

with me that day. We maintained our solidarity and attachment to this land. This is the Kuwaiti man that I would love to see for our country, both today and tomorrow.

This year, Liberation Day celebrations coincide with Exercise North Thunder in which Kuwait was a proud participant. An unprecedented movement that made me feel our country is safe. Yes, our country is safely integrated into the body of Gulf countries. As this entity becomes stronger, safety and security will prevail. Gulf countries set an ideal example of development which benefits its people. At the same time they set an example of strength and an ability to take initiative, developing and molding the region in its favor. As they say; *seif* and *mansaf*—a sword signifying strength and a platter symbolizing wealth and hospitality. Congratulations, my beloved Kuwait. May God bless our Amir and his faithful Crown Prince with long life, keeping them both healthy and well.

Young men, be careful and drive more slowly. It's ruining our joy!

My beautiful country, may you be well this year.