



The Address of His Highness the Prime Minister delivered before His Highness the Amir at the first Cabinet meeting

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In the holy name of Allah, most gracious, most merciful

Your Highness,

I am honoured to stand before you, having gained your valued trust. Your Highness has charged me with heading the Cabinet and forming a new government, which shall assume its responsibilities, and have the honour of serving Kuwait under your wise guidance.

To begin with, allow me Your Highness, to extend my felicitations on your recommendation of His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al- Sabah as the Crown Prince. On my behalf and on behalf of Cabinet members, we convey to His Highness the Crown Prince our sincere best wishes and felicitations for the esteemed confidence of which His Highness is worthy.

I pledge to Allah and Your Highness, that together with my colleagues, we shall exert our utmost efforts, working in team spirit to achieve the aspirations we all seek for Kuwait and its people, in accordance with a distinct and integral approach; our precept: the interest of Kuwait, and our aim: its progress and prosperity.

We were all pleased with the advice and directives we have received from Your Highness, which will light our path in the coming phase. We vow to Your Highness that we shall follow in your footsteps, acting in accordance with your recommendations and cooperating to accomplish Your Highness's hopes and aspirations for Kuwait and its people, who time has shown their genuineness and sincerity in rallying around its leadership, with its persistence to maintain the safety and security of Kuwait and attain progress and prosperity.

It has not escaped me on this occasion to recall the kind generosity left to us by the late Amir His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah (may Allah rest his soul).

And with full appreciation, we recall the long history of dedication and devotion to this country by His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Sa'ad Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, may Allah bestow on him plentiful good health and longevity.



Your Highness,

I am confident that cooperation between both the legislative and the executive powers is the basis for success in the democratic process; it is a pillar of the modern state and a main guarantee to achieving objectives. Thus, I, along with my colleagues, value the experience which proved the keenness of the esteemed members of the National Assembly to place the higher national interest above all others, at this significant stage in the history of our dear country. This indicates that the Kuwaiti people, its representatives and its government are proud of their deep-rooted democratic practice and adhere to it.

We reiterate our gratitude and appreciation to Your Highness, and our pride in your wise leadership. Also, we all look forward to a bright future where further achievements are attained in all fields in order to maintain Kuwait's safety, security and prosperity.

Finally, I pray to the Almighty Allah that He may grant us success in the interest of Kuwait, under the guidance of your wise leadership and the assistance of His Highness the Crown Prince.

Wassalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh