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His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Chairman of the Arab and International Relations Council Mohammad Al-Sager and council members at Bayan Palace on Wednesday, on the sidelines of the fifth meeting of the council board of trustees. (KUNA)

# Major Kuwait landmark to be named after Prince

Saudi FM contributions lauded

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 2, (KUNA): A major landmark in Kuwait is to be named after the late Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, said Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah on Tuesday night.**

This cabinet-approved decision came in recognition of the deceased's rich journey and multifaceted contributions, especially towards Kuwait and its people, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled said in a speech at a ceremony held by the Arab and International Relations Council in



A conference on protection of urban areas and heritage of Arab countries was held Tuesday morning under the patronage of Minister of Information and State Minister for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah.

## New call to rectify status

### 'Residence ends with passport'

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 2:** Director General of Residency Affairs Department at Ministry of Interior Major General Tala Marafie affirmed that the department and its affiliated units have been trying their best to ensure all citizens and expatriates carry out official procedures without stress.

In a press statement issued by Ministry of Interior, Major General Marafie explained that the General Department for Residency Affairs will start implementing Article 12 of the expatriate residency law no. 17/1959 and Article 15 of the bylaw of the residency law no. 640/1989. The laws stipulate that "The validity of expatriate residency visa should not exceed the validity of passports".

He declared that the procedure is aimed to organize activities for the benefit of citizens and expatriates, indicating that about one month remains before the implementation of the policy in 2016, and that this duration is enough to check the validity of passports and rectify status to enable concerned expatriates to renew their residency visas.

Major General Marafie reiterated that the residence permit automatically expires when the passport expires, revealing that the department has notified Ministry of Foreign Affairs about the need to circulate the information to all foreign embassies so that the latter can process renewal of passports of their citizens, even if the expiry date is less than 12 months.

## News in Brief

**Youth forum next week:** Under the patronage of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, an Arab youth forum will be held on December 5-10 to promote volunteerism, the Ministry of Youth Affairs announced on Wednesday.

In a press conference, the Ministry's Undersecretary Sheikh Zain Al-Sabah said that the event is organized by the Youth Ministry, the Arab League and Arab Ministers of Youth Affairs. The event will see the participation of 14 Arab countries.

The forum will highlight Kuwait's position as a hub for humanitarianism which not only provides funds but also discusses ideas and solutions of world crises.

The event also emphasizes Kuwait's ability to gather local, Arab and international human resources to promote peace and combat extremism.

The event will discuss two main topics: Arab policies towards youth and media campaigns against terrorism and extremism. Such meetings and events provide great opportunities to tackle latest regional and international issues and how to address them productively and effectively. (KUNA)

### KD 18m subsidy paid:

Ministry of Commerce and Industry has paid about KD18 million as subsidy amount for food-stuffs, which has increased by 93 percent compared to last month when the subsidy amount was KD9.5 million, reports Al-Nahar daily quoting reliable sources.

They stressed the ministry's keenness to pay all the subsidy amounts to the concerned authorities including Kuwait Flour Mills Company and Kuwait Rations, revealing that the ministry has paid the subsidy amount of KD 11 million to Kuwait Flour Mills Company.

### Funds lost KD 40m:

A recent statistics indicate that 62 investment funds and financial brokerage companies under Kuwait Stock Exchange Market lost KD40 million within the first nine months of this year,

reports Al-Shahed daily. The statistics, which was prepared by the daily, explained that some of the investment funds have been suffering from dearth of funds and poor performances. They have had very bad performance rate since the beginning of the year, and is expected to worsen.

It stated that some of those funds have fallen by more than 35 percent, which indicates bad performance and that the concerned officials did not take necessary actions to protect stakeholders against market fluctuation.

The statistics expatiated that 14 brokerage companies have been facing the impact of losses which were up to 112 percent within the same period. The losses were attributed to low volume of transactions in the bourse when the cash value fell, volume of investments declined and investment funds in daily transactions became low.

**No action pledged:** Minister of Education Dr Bader Al-Essa revealed that students studying in the USA sang songs against the competitor list and then the government outside the hall where the students union conference was being held during the students' elections, reports Al-Rai daily.

He said, "We will not take any action against any of them. The matter does not require any penalties because what they did was concerning the withdrawal of citizenship only".

**New camping areas:** Kuwait Municipality intends to allocate new camping areas within Jahra Governorate, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting reliable sources.

They explained that Jahra Municipality has allocated southern part of Saad Al-Abdullah area and the location opposite Al-Oyoun area for this purpose. The number of camps in these areas will be very limited. Reservation cost of camps at these sites will be KD 350 including a non-refundable amount of KD 50 while the remaining KD 300 will be refunded, as it is just an insurance amount.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

## 'Cut ties with Takfiris'

### 'Terrorists threaten entire humanity'

"SOME political observers are astonished to see some Arab governments recruiting certain Islamic extremist movements particularly those who adopt an excommunication ideology or the so-called 'takfir' to bring about changes in some Arab countries by providing these movements with arms and combatants to achieve their objectives," columnist, Representative of the State of Kuwait to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Consultative Committee and former MP **Abdulmohsen Yusuf Jamal** wrote for **Al-Qabas** daily Wednesday.

"This happens although these movements view all Arab governments from the same angle that they are not committed to the right method. Hence, we found these movements following the toppling of one Arab government, immediately moves toward another even those which were involved in assisting and training these movements.



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"These extremist movements are fully aware that even the Arab governments which had stretched a helping hand to them will in the long run not allow them to establish a religious community nor a community that shall allow the fundamentalists to promote their method, simply because these governments will eventually have no choice, but to control these movements and impose restrictions on them.

"Given the above, some researchers infer that both these Arab governments and the extremist movements harbor ill intentions against each other in spite of the apparent cooperation between them, as such, the researchers expect a day to come when one of these parties will get rid of the other by force.

"In this connection, we say that although these fundamentalist movements have yet to come to power, it is needless to say these movements have been using their 'veto' to prevent some Arab governments from doing what they want to do, particularly those which are against a certain ideology embraced by these movements and this shall help accelerate the eruption of the crucial conflict between the two parties.

"Therefore, we conclude that arming and training the extremist and Takfir movements is like playing with fire. Moreover, this can be deemed as an adventure of unknown dimensions and outcomes.

"However, although some people say the relevant Arab governments can domesticate these extremist movements, it goes without saying based on previous experiments these movements cannot be tamed. On the contrary the latter have all the capabilities to revolt against these governments and declare them infidels, to such an extent they will not hesitate to collaborate with some Western countries or even with the Israeli parties to move against these governments and this is exactly what happened and is happening in Libya, Tunisia, Egypt and Syria.

"Apart from the above, we say the bombing and assassination cases which were carried out in the Arab world during which the extremists and the Takfiris targeted the holy places including mosques constitute another evidence that shows the danger of betting on these religious extremist movements and who promote the ex-communication ideology.

"Such being the case, we conclude that the strategy of the religious extremist movements and that to the Takfir is based on striving to take over power in the Arab countries by force or through the elections — if possible — in a prelude to revise the constitutions of the relevant Arab countries to help them keep abreast with their whims and objectives as it happened in some other countries.

"This fear, has actually resulted in some Arab countries reviewing their attitudes in dealing with the extremist and Takfir movements to such an extent these governments have started fighting these movements in addition to imposing a ban on their activities, let alone these governments are currently involved in pursuing the elements of these movements.

"In this connection, it looks like the Arab governments have learnt the lessons of both France and Tunisia because these two countries were victims of extremist bombings and violence which has resulted also in the Western countries changing their strategies when dealing with the extremist movements.

"Not just that, the Western governments have requested their Arab counterparts to take necessary measures to dry up the springs of the terrorist movements and sever any kind of relationship they may have with these movements as swiftly as possible, because the danger of these movements constitute at the moment a threat to all people on our planet. Moreover, these movements represent a foe against the entire humanity."

### Also:

"Some electronic media during the last couple of days have monitored the French assault, beating and pursuing of Arabs in France and the aggressive behaviour against both the Arabs and Muslims following the terrorist bombings in the French capital, Paris," columnist **Waleed Ibrahim Al-Ahmad** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily.

"Not just that, it looks like hostile emotions against the Arabs and Muslims have also stretched from France to the other European countries.

"In this context, we cite what was monitored by the British 'The Independent' newspaper and published in the form of a report that was prepared by the so-called 'Tell Mama Project'. The aim of this project was to monitor the verbal and corporate aggressions on the British Muslims.

"According to this report Muslims were exposed to more than one hundred racist attacks since the terrorist attacks happened recently in Paris and most of the victims were the British Muslims particularly women aged between 14 and 45 years, just because they were wearing decent clothes and a veil.

"Apart from the above, the report mentioned the attacks which occurred in public places in addition to transport buses where the number of the veiled victims was thirty-four. Not just that, the report says most of the victims were in agreement that none of the passengers came to their rescue to protect them from the assaults.

"Consequently, we expect these attacks to increase and aggravate as long as the Western media still uses the terms of 'Islam and Muslims' in its analysis saturated with racism and arrogance against both the Arabs and Muslims and this was evident through the news reports of the said media linking the al-Qaeda network with Muslims.

"In this context, we say the European radios and satellite TV channels including the London-based the Arabic British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), for instance, are concentrating on the term 'The Islamic State' instead of the abbreviation DAESH. This happens although the West always prefers to use the abbreviated term of any party or organization.

"It is needless to say the media with their current methods are mostly striving to foster hatred of the people there against us. This happens while the media still accuses us of racism and sectarianism ignoring their hands are still stained with the blood of innocent Muslims which was shed during the era of the European imperialism in Muslim countries."

"The contemporary political events taking place in our Arab world has revived an old controversy which Arabs and the early Muslims observed in Islam. The controversy is characterized by whether it's better for man to live under tyranny in an organized administration or live in chaos without a government or administration subsequent to the so-called Arab Spring revolution that created a crack in the Arab Islamic world? **Abdulmohsen Yusuf Jamal** wrote for **Al-Qabas** daily.

"Many politicians exploit religious thoughts to hit back at their adversaries, as observed in the days of Al-Maimoun Al-Abbasi on the issue related to the Holy Qu'ran, which gave rise to political and religious conflicts and multiple theories.

"Sadly, the West has benefitted from conflicts among Arabs by supporting one party against the other. As a result, we now have several factions struggling among themselves."

"It seems that our wise government has become professionals in the game of 'taming nations'. This is a game adopted by the governments of big countries whenever they want to impose something on their citizens. This form of professionalism is based on the principle — 'You should spread the rumor, follow it up and enforce it. Harness your media to implant it until it becomes a reality among the people, and then approve or pass it because the nation becomes ready to receive it', **Dr Hamad Al-Asaidan** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily.

"When the statement 'No fees or taxes will affect those with limited income' was published last Wednesday in a local newspaper, I had actually laughed. This statement has been repeated so many times by the officials of the government particularly ministers of Information and Social Affairs and Labor, the Cabinet and even the Ministry of Finance which is directly involved in this matter.

"Accordingly, we have heard too many reports about a GCC country's plan to increase the prices of commodities and fuel and about another that has lifted the governmental subsidy on commodities. In fact, this is part of the 'taming nations' game aimed to ensure new decisions are accepted, as we had explained earlier."

"Almost 40 years ago, to be precise in 1976, the country sustained an injury and never recovered. The treatment was temporary, thus causing the injury to continue bleeding," Professor **Muhammad Abdulmuhsin Al-Moqatei** wrote for **Al-Qabas** daily.

"The injury affected the social life negatively and rendered division a feature of the community. As regards the economy, squandering of public funds is a common phenomenon, and education field only produces certificates while expertise and experience gradually disappear.

"Government after government fails to cement or uphold the principles of State due to hesitance that led to piling up of problems in the nation despite simple solutions could have been presented before they became complex and narrowed the political atmosphere.

"Various solutions can be adopted to

catch up with the train of reform by closing doors that lead to social division such as dual citizenship. We could also take drastic steps to liberate chunks of land from the hands of few people and adopt proper economic measures by imposing taxes and other conditions to benefit society, among other solutions. Most important of all, we should not forget the country is still suffering from the injury it sustained many years ago, and it should be given radical treatment without delay."

"HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad always calls for support of the national unity and shunning sectarianism and tribalism due to their detrimental effects on society, especially national harmony, **Nawaf Al-Hamli** wrote for **Al-Seyassah** daily.

"The issue of supporting and promoting national unity should be activated properly through civil society organizations because HH the Amir sees the pillars of social stability on a strong national ground, but it requires consolidated social efforts to materialize.

"Knowing the importance of the content of speeches made by HH the Amir at every given occasion, the responsibility of HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak is visible. The majority of Amir's speeches focus on the importance of national unity and solid concurrent principles aimed at promoting national stability.

"For starters, there should be a national campaign to combat sectarianism and tribalism in order nurture a fertile environment in support of national unity and harmony among our people—whether Sunni and Shiite, nomad and urbanite. A nation that dwells on sectarian, tribal, discriminatory dealings will not survive but perish."

"French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said last Wednesday during a parliamentary session which was devoted to discuss the recent terrorist attacks in Paris that left dozens dead and wounded that France is known to cut off funding for terrorists which is an absolute necessity and a key if we are to eliminate the so-called organization of the Islamic State (DAESH)," columnist **Abdulaziz Khurabiet** wrote for **Al-Shahed** daily.

"He added the governments of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries do not finance the terrorists and he denied the accusations that those terrorists got such support from the GCC government because there was no evidence to prove this point.

"I was not surprised when the French Foreign Minister touched on this subject during such circumstances, and in particular that the accusation is associated with the concept of global terrorism — after the Sept 11 events — on the Middle East and Muslim countries and not only the Gulf, because of the criminal actions committed by the terrorists accompanied with the slogan 'God is Great' to defame the image of Islam."

"The issue has finally settled with the current reshuffling of the Cabinet based on which Ali Al-Omar has now become the Minister of Public Works," **Dr Ahmad Bin Fahad** wrote for **Al-Sabah** daily.

"The government considered the mindset of some people at the expense of others, especially those close to the Prime Minister. The incident reflects shallow political ideology of a major political bloc, the Salafists to which Al-Omar belongs. Although their popularity cannot be underestimated, reshuffling Al-Omar in this manner indicates that political games of the Salafists are strategically limited even within the leadership echelon.

"To make the matter worse, reshuffling of Al-Omar affirmed strength of the Kuwait National Petroleum Corporation (KNPC) Board. It has even created an impression that they took the right positions and decisions during the dispute between Al-Omar and board members of the corporation."

"I do not agree with the opinions of some analysts who have been using their pens to beat the drum of war between Russia and Turkey due to shooting down of the Russian warplane by the Turks over the Turcoman Mountain," **Nasser Khamees Al-Mutairi** wrote for **Al-Nahar** daily.

"The environment is susceptible to the breakout of a war. I may be able to use my opinion in foretelling that Moscow will take all necessary steps for seeking revenge against Turkey. However, Russia might have rescinded the decision to avoid escalation of war. Part of the facts is that Russian President Vladimir Putin would not have announced economic sanctions against Turkey if the idea of war was seen as the best alternative. He would have rather restored dignity of Russia through direct military assault, even through a limited action.

"The current situation within the international community with the countries forming alliances to fight DAESH does not warrant going into a war because DAESH would have become the major beneficiary by spreading its tentacles during such a war. Another reason why there is low possibility for a war is that Turkey is a member of NATO. Russian leaders are aware of this fact and will not venture into a war as the effects could be disastrous."

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