

Dear Sheikha Hussah,

I was so sorry to receive the sad news of Sheikh Nasser's passing. Through Lyn I have been following his struggle since I retired and was so hopeful that he might rally and carry on longer. I suppose, as for all of us, his fate was in God's hands and beyond anyone's ultimate control.

For art historians and museum professionals, not to mention collectors, dealers and everyone else involved with Islamic and Ancient art, Sheikh Nasser was a huge influence. His keen eye and passionate interest, not to mention his sense of adventure, were the foundation of an exceptional collection which he and you generously shared with the world through the Kuwait National Museum, special exhibitions, publications and loans. When the new section of the Kuwait National Museum opens, it will be a wonderful tribute to the effort Sheikh Nasser and you have devoted to returning this collection to the Kuwaiti public.

John and I are thinking of you, your children and grandchildren at this time and send our heartfelt sympathies to you all.

Warm regards,

Sheila