

Remarks by Ambassador at the Condolence Meeting at the Embassy on the sad demise of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of Kuwait on Sept 30, 2020

Good morning every body,

We have assembled here on a very sad occasion. Yesterday, Kuwait lost one of its great leaders. Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah passed away. He was someone who led this country through many challenges for several decades. He was Foreign Minister of Kuwait for over forty years and Amir for over fourteen years. Kuwait and its people will miss him dearly.

For India, he was a great friend and a well-wisher. He contributed immensely in building our bilateral partnership. He visited India on several occasions, including his memorable State visit in 2006. With his passing away, the Indian Community in Kuwait has also lost a benevolent leader who showered special care and affection on them. Indians today are loved and respected in this country. Their contributions to the economic progress of Kuwait is well appreciated by all the people of Kuwait. We cherish his special liking for Indians and the special care he took for Indians here.

As a mark of respect to the departed leader, we have closed the public services of the Embassy for next three days. When Kuwait mourns we Indians in Kuwait mourn with them.

I will now read out the messages of condolences by Hon'ble Rashtrapatiji and Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Hon'ble President said:

Quote:

Deeply saddened at the demise of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait. He was a great statesman, humanitarian leader and close friend of India. My condolences to HH's family, Kuwaiti Govt and its people in this time of grief.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister said:

Quote

My heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait. In this moment of grief our thoughts are with the Al-Sabah family and the people of the State of Kuwait.

Today, the State of Kuwait and the Arab world has lost a beloved leader, India a close friend, and the world a great statesman. His Highness played a leading role in strengthening our bilateral relations, and always took special care of the Indian community in Kuwait.

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On behalf of our country, our government, our 1.3 billion people, and the Indian community in Kuwait, lets convey our heartfelt condolences. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Lets stand and observe two minute silence in memory of the departed leader.

Thank you.