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KUWAIT A RED LINE

Amir condemns aggression by neighboring Muslim country, urges vigilance



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KUWAIT: HH the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah addressed the nation on the last 10 days of Ramadan, declaring that "our homeland is a red line" and reaffirming that its sovereignty, security and stability will never be compromised.

HH the Amir condemned a brutal attack carried out by a neighboring Muslim country, which Kuwait considers a friend, despite repeated warnings that its territory, airspace, and shores would not be used for any military actions against that country. He said the attacks targeted Kuwait's airspace, territory, civil facilities and infrastructure, resulting in the martyrdom of armed forces personnel, the death of an innocent child, and injuries to citizens, residents and personnel from allied countries.

"These attacks constitute a blatant violation of international norms, UN charters, and good neighborly relations, causing destruction and terrorizing the innocent," HH the Amir said. He affirmed Kuwait's full and legitimate right to defend itself under Article 51 of the UN Charter and pledged to take all necessary measures to protect its territory, people and residents while safeguarding national sovereignty and stability.

HH the Amir praised Kuwait's armed forces for their steadfastness, readiness and professionalism, calling them "a solid shield against aggressors" whose commitment and loyalty to the homeland remain unwavering. He emphasized that attacks on Kuwait's sister countries are threats to the region's se-

curity as a whole and stressed that the Gulf Cooperation Council's security is indivisible, warning that any violation of a member state's sovereignty endangers collective security.

Calling on citizens and residents to maintain vigilance, HH the Amir said public awareness, trust in state institutions and societal cohesion are essential to counter rumors, prevent exploitation of crises, and strengthen national resilience.

Highlighting the spiritual significance of Ramadan, HH the Amir described the holy month as "a school of values and ethics", teaching patience, discipline, compassion, cooperation, fraternity and selflessness. He urged Kuwaitis to embody these principles to remain united, strong and dedicated to national progress and peace.

HH the Amir expressed deep gratitude to leaders of friendly and neighboring countries who voiced solidarity with Kuwait and condemned the attacks, calling their support "a reflection of enduring bonds of brotherhood and unity in the face of threats to regional stability". Concluding his address, the Amir prayed for the martyrs, the injured, and all residents of Kuwait, asking God to protect the nation, preserve security and peace, and bless the holy month with goodness. "May God grant mercy to our martyrs, raise their ranks among the righteous and grant patience and solace to their families," he said, adding, "May He also heal the injured and grant them good health." — KUNA

FALLEN HEROES LAID TO REST

Kuwait condemns Iranian attacks as more missiles, drones intercepted



KUWAIT: First Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Fahad Al-Yousef Al-Sabah attends the funeral of two border guards martyred while on duty at Sulaibikhat cemetery on March 9, 2026. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat



Representative of HH the Amir, HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, participates via video call in a summit of regional and European Union leaders.



Acting Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Aziz Al-Daihani summons Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Toutounji.

KUWAIT: Kuwait on Monday bid farewell to two servicemen martyred while performing their national duty amid ongoing regional tensions and attacks targeting the country. The funeral of Lt Col Abdullah Emad Al-Sharrah and Major Fahad Abdulaziz Al-Mujammad, members of the general administration of land border security at the interior ministry, was held at Sulaibikhat cemetery. Mourners led by First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Fahad Yousef Saud Al-Sabah expressed pride in the sacrifices made by Kuwait's servicemen in safeguarding the country's security and stability.

HH the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent cables of condolences to the martyrs' families, expressing sincere sympathy and recalling with pride their dedicated service in defending the homeland. He prayed that God grant them mercy, admit them into paradise and grant their families patience. HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah also sent cables of condolences.

National Guard Chief Sheikh Mubarak Humoud Al-Jaber Al-Sabah expressed condolences on behalf of the National Guard. Former Minister of Information and Culture and Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Kuwait Times Abdullah Bofain offered condolences to the political leadership, the Kuwaiti people and the families of the martyrs.

Separately, HH the Prime Minister, representing HH the Amir, participated via videoconference in a summit of regional and European Union leaders, condemning the blatant Iranian attacks on Kuwait and countries in the region as violations of sovereignty and international law. He stressed that Kuwait is not a party to the war

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and that its territory will not be used for military operations against any side. HH the Prime Minister earlier visited an emergency shelter run by the Ministry of Public Works with Minister Dr Noura Al-Mashaan to review preparedness and emergency procedures, while also reviewing progress on public works projects.

Kuwaiti forces have dealt with 234 ballistic missiles, 423 drones and one cruise missile, he said, noting the attacks resulted in civilian deaths including a child, the martyrdom of four military and interior personnel and 91 injuries. HH the Prime Minister reaffirmed Kuwait's right to self-defense under Article 51 of the UN Charter and praised steps taken by Iraq to halt attacks launched by some Iraqi factions against Kuwait on March 3.

He added that Kuwait has taken measures to protect residents and facilitate the safe return of stranded individuals through neighboring countries. Due to the situation, Kuwait also declared force majeure on crude oil sales and reduced production amid threats to shipping and energy security, stressing the need to protect maritime routes including the Strait of Hormuz and Bab Al-Mandeb.

Meanwhile, Iraq reaffirmed its rejection of using its territory as a launchpad for attacks on neighboring countries during a meeting in Baghdad between Iraqi Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Mohammed Hussein Bahr Al-Uloom and Kuwait's Ambassador Mohammed

Hassan Al-Zaman. Bahr Al-Uloom stressed that Iraq rejects the logic of war and is taking measures under the directives of the political leadership and commander-in-chief of the armed forces to pursue those responsible for actions that harm Iraq's interests or its relations with neighboring states.

The Kuwaiti ambassador conveyed Kuwait's concerns over attacks it has faced from Iran. Both sides agreed that Iraq and Kuwait are directly affected by the repercussions of the ongoing conflict and stressed the importance of cooperation to preserve regional security and contain the crisis.

Kuwait's ministry of foreign affairs summoned Iranian Ambassador to Kuwait Mohammad Toutounji for the second time and delivered a protest note over continued missile and drone attacks on the country, condemning the targeting of civilian infrastructure and reaffirming Kuwait's right to self-defense. The ministry stressed that the security of GCC states is indivisible and called for an immediate halt to hostile acts.

The defense ministry said Kuwaiti air defenses intercepted hostile missile and drone attacks, noting that explosions heard in some areas were the result of interception operations. Air defenses detected seven ballistic missiles, intercepting three while four posed no direct threat. Five drones were also detected, two destroyed and three not intercepted. The National Guard

also shot down a drone at a site under its protection.

The ministry of electricity, water and renewable energy said a small fire at the Subiya power and water distillation plant early Monday was caused by debris from a drone. Emergency teams contained the fire without injuries and technical inspections are ongoing to ensure continued operation of electricity and water systems.

The Capital Markets Authority said Kuwait's financial and investment sector continues operating normally, noting that business continuity plans have ensured uninterrupted services and market stability. The Civil Service Commission said government employees stranded abroad due to the closure of Kuwaiti airspace will be excused from work, with the period counted as active service until they return, provided proof they were outside the country.

The Supreme Council for Family Affairs launched an emergency telephone psychological counseling service to support citizens and residents facing anxiety, panic and trauma caused by the events. The education ministry postponed short student assessments until further notice while distance learning continues through the Microsoft Teams platform. The Public Authority for Housing Welfare conducted a mock evacuation drill with Kuwait Fire Force to test emergency procedures, evacuation routes and shelter readiness under the current circumstances. — Agencies