



The address of His Highness the Prime Minister on the first anniversary of the demise of His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah the fourteenth Amir of the State of Kuwait and honouring creative poets for lamentation poems on the occasion

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In the Holy Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

**Your Excellency Sheikha Latifa Al-Fahad Al-Salem Al-Sabah
Spouse of the late Father Amir
Ladies and Gentlemen.
Assalamu Alikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,**

Kuwait today, pauses to reflect on the life of a timeless man and a prominent leader whose name is inscribed in history, it is the life of the fourteenth ruler of the State of Kuwait His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, May Allah rest his soul. He devoted his life to the service of this great country and its people, and cherished his people whom reciprocated the sentiments of affection and loyalty.

Today we commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of His Highness the Father Amir (may Allah rest his soul) and recall with pride and appreciation his significant sacrifices for his country and the significant accomplishments in every post he held.

The late Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah assumed responsibilities at an early age; he was party and witness to the advancement of Kuwait at the onset of the fifties. He lead the process of building the modern State with his life long comrades the late Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah (may Allah bless his soul) , His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahamd Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah may Allah protect them and safeguard them for the interest of Kuwait.

The Father Amir was a unique type of leader who had a noble and compassionate heart enveloped in strength, resolve and wisdom; these distinguished characteristics prepared him for bearing the responsibility at the most bleakest hours of Kuwait, especially during the brutal aggression of 1990 whereby his strong will and resolve were evident making him the hero of the liberation and reconstruction of Kuwait.

History has recorded that he is a man of strength and resolve, confronting difficulties, whereby he was able with his wisdom, foresight, courage and



performance to overcome all internal and external challenges that he faced throughout his life.

The people of Kuwait will continue to remember with appreciation the accomplishments of the fourteenth ruler of Kuwait His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah who endured the anxieties of his country and people in his conscience for over fifty years, in which he was an example of loyalty and devotion in achieving all the aspirations of his citizens. History will not disregard the great role of His Highness (may Allah rest his soul) and his participation in the constituent assembly as well as his contributions to establishing the constitution in which he prioritized the peoples interests and read into the future through his belief that democracy is the fortress that protects the present and future of Kuwait.

No matter how eloquently we describe His Highness (may Allah rest his soul) we can never pay him his due.

We pray to Almighty Allah to rest his soul.

Wassalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Bararkatuh.