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# Interior minister meets chief editors

## Transparency on citizenship, tough anti-drug action, opening up of visas discussed



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The meeting, initiated by dean of Kuwaiti journalists and Editor-in-Chief of Al-Seyassah newspaper Ahmed Al-Jarallah, provided an opportunity to discuss several issues of mutual concern. Sheikh Fahad highlighted the ministry of interior's efforts to enhance security and safeguard social stability under the guidance of the country's leadership, stressing that security remains the cornerstone of national development.

The discussions also touched on the importance of national identity in strengthening belonging and citizenship values. Sheikh Fahad affirmed the government's commitment to supporting all initiatives that preserve and promote national identity across media, cultural and societal platforms. He underscored the role of the citizenship grievances committee, tasked with reviewing cases related to withdrawal, revocation and loss of Kuwaiti nationality. The committee, he said, operates with full transparency and flexibility in line with laws and regulations to ensure fairness and the protection of rights.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Amir appoints undersecretary

KUWAIT: An Amiri decree on Tuesday appointed Dr Bader Hasan Abdulrahman Al-Busairi as Undersecretary of the Ministry of Higher Education. The decree, effective immediately, was issued following Cabinet approval and will be published in the official gazette. — KUNA



Dr Bader Al-Busairi

## Kuwait, India reaffirm ties

NEW DELHI: Kuwait and India held the seventh round of political consultations on Tuesday, led by Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs Ambassador Sameeh Johar Hayat and senior Indian officials. The talks followed up on Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Kuwait last December and focused on expanding cooperation in trade, investment, energy, aviation, healthcare, AI and education.

Hayat said the consultations reaffirmed the historic ties between both countries, with plans for more high-level visits and joint workshops this year. He also praised the role of Kuwait's Indian community, exceeding one million people, in key sectors such as construction and infrastructure. Both sides noted strong alignment on regional and international issues, particularly support for peaceful solutions to global conflicts. The consultations were attended by Kuwait's Ambassador to India Meshal Al-Shamali, India's Ambassador to Kuwait Dr Adarsh Swaika, and senior diplomats from both sides. — KUNA (See Page 2)



NEW DELHI: Kuwaiti Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs Sameeh Johar Hayat and Kuwait's Ambassador to India Meshal Al-Shamali meet Indian Vice Minister of External Affairs Arun Kumar Chatterjee and India's Ambassador to Kuwait Dr Adarsh Swaika as the two countries held the seventh round of political consultations. — KUNA

## Australia expels Iran envoy, Tehran vows to respond

SYDNEY: Australia accused Iran of directing two "antisemitic" arson attacks in the cities of Sydney and Melbourne and gave Tehran's ambassador seven days to leave the country on Tuesday, its first such expulsion since World War Two. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said the Australian Security Intelligence Organization had gathered credible intelligence that Iran was behind at least two attacks.

"These were extraordinary and dangerous acts of aggression orchestrated by a foreign nation on Aus-

tralian soil," Albanese told a press briefing. "They were attempts to undermine social cohesion and sow discord in our community." Iran had sought to "disguise its involvement" in last year's attacks on a kosher restaurant in Sydney and the Adass Israel Synagogue in Melbourne, Albanese said. No injuries were reported in the attacks.

Since the Zionist war in Gaza began in Oct 2023, Australian homes, schools, synagogues and vehicles have been targeted in "antisemitic" vandalism and arson, while Islamophobic incidents have also surged. Australian civil society group the Islamophobia Register said incidents of that nature rose 500 percent in workplaces, universities and the media since Oct 2023, with 1,500 reported.

Australia's decision was motivated by internal affairs, and "antisemitism" had no place in Iranian culture, a spokesperson for Iran's foreign ministry said. "The

accusation that has been made is absolutely rejected," Esmail Baqaei said during a weekly press conference, adding that "any inappropriate and unjustified action on a diplomatic level will have a reciprocal reaction".

Earlier Tuesday, Australia declared Iranian ambassador Ahmad Sadeghi "persona non grata" and ordered him and three other officials to leave the country within seven days. It also withdrew its own ambassador to Iran and suspended operations at its embassy in Tehran, which opened in 1968.

On Tuesday, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, in a post on X, called Albanese a "weak politician" and said the accusation against Iran "makes zero sense". "Iran is paying the price for the Australian people's support for Palestine. Canberra should know better than to attempt to appease a regime led by War Criminals," Iran's top diplomat said, referring to Zionist politicians.

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Kuwait slams Zionist crimes

KUWAIT: Kuwait on Tuesday condemned the Zionist occupation forces' incursion into Syrian territories, calling it a flagrant violation of Syria's sovereignty and international law. Kuwait reiterated its stance in support of Syria against these repeated violations and all efforts the Syrian government takes to protect its security and stability, the foreign ministry said in a statement on Tuesday. Kuwait also strongly condemned the Zionist occupation forces' targeting of medics, rescuers and journalists at the Nasser Medical Complex in Gaza, the foreign ministry said in a statement on Monday, calling the crime a blatant violation of international law. The Zionist entity continues to commit crimes systemically against unarmed Palestinian civilians without accountability, it warned. — KUNA

Norway divests from Zionist firms

OSLO: Norway's sovereign wealth fund said Monday that it had divested from US construction equipment firm Caterpillar over involvement in rights violations in the Zionist war. The Norwegian central bank, which manages the fund, said "bulldozers manufactured by Caterpillar are being used by (Zionist) authorities in the widespread unlawful destruction of Palestinian property". The fund said it had also withdrawn from five Zionist firms for financing the construction of illegal settlements in the Zionist-occupied West Bank. — AFP

## Sci-fi skies as haboob sweeps through Phoenix

WASHINGTON: A massive wall of dust swept through Phoenix, plunging the southwest US city into near-total darkness, grounding flights, forcing motorists off the road and cutting power to thousands. The giant haboob, which occurred on Monday, is a common phenomenon during the arid region's monsoon season.

Haboobs form when a thunderstorm collapses, sending cold air crashing

onto the desert floor, where it scoops up dust into a towering wall of sediment that can stretch for miles and rise thousands of feet. The dust storm was followed by heavy rain and lightning that triggered flash flood warnings. "This monsoon dust isn't messing around... Please be safe!" the City of Phoenix warned on X, sharing a photo of the dust wall looming over planes, a sight reminiscent of a science-fiction film.

Local media said the weather tore part of the roof off Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. The Trico Electric Co-op reported 7,200 customers without power, while police in the town of Gilbert said downed trees and traffic light outages created hazardous driving conditions.

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PHOENIX: A large cloud of dust approaches Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on Aug 25, 2025. — AFP