

Kuwaiti parliament strongly supports Interim Arab Parliament.

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Kuwait's National Assembly (NA) strongly supports the Interim Arab Parliament (IAP) in its strive to play a leading role in Arab issues, Kuwaiti MPs said on Wednesday.

Speaking to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), NA Deputy Speaker Mohammad Al-Busairi commended the level of NA-IAP cooperation, noting that IAP was headed by a Kuwaiti MP.

Al-Busairi is heading a Kuwaiti parliamentary delegation participating in the celebration of the one-year anniversary of IAP establishment.

He said despite the time it took to place IAP's standing order, it responded to regional and international events.

Meanwhile, MP Abdulwahid Al-Awadhi said the coming period required a strong parliament that could stand up to challenges in Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon, Sudan, and Somalia.

He said, however, that the parliament required more time to gain the trust of the Arab public.

As for MP Ali Al-Diqbasi, he told KUNA the parliament was able to achieve many things in the short time that it had come to exist, adding that its affiliation with the Arab League gave it strength and credibility.

MP Faisal Al-Shaya said IAP committees were working to bring the institution to the next phase and proposals were currently being discussed to place a schedule for placing the parliament's permanent constitution.

The Damascus-based IAP was established in May 2005 upon a decision made at the Algiers Arab Summit. It is headed by Kuwaiti MP Mohammad Al-Saqer and groups 88 members.