

'MoE fully abides by ministerial decisions on accrediting 'certificates': official

'Vital to rationalize public expenditure, seek alternative sources of income'

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 18: Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Anas Al-Saleh recently stated "it's imperative for Kuwait to rationalize public expenditure and seek alternative sources of income other than oil revenue to be able to neutralize the current economic crisis caused by the declining global oil prices", reports Al-Rai daily.



Al-Saleh

He disclosed government's intention of adopting a 25-year strategic plan to privatize infrastructure, airports, power plants and other institutions. However, the proposed strategy needs legislative support in order to attract investment and encourage capital circulation in Kuwait.

Al-Saleh said the economic and investment environment is in dire need of advanced banking system and clear cut laws, in view of the fact that economic activities are connected to political change and State policies.

He pointed out that a large portion of Kuwaiti investments in the United States and noted the investments have increased by 100 percent over the past 20 years, and he's optimistic the growth will continue.

Assistant Undersecretary for Scholarships, Accreditation and Cultural Relations in the Ministry of Higher Education Fatma Al-Sannan affirmed that the ministry fully abides by ministerial decisions on accrediting scientific or medical specialization certificates, reports Al-Anba daily.

Al-Sannan explained these decisions include ministerial resolution number 192 dated April 1, 2014 which prohibits students of Kuwaiti high schools or the equivalent in literary divisions to enroll in medical courses in all universities and institutes in Arab and other countries unless they are recommended by the ministry. She reiterated that the ministry will not accredit medical specialization certificates found to be in violation of the aforementioned resolution.

She said the accreditation of medical specialization certificates are carried out by the joint Technical Committee formed by the ministries of Health and Higher Education, as well as the deans of the faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy in Kuwait University in order to scrutinize the certificates prior to accreditation by the Ministry of Higher Education.

She stressed the ministry is keen on ensuring the academic qualifications of those who wish to work in Kuwait through the accreditation of scientific certificates as per resolution.



Photos from PM's Diwan

Top & above: Some photos from the weekly Cabinet session chaired by Acting PM and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammed Khaled Al-Sabah.

Cabinet deplores string of 'terror' attacks in different parts of world

Leadership congratulated on upcoming advent of new Al-Hijri Year

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 18, (KUNA): The Cabinet held its weekly session at Seif Palace on Monday under chairmanship of Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Defense.

Following the session, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah stated that the meeting kicked off with congratulations to His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince and the Kuwaiti people on forthcoming advent of the new Al-Hijri Year.

The Cabinet expressed congratulations to Saudi Arabia on the National Day and the ministers began their weekly task by examining recommendations by the economic affairs committee on due debts for a number of government departments and the measures to be taken to settle these debts.

The Cabinet asked the departments to inform the Ministry of Finance about measures to be taken to get the due funds paid for the State - along with a timetable of payments in two weeks from now.

The ministers were briefed about recommendations by the committee about a report tackling measures for backing up economic and financial reforms, along with a scheme for implementing the initiatives mentioned in the document, as well as a second report by the Direct Investment Authority including the authority's activities and projects.

The Cabinet was also briefed about recommendations by the committee for public services regarding a report delivered by the technical committee tasked with following up on the fourth State structural scheme (2040).

The Council of Ministers charged the municipal general director with coordinating with various departments to complete preparing the structural plan in a manner that would depict the State visions and goals at the political, economic, social and environmental levels, on usage of lands. The Cabinet must receive a report in this respect in maximum one month.

Moreover, the Cabinet was informed about a recommendation by the legal committee about a decree regarding a memo of cooperation between the municipality and the Japanese ministry of environment with respect of waste. The decree was approved and referred to His Highness



Halimah Yacob



Kuwait University welcomed tens of thousands of students in various university campuses where college life has been revived with the start of the first day of the first semester of the new academic year 2017/2018.

Kuwait railway project 'to see the light soon' - KAPP

KUWAIT CITY, Sep 18, (KUNA): Director of Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects (KAPP) Motlaq Al-Sanea said on Sunday that plans to carry out the Kuwait Metro Rail Project have been approved.

In an interview with Al-Rai newspaper, Al-Sanea confirmed that KAPP has completed the feasibility study for

the project and its tender for public bidding.

As for the foreign banks funding the project, Al-Sanea said that they have set conditions that exceed demands by the foreign partner.

These legal conditions, which relate to energy projects, do not fit the requirements of the state Fatwa and

Legislation Department.

Plans have been put in place for talks with the banks and investors, he added.

Separately, he said that Kuwait has set a goal to increase its renewable energy generation to 15 percent by 2030 amid the planned Al-Abdali renewable energy power plant.

the Amir.

The ministers were also briefed about a recommendation by the commission tasked with two draft laws on final documents of the international communication conference (Dubai 2012) and final documents of the radio international conference (Geneva 2010). The two decrees were blessed and referred to His Highness the Amir.

The ministers pondered various political issues on the Arab and international levels, praising in particular Saudi Arabia's success in aborting

terrorist plots against the Kingdom. The Cabinet condemned a spate of "terrorist" attacks that took place in various parts of the world, all of which it said run counter to humanitarian and religious values.

Scores of Egyptian policemen were left dead or injured in an attack on a convoy in the restive Sinai Peninsula, which the Kuwaiti Cabinet deplored and underscored its support of measures taken by Egypt to uphold its security and stability.

It denounced in equal measure an

incident in London on September 15, where an improvised bomb went off on the London subway during rush hour, killing tens of people and wounding a dozen others.

Similarly, the Kuwaiti executive body spoke out against coordinated attacks in southern Iraq recently, which collectively claimed more than 80 lives.

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti Cabinet sent well wishes to new Singaporean President Halimah Yacob, the first woman to hold the ceremonial position in the history of the city-state.

Family Care Dept refutes rumors

Minister issues decision to dissolve board of Kaifan Cooperative Society

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 18: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and State Minister for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh issued Decision No. 32/2017 on the dissolution of the board of directors of Kaifan Cooperative Society, followed by the formation of an interim board, reports Al-Anba daily.

The decision includes a call for the general assembly to elect the new board of directors within a year.



Al-Sabeeh

The interim board consists of Eidan Hamdan as chairman, Ali Al-Kandari as vice-chairman, Hussein Al-Rasheedi as secretary and Fahad Al-Anzi as treasurer with Saleh Abdulrahim, Mohammad Al-Ajmi, Nadir Al-Otaibi and Saleem Al-Shammari as members.

Meanwhile, Director of Family Care Department in the Ministry of Social Affairs Yahya Al-Dakhil has denied recent rumors saying the ministry is ruthless in dealing with inmates, affirming the report is unfounded and contradicts the reality, says Al-Jarida daily.

In an interview with daily, Al-Da-

khal noted the department is governed by executive regulations of Law No. 80/2015 regarding family care, and caters for guests with kindness without causing any of them physical or mental harm. He stated some male and female guests violate regulations repeatedly by traveling without permission and frequently keep beds outside the house, and other irregularities that necessitate measures to reprimand those involved.

He discarded claims that the department evicted some inmates living in the external floors of Hawalli building No. 3, and explained the ministry rented the building from its owner in 2012 over a period of five years to serve as temporary accommodation for men facing severe economic situation or those striving to be independent.

He indicated the building is still rented by the ministry and accommodates nearly 27 male inmates aged 25-45, noting most of them are employed and others have been dismissed from their respective jobs due to carelessness and reliance on the ministry for housing welfare.

He cited lack of women supervisors, women rejecting night shifts, and inactive role of the social service in Ministry of Health among obstacles the department must overcome.

Kuwait Today

Prayer Timings

Fajr	04:15
Sunrise	05:34
Dohr	11:42
Asr	15:11
Maghreb	17:49
Isha	19:06

Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:
By Night: Relatively hot and humid specially over coastal areas with light to moderate southeasterly wind to light variable wind, with speed of 06-26 km/h with a chance for fog forming over some areas.
By Day: Hot and relatively humid specially over coastal areas with light to moderate variable wind to southeasterly wind, with speed of 06-26 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	43	32
Kuwait Airport	44	27
Abdaly	45	27
Bubyan	38	26
Jahra	46	28
Falilaka Island	41	30
Salmiyah	36	32
Ahmadi	37	31
Nuwaisib	42	27
Wafra	45	27
Salmy	45	28

4 days forecast - Weather

Tuesday, Sept 19
 Expected weather.....Hot and relatively humid over coastal areas
 Max Temp.....45C
 Min Temp.....26C
 Wind Direction.....VRB-SE
 Wind Speed.....06-26 km/h

Wednesday, Sept 20
 Expected weather.....Hot and relatively humid over coastal areas with a chance for fog forming at night
 Max Temp.....45C
 Min Temp.....27C
 Wind Direction.....VRB-SE
 Wind Speed.....12-32 km/h

Thursday, Sept 21
 Expected weather.....Hot and relatively humid specially over coastal areas with a chance for fog forming at night
 Max Temp.....43C
 Min Temp.....26C
 Wind Direction.....VRB-SE
 Wind Speed.....08-30 km/h

Friday, Sept 22
 Expected weather.....Hot and humid specially over coastal areas
 Max Temp.....43C
 Min Temp.....27C
 Wind Direction.....SE
 Wind Speed.....12-35 km/h

Marine Forecast

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec	Sea Surf	Today's Waves
South Dolphin	37	30	3ft	NW

4 days forecast - Marine

Tuesday, Sept 19
 Expected weather.....Hot and relatively humid over coastal areas
 Sea state.....Slight to moderate
 Wave height.....1-3 ft
 Max Temp.....45C
 Min Temp.....26C
 Wind Direction.....VRB-SE
 Wind Speed.....06-26 km/h

Wednesday, Sept 20
 Expected weather.....Hot and relatively humid over coastal areas with a chance for fog forming at night
 Sea state.....Slight to moderate
 Wave height.....1-4 ft
 Max Temp.....45C
 Min Temp.....27C
 Wind Direction.....VRB-SE
 Wind Speed.....12-32 km/h

Thursday, Sept 21
 Expected weather.....Hot and relatively humid specially over coastal areas
 Sea state.....Slight to moderate
 Wave height.....1-4 ft
 Max Temp.....43C
 Min Temp.....26C
 Wind Direction.....SE
 Wind Speed.....08-30 km/h

Friday, Sept 22
 Expected weather.....Hot and humid specially over coastal areas
 Sea state.....Moderate
 Wave height.....3-5 ft
 Max Temp.....43C
 Min Temp.....27C
 Wind Direction.....SE
 Wind Speed.....12-35 km/h

Tide times at Shuwaikh Port

1st high tide	09:51
2nd high tide	23:29
1st low tide	17:13
2nd low tide	05:03
Sunrise	05:34
Sunset	17:50

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max temp	43C
Min temp	25C
Max Rh	92%
Min Rh	10%
Max Wind	SE 32 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs	0 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max/Air Temp	30/35C
Min/Max Rel Hum	48/80%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed	S/27 km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht	N/- ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp	27/30C
Sea Current	Beginning of Upwelling

— Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.

deaths

Yaqoub Mohammad Ahmad Al Fahad, 73 years old, buried on Monday. Condolences: (Men) Salam, Block 4, St 413, House 28, Tel: 99281394, (Women) Hiteen, Block 1, St 101, House 42, Tel: 99922447. **Maryam Mohammad Abdul Rahman Humoud Al Qabandi**, 64 years old, widow of Sabah Abdullah Al Hebaali, buried on Monday. Condolences: (Men) Abdullah Al Salem, Diwan Al Qabandi, Block 2, Humoud Al Nisef St, Avenue 28, House 3, Tel: 55007008/94988222, (Women) Mishref, Block 6, Avenue 4, House 5, Tel: 99720906. **Sulaiman Saleh Rashed Al Sulaiman**, 62 years old, buried on Monday. Condolences: (Men) Qadisiva, Block 8, St 82, House 14, Tel: 96644570/55239343, (Women) Adan, Block 2, St 14, House 24, Tel: 69697569.

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