desert, may Allah Almighty have mercy on his soul."

Furthermore, researcher and writer Nawaf Al-Jahma said, "The title "Amir of Pardon" was given to Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad because, during his reign, he issued amnesty decrees that covered many citizens and public and political figures from different backgrounds... May Allah have mercy on his soul, as he was an example of forgiveness and love of goodness."

Also, the fine artist Najiba Butayban said, "We belong to Allah and to Him is our return... May Allah have mercy on the soul of Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and forgive him and make Paradise his resting place. He was a father and leader with a big heart and compassion for his people.

He was known for his generosity since eternity, with good deeds for everyone. Oh Allah, grant him paradise, O Allah, Amen."

Meanwhile, the former Secretary General of the Kuwait Writers Association, researcher Talal Al-Rumaidi said, "This sad news about the death of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who was known to be a benevolent man who loved Kuwait and gave a lot to it, pained us.

We ask Allah to forgive him and place him in His spacious gardens. The late Amir did a lot for the benefit of Kuwait and its people, and his memory will be stuck in history, for the love of the people and his fragrant biography. We ask Allah for acceptance and mercy."

In this regard, Head of the Kuwait Society for Fine Arts Abdul Rasoul Salman said, "On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Kuwait Society for Fine Arts, we extend our sincere condolences and sympathy to the Al-Sabah family, the people of Kuwait and the Arab nation on the death of the late Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

We ask Allah for forgiveness and mercy, and that Allah may dwell him in His spacious gardens and inspire his family with patience and solace. May Allah have mercy on his soul.

The late Amir loved Kuwait and its people, and was close to the people... We belong to Allah and to Him is our return."

Furthermore, the fine artist Qasim Yassin said, "We, the Kuwaiti people and fine artists, Al-Sabah family, the Arab nation, the Islamic nation and the Kuwaiti people as a whole, console ourselves with the passing of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the caring father, the Amir of forgiveness and humanity, the Amir of sincerity, dedication and faith. We have known this man for a long time. He was humble and close to the hearts of the people.

He served from every position, which he held seriously and diligently until he reached power. We saw nothing from him except good morals, humility, closeness in everything that concerned the interest of the people, and forgiveness. He is the best of those we missed.

Personally, I am the first Kuwaiti to contribute to making a cup bearing his name when he was the Crown Prince. I designed a cup for him in his name and put in it the qualities that distinguished him. I was the first fine artist to do this work.

In appreciation for him, I wanted to serve him in every work I did. May Allah have mercy on him. We ask Allah to cover him with His vast mercy and to be in the Gardens of eternity."

In addition, a writer and the editor-in-chief of the Al-

Moasher Economic Newspaper Mazyad Mubarak Al-Muoshherji said, "We extend our sincere condolences and sincere sympathy to the honorable Al-Sabah family, and to the Kuwaiti people in general, on the death of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad.

It is a great loss for the Arab and Islamic nation to lose the Amir of Forgiveness, Kindness and Tolerance. We ask the Almighty Allah to bestow His mercy on the deceased, and to dwell him in his spacious paradise. The late Amir fulfilled his trust and was honest with his people.

He was close to everyone, humble in his actions, honest in what he said, and loving to everyone. We hope that Allah Almighty will accept him and render Paradise as his final abode."

## India

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended condolences on demise of Kuwait Amir His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the Indian government announced one day of state mourning.

A statement from the Prime Minister's Office said: "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has conveyed his condolences on the demise of His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to the Royal family, the leadership and the people of Kuwait.

"Deeply saddened to learn about the unfortunate demise of His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. We convey our deepest condolences to the Royal family, the leadership and the people of Kuwait," Modi posted on his official account in X.

Meanwhile, the government of India decided to observe one day's state mourning tomorrow throughout India as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

"The National Flag will be flown at half-mast throughout India on all buildings where it is flown regularly and there will be no official entertainment on the day," the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs said in a statement.

Secretary General of the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Zurab Pololikashvili, expressed sincere condolences and sympathy over the death of late Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who passed away on Saturday.

Pololikashvili said on his (X) platform account that he was deeply saddened to learn about the passing. My thoughts are with the people of Kuwait, he noted.

The Amiri Diwan announced earlier today the sad news, as the Cabinet declared a 40-day mourning period.

Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif Dr. Ahmad Al-Tayeb mourned Saturday, with sincere condolences to the Kuwaiti people, His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In a similar statement, Grand Mufti of Egypt Dr. Shawqi Allam expressed sincere condolences and sympathy to the leadership, government, and people of Kuwait over the death of His Highness Sheikh Nawaf.

Speaker of the Egyptian House of Representatives Hanafi Jebali, expressed in a statement on his part and on behalf of members of the Council, sincere condolences, as well did President of the Senate, Abdelwahab Abdelrazek, who also extended similar sentiments on his part and on behalf of Senate members.

The Amiri Diwan of Kuwait announced earlier the death of Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad and declared a 40-day mourning period.

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# Al-Nawaf heads for heavenly abode



# OPINION

## Farewell... Amir of asceticism and justice

By **Ahmed Al-Jarallah**

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THE late Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad was not an ordinary person. He was renowned for his integrity and his asceticism, and for always working for the good of his people.

The late Amir was characterized by humility in all the positions he held, and dealt with the people as one of them.

His defense of the oppressed was based on the principle that justice is one of the pillars of Kuwait's strength.

That is why his short reign was full of achievements, starting with national reconciliation, all the way to amnesty, until he became its patron.

I have known Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad for decades, and I always saw in his personality his love for his people and his family. He would not accept one's burden to be borne by another. His decisions were always measured with a fair scale so as not to oppress

anyone.

It is difficult to know where to begin when it comes to speaking about the impact of this man, be it his keenness for development when he was governor, or his dedication in maintaining security and his pursuit for upholding the stability of the country when he served as the Minister of Interior, as well as his endeavor to serve the people of Kuwait when he was Minister of Social Affairs and Labor, or when he was in the Ministry of Defense.

The late Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad is a model of patriotic giving. He worked conscientiously, hated hypocrisy and double standards. That is why hearts were eager to pray for him when he suffered a health setback.

Today, we are praying for mercy for his soul, and for Almighty Allah to grant him paradise and great reward for his service to his people

in Kuwait and the Arab nation.

This man of faith worked throughout his life to ensure that charity works would be continuous and permanent. He ensured that mercy is the basis of all philanthropic activities because of his conviction that a person's life is written by his deeds.

The eyes shed tears and the heart grieves, but we only say what pleases Allah, "To Allah we belong and to Him we shall return."

O Almighty Allah, forgive the shortcomings of your servant Nawaf Al-Ahmad. Have mercy on his soul and grant Paradise as his final abode.

Indeed, Kuwait today is saddened by the passing of its ascetic Amir, but it undoubtedly looks forward to his successor His Highness the Amir Mishal Al-Ahmad, in whom it sees the best successor to the best predecessor.



His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

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