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Kuwait Times turned 65. You made the day special



KUWAIT: Kuwait Times marked its 65th anniversary on Sept 24, 2026 with an unprecedented open door event. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat and Abdulaziz AlEssa.



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KUWAIT: Kuwait Times marked its 65th anniversary on Sept 24, 2026, celebrating more than six decades of journalistic work and its long-standing role in documenting Kuwait's development. Speaking during an open house at the newspaper on Thursday, BNK Holding Founder Bader Nasser Al-Kharafi said Kuwait Times plays a vital role in reflecting a country's story and transformation.

"Celebrating Kuwait Times' 65th anniversary is a source of pride for all Kuwaitis. In any country or field of work, journalism documents and reflects the true story of that work," he said. "We have witnessed the remarkable transformation Kuwait Times has undergone, and today, we see a wonderful generation of young men and women bringing creativity and new energy to this institution," he added.

Kuwait Times Editor-in-Chief Dr M Ziad Al-Alyan expressed hope that the newspaper would continue the journey started by his late father, Yousuf Al-Alyan, in 1961, stressing the pride of the Kuwait Times family in what the newspaper has achieved over the past 65 years. He highlighted Kuwait Times' commitment to keeping pace with the rapid changes in the media sector, noting that the newspaper's young journalists were among the

early adopters of digital media while maintaining the presence and importance of print journalism.

Deputy Editor-in-Chief Abdullah Boftain said since its establishment, Kuwait Times has played a role that goes beyond publishing a newspaper, serving as a window through which Kuwait connects with the world and a bridge to English-speaking communities, adding that the newspaper has continued its professional mission despite the transformations witnessed by the media industry, noting that its headquarters has gradually evolved into a creative hub.

"We inherited history. Sixty-five years of journalism. And we're so excited to celebrate this heritage with everyone," Deputy Editor-in-Chief Jana Alnaqeeb said. "This is a memorable and momentous occasion for Kuwait Times. For the past 65 years we have documented the progress of this great nation with integrity and unwavering spirit," Managing Editor Shakir Reshamwala said.

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NEW YORK: Representing HH the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at the 81st UN General Assembly, HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah condemned Iranian attacks on Kuwait and other GCC states, stressing they were not parties to the regional conflict. He said the attacks targeted civilian and vital infrastructure, including Kuwait International Airport, power and water facilities and oil installations, causing deaths, injuries and extensive damage.

HH the Crown Prince also stressed the need to ensure freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz and Bab el-Mandab. He backed diplomatic efforts by Qatar and Pakistan to de-escalate the conflict and called for regional understandings based on good-neighborliness, respect for sovereignty and rejection of the use or threat of force.

On Iraq, he reaffirmed Kuwait's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties, resolving outstanding issues and completing maritime boundary demarcation beyond Marker 162 in accordance with international law. On Palestine, he condemned Zionist violations and called for implementation of the comprehensive peace plan, including the withdrawal of Zionist forces from Gaza, delivery of humanitarian aid and return of the Palestinian Authority to the Strip.

HH the Crown Prince said Kuwait also backed political settlements in Yemen, Sudan, Somalia and Libya, and reaffirmed support for Syria's sover-



NEW YORK: HH the Amir's Representative, HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, speaks at the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly. — AFP

eighty and Lebanon's state institutions. He said Kuwait's foreign policy is based on moderation, international law, multilateral action and peaceful settlement of disputes, reaffirming its commitment to dialogue, cooperation and regional and international stability. — KUNA (See Page 2)

Kuwait, Iraq to form joint team to tackle issues

NEW YORK: Following the outcomes of HH the Amir's Representative HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah's meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Ali Al-Zaidi on the sidelines of the 81st session of the UN General Assembly in New York, Kuwait and Iraq agreed to form a joint working team to address outstanding issues between the two countries. The agreement comes

as part of the two countries' efforts to strengthen bilateral relations and address pending files in a spirit of brotherhood, good-neighborliness and mutual interests.

The joint Kuwaiti-Iraqi team will review outstanding files, develop a roadmap for addressing them and submit joint recommendations to the leaderships of both countries within no more than 30 days. The team will hold its meetings alternately in Kuwait and Baghdad on an ongoing basis until it completes its work. The two sides affirmed their full support for the team and commitment to completing its mission in a manner that helps resolve outstanding issues and opens a new phase of cooperation and partnership between the two countries, serving the interests of the Kuwaiti and Iraqi peoples. — KUNA

Domestic violence cases plunge 36 %

KUWAIT: Justice Minister Nasser Al-Sumait said Saturday that domestic violence cases registered with the public prosecution fell 36 percent during the first six months of implementing the domestic violence protection law. Al-Sumait said cases fell by 365, from 1,011 between March 15 and Sept 13, 2025, to 646 during the same period in 2026. He said the decline reached 33 percent after three months and 36 percent after six months, confirming a continued downward trend.

Al-Sumait attributed the decline to decree-law no. 11 of 2026, which provides special protection for vulnerable groups by prohibiting the withdrawal, settlement or pardon of complaints in cases involving sexual abuse, domestic violence against children or persons lacking or having limited legal capacity and offenses by children against either parent.

He stressed that every domestic violence case threatens family security and stability, adding that the ministry will continue monitoring indicators and assessing the law's impact. The minister described family protection as a shared national responsibility, stressing that legislation must remain focused on protecting society, reducing crime and strengthening security and stability. — KUNA (See Page 3)

Saudi, Turkish and Pak chiefs discuss closer military ties

RIYADH: The military chiefs of Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey discussed enhancing intelligence sharing, military coordination and capability integration at a meeting in Riyadh on Friday, according to statements from Saudi Arabia's defense ministry, Pakistan's military and Turkey's defense ministry. The chiefs of defense forces and chiefs of general staff reviewed the security situation and threats facing Saudi Arabia and condemned attacks by Yemen's Houthis targeting the holy city of Makkah as well as the kingdom's civilian and economic infrastructure, the statements said.

"The chiefs also discussed ways to further advance cooperation among the armed forces of the three countries," the Pakistan military added. Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Turkey signed the Makkah Joint Defense Agreement last month, saying an armed attack on any one of the three countries



RIYADH: Turkish Chief of General Staff Selcuk Bayraktaroglu, Commander of the Pakistan Defense Forces and Army Field Marshal Asim Munir and Saudi Chief of the General Staff Gen Fayyadh bin Hamed Al-Ruwaili meet on Sept 25, 2026. — AFP

would be regarded as an attack on all, in a pact the signatories said was aimed at strengthening collective deterrence and military cooperation.

The talks came after Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan, Pakistani Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan met in New York on Thursday on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly. — Agencies



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