



From left: HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf with HH the Premier, FM Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled and Defense Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled.



Audience of His Highness the Deputy Amir

His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received early Wednesday at Bayan Palace His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. His Highness Sheikh Nawaf also received First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sa-

bah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, as well as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. His Highness the Deputy Amir also received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Khaled Al-Saleh. (KUNA)



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HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince with Minister of Finance Al-Saleh.

Minister of State for External Affairs due

Third India-Kuwait Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting set for Sept 20

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: M.J. Akbar, Minister of State for External Affairs is leading an Indian delegation to Kuwait for the 3rd India-Kuwait Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting on Wednesday, Sept 20, 2017. This meeting on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation between India and Kuwait is taking place after a gap of 9 years. H.E. Anas Khaled Al-Saleh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Kuwait will lead the Kuwaiti delega-

tion for the meeting. There will be wide ranging discussions on various issues of common interest between the two sides, says a press release issued by the Embassy of India.

Despite his busy schedule, M.J. Akbar will interact with members of the Indian community in Kuwait at Embassy's Auditorium on Tuesday, Sept 19, 2017 from 6 to 7 pm.

All members of the Indian community in Kuwait are cordially invited to attend.

Following is a report by the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) issued within the economic file of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA)

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13, (KUNA): Thanks to collective inter-agency effort to materialize the vision of Kuwait's political leadership, solar, and wind energies have become a tangible reality after Al-Shaqaya Renewable Energy Complex went operational.

The complex has been hooked to the national power grid recently, thus adding nearly 23 million kilowatts/hour in the first six months to the country's generating capacity.

Kuwait's attempts to tap into renewable energy sources date back to the 1980s; projects in this sector came to the fore in the national economic development plan in 2010 under the vision of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for covering 15 percent of the demand for electricity from renewables through 2030.

Based on an oil price of \$45 per barrel, the vision aims to save up to \$2.5 billion a year that would be spent on electricity generated from fossil fuel.

The Ministry of Electricity and Water, Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) worked together to turn renewable energy from competitors to oil — the main source of national income, into an investment project with high economic and environment returns.

Located in the western area of Kuwait, Al-Shaqaya Renewable Energy Complex opens new horizons for private investors in the coming stages, thus promoting innovation in this field, Chairman of the Complex Dr Salem Al-Hajraf said.

Output

"The Complex consists of two power-generating plants — one solar and the other wind," he said in statements to KUNA. "The total output of clean energy from the Complex amounts to 23 million kw/h in the first six months equivalent to the power produced from 40,000 barrels of oil worth KD 600,000 (some \$1.9 million)," he revealed.

"The unconventional energy is highly cost-effective. The energy production of the Complex costs in the first six months only KD 400,000 (nearly \$1.3 million), so the difference between the cost of conventional and unconventional energy prices is KD 160,000 or \$500,000," Dr Al-Hajraf stated.

Tapping into clean energy saved environment from 15,000 tons of carbon dioxide that could be emitted from fossil fuel in this period, he noted.

"The three-phase Complex is a pioneering project, jointly developed by KISR and KNPC in collaboration with the Ministry. Its construction works started in 2013. When its final phase is complete in 2030, the Complex will spare up to 12.5 million barrels of oil a year or 3-4 percent of the total oil consumption," he added. With a total population of 4.4 million people, Kuwait consumes 350,000 barrels of oil per day, valued at \$15.7 million, to generate electricity and desalinate seawater.

The power generated from the Complex will grow from 20 meg-

awatts in the current first phase to 50 megawatts in 2018, 1,000 megawatts in 2020 and 2,000 megawatts in the third phase in 2025.

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