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HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the visiting Comoros President Azali Assoumani exchanging top grade medals.

Kuwait in talks with Comoros

KUWAIT CITY, April 2, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah held official talks at Bayan Palace on Monday with President of the Comoros Azali Assoumani, who is currently on a visit to the country.

He was received at the airport by His Highness the Amir.

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Bello mulls partial lifting

Manila maintains total ban

KUWAIT CITY/MANILA, April 2, (Agencies): The Philippine government's total ban on the deployment of Filipino workers to Kuwait would stay despite a Kuwaiti court's handing of death sentence against the couple accused of killing Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) Joanna Demafelis, newsinfo.inquirer.net said quoting the Philippine Senior Deputy Executive Secretary Menardo Guevarra.

"The agreement — that still holds ... the total ban on sending OFWs to Kuwait is still on. But of

course an agreement, a memorandum of understanding is being formulated and hopefully ... the state parties will come to terms as to how our OFWs in Kuwait as well as in other Middle Eastern countries will be protected," Guevarra said.

Meanwhile, the Philippines Labor Secretary Silvestro Bello III on Monday said he is mulling a proposal to partially lift the deployment ban of new overseas Filipino workers to Kuwait following the sentencing of the Lebanese man and his Syrian wife to death for the murder of Demafelis, said news. abs-cbn.com — the verdict welcomed by Malacanang although it may have little impact on Manila's

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'National duty'

KUWAIT CITY, April 2: The present stance of the government related to imposing taxes on remittances of expatriates gives it an opportunity to approve or dismiss the tax system, reports Al-Anba daily quoting informed sources.

They revealed that the government has not yet adopted a firm opinion regarding this matter.

According to legal sources, the laws and the Constitution are the two basic factors that control the decision related to tax enforcement.

Meanwhile, First Deputy Chairman of Kuwait Chamber

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Opinion

Khalifa bin Salman the fence of Bahrain

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IT IS not strange for Bahrain's Prime Minister His Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman to open his doors for citizens to listen and talk to them directly in a comfortable manner, especially on issues concerning security and the political situation.

Prince Khalifa always affirms the veracity of the position which the people of Bahrain took in order to confront the Mullah regime conspiracy, which was aimed at devouring Bahrain and making the bridge which Iran will use to infiltrate into the remaining countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Therefore, when he affirmed in his council a few days ago that "failure is the share of everyone who bets on negatively affecting our unity and solidarity between leaders and the people," he reminded Bahrainis on the importance of solidarity and unity because the main objective of aggression is to divide their national line.

Everyone in GCC countries have realized that the Bahraini leadership went through fierce attacks — similar to the one that targeted Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and above all, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

However, with a solid Bahraini stance and the help of Peninsula Shield Forces; they warded off one

of the most dangerous conspiracies against GCC countries.

No one can forget the tremendous efforts exerted by His Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman, considering he was the targeted personality. He sustained many attacks on him and his family, but he did not divert from national loyalty for King Hamad bin Essa and Bahrain.

His Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman renewed his devotion for Bahrain, its people and leadership by saying, "We are always with you and with every citizen. We work for the welfare of the citizens and we protect the people of Bahrain from every lurking evil."

"From my side, I will not relent even for a single second on any issue concerning the welfare of the country; due to the fact that the welfare of Bahrain is the welfare of other GCC countries, the stability of this kingdom is important for the stability of the remaining members of the Gulf organization."

"In case, God forbid, the Persian scheme succeeds in realizing its objective, no one will be exempted in the Gulf; not the Kuwaitis, Emiratis or Saudis, and not even the Qataris

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Faris al-Raqib (front left), a member of the Islamic Jihad movement, who was later shot in the stomach and died of his wounds, is seen carrying an injured Palestinian man as they run for cover during clashes with Israeli security forces following a demonstration commemorating Land Day near the border with Israel, east of Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip on March 30. Raqib, succumbed to his wounds on April 2, three days after being shot by Israeli forces when a mass protest led to clashes, Gaza's health ministry said, raising the death toll. (AFP)

Gaza toll at 18 as protests fade

Last rebels leaving Ghouta

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip, April 2, (Agencies): The Palestinian death toll in last week's mass protest on the Gaza-Israel border rose to 18 on Monday, officials said, as Israel rejected allegations of unlawful use of lethal force against unarmed demonstrators.

More than 750 Palestinians were wounded by Israeli fire in Friday's protest, according to Gaza health officials, making it the bloodiest day in Gaza since the 2014 Israel-Hamas war.

Gaza's Hamas rulers have not said if the final aim of protests, which are to continue off and on for six weeks, is an attempted mass breach of the border fence.

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh on Sunday hinted at an escalation, saying last Friday's protests had a "limit," but that "next time, we won't know where that line would be."

Israel accused the Islamic militant Hamas of trying to attack its border under the guise of protests. Officials said Israel has

a right to defend its border, and that troops were instructed to target what the army described as the "main instigators."

However, the military's open-fire policies came under more scrutiny as two amateur videos emerged purportedly showing two Palestinians being shot — one killed and one wounded — while not posing any apparent threat to soldiers.

In one video, a man later identified as Ibrahim Abu Shanab is seen kneeling on the ground in the first of two rows of worshippers Friday, facing the border fence at a distance of 150 to 200 meters (yards). Suddenly, he stands up, limps a few meters (yards), collapses and his carried away by young men who shout "Allahu Akbar," or "God is Great."

Adli Abu Taha, who filmed the scene on his mobile phone, told The Associated Press that Abu Shanab had thrown stones close to the fence before joining the group for Friday prayers.

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'DAESH' kills 19 regime fighters in eastern Syria

BEIRUT, April 2, (Agencies): Jihadists from the Islamic State group have killed at least 19 pro-government fighters in a spate of attacks in eastern Syria, a monitoring group said Sunday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the attacks over the past 24 hours struck in and around the town of Albu Kamal, near the border with Iraq.

IS has largely been defeated since storming across the region in 2014, but still clings to pockets of territory in eastern Syria and maintains the ability to launch deadly attacks.

Albu Kamal was a long-time stronghold of the jihadists that they lost in the face of a Russian-backed offensive at the end of 2017.

The Observatory says the group now holds less than five percent of territory in Syria, mainly pockets in the deserts of eastern and central regions.

But the group managed to launch a surprise strike in the capital Damascus last month that saw them capture the Qadam district.

The Observatory said the death toll among pro-regime fighters in the strike had risen to 116 after more bodies were discovered in the rubble.

Meanwhile, the last Syrian rebel group in eastern Ghouta near Damascus began withdrawing on Monday under an agreement with the government, state media said, though a military source said a group of insurgents were still rejecting the deal.

Jaish al-Islam, which has been defending the eastern Ghouta town of Douma against a ferocious onslaught by Russian-backed Syrian government forces, has not confirmed the agreement with the government.

If confirmed, the departure of Jaish al-Islam from Douma would mark the end of the war for eastern Ghouta, wiping out an opposition stronghold near Damascus and underlining President Bashar al-Assad's unassailable position in the war.

It will mark his biggest victory over rebels fighting to unseat him since the recovery of eastern Aleppo in 2016.

Indicating divisions in Jaish al-Islam, a Syrian military source told Reuters some of the fighters were rejecting the deal and the army would use force unless they accepted it.

"They will all have to agree to the settlement in the end," the source said.

Syrian state TV said eight buses carrying 448 people — fighters and their families — had left Douma so far on Monday, en route for the north. State media has said the rebels are due to go to areas near the Turkish-Syrian border that are controlled by opposition groups.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the war, said dozens of buses had entered Douma early on Monday in readiness to evacuate the rebels and their families to the northern towns of Jarabulus and al-Bab, near the Turkish border.

The towns are located in a section of the Turkish-Syrian frontier where Turkey has carved out a buffer zone controlled on the ground by its military and allied fighters from Free Syrian Army rebel groups that are hostile to Assad.

Under the deal, Syrian state media said Jaish al-Islam would hand over heavy and medium-sized weapons and acknowledge the restoration of

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Winnie Mandela dies

JOHANNESBURG, April 2, (Agencies): Winnie Mandela, the former wife of South African anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela, died on Monday aged 81, triggering an outpouring of tributes to one of the country's defining and most divisive figures.

She died in a Johannesburg hospital, her family said in a statement, adding that she had "fought valiantly against the Apartheid state" and that she was known "far and wide as the Mother of the Nation".

Winnie Mandela, who was married to Nelson Mandela for 38 years, played a high-profile role in the struggle to end white-minority rule, but her place in history was stained by controversy and accusations of violence.

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'Death' for eight Turkish women

BAGHDAD, April 2, (AFP): A Baghdad court on Monday sentenced six Turkish women to death and a seventh to life in prison for membership of the Islamic State jihadist group, a judicial source said.

The source told AFP that the women, all accompanied by small children in the court, had surrendered to Kurdish peshmerga fighters after having fled Tal Afar, one of the last IS bastions to fall to Iraqi security forces last year.

The women told the court they had entered the country to

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A casket containing a body is seen inside an ambulance after the arrival of a special plane carrying the bodies of 38 Indian construction workers killed by the Islamic State group in Iraq, outside the airport in Amritsar, India on April 2. (AP)

Newswatch

KUWAIT CITY: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Monday cabled Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi expressing congratulations on his re-election as president of the sisterly Arab Republic of Egypt. His Highness the Amir voiced felicitations to president el-Sisi on

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Euro/KD 0.3695
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Nasdaq -253.73 pts at 21:40 April 2
FTSE +11.87 pts at closing March 30
Nikkei -65.72 pts at closing April 2
Gold \$1,323.85 per oz (London)
NYMEX crude \$63.15 per barrel
Brent crude \$67.75 per barrel
3-month \$ LIBOR rate 2.31175%