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ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME TO INDIAN
NAVY IN KUWAIT

An enthusiastic welcome was accorded to INS Mysore and INS Betwa by the Government and the people of Kuwait on their arrival on a 3-day goodwill visit ^{to Kuwait} on May 30, 1972. Admiral E.C. Kuruvilla PVSM AVSM, the Flag Officer commanding the Western Fleet accompanied by Mr. V.A. Kidwai, the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait called on His Excellency the Governor of Ahmadi (Kuwait) and had a friendly and cordial welcome reminiscent of the age old friendship between India and Kuwait.

The Ambassador of India later hosted an official lunch in honour of the Admiral which was attended by a member of the royal family, His Excellency Shaikh Abdulla Aljaber Alsabah, the Private Counsellor of the Amir, the Speaker of the Kuwait Parliament, His Excellency Khaled S. AL-Ghunain, the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament Mr. Yousuf K. Alkhlid and among others Mr. Shya and Mr. Mohamad Albahar two prominent dignitaries of Kuwait. In the evening, the Admiral gave a reception on board the flag ship which was attended by high Government officers and members of the diplomatic corps from USSR, Turkey, Iran and Bulgaria.

Later in the evening, a religious ceremony was held at the Indian temple at which members of the Indian community welcomed their Navy by singing hymes.

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