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## **NMIOTC Commandant participates in 'NATO Talk' hosted by NIRC, Kuwait**

From 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2024, the NMIOTC Commandant participated, along with Commodore Sheikh Mubarak Ali Yousuf Al-Sabah, Director General of the Kuwaiti Coast Guard, in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of 'NATO Talk', organized by the NATO ICI Regional Centre in Kuwait (NIRC), upon the invitation of the Director of the Centre, H.E. Mohamed Al-Oraifan.

The theme of the 4<sup>th</sup> 'NATO Talk' was 'Contemporary Maritime Interdiction and Cooperative Security in the Middle East'. Dr. Shareefa Abdullah Al-Adwani, Assistant Professor of Political Science, American University of Kuwait, moderated the panel discussions.

The event was attended by H.E. Dr Abdullah Meshaal Al-Sabah, Deputy Ministry of Defense, H.E. Nawaf Al Ahmad, Assistant Foreign Minister for American Affairs, H.E. Abdul-Aziz Al-Jarallah, Assistant Foreign Minister for International Organization Affairs, Mr. Hamad Al Farhoud, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries Affairs, and also by Ambassadors and Defence Attachés of NATO member states in Kuwait and military personnel of the GCC states.

NMIOTC Commandant's participation to 'NATO Talk' took place concurrently with a 5-days Seminar on 'Maritime interdiction Operations, Maritime Border Security end Refugee Control', delivered by a NMIOTC Mobile Education and Training Team, at the NIRC premises.

Moreover, NMIOTC Commandant visited the Kuwaiti Coast Guard's HQs in Mohammed Al-Ahmad Naval Base, and discussed the training options and tailored packages that NMIOTC could offer to the Kuwaiti Coast Guard's personnel, in the near future.

In addition, the Commandant was received by H.E. Aliya Mawani, Ambassador of Canada (NATO Contact Embassy for the State of Kuwait) and H.E. Mr. Ioannis Plotas, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic in Kuwait.









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