



(Left): His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber with Speaker, (center): with the Prime Minister and, (right): with Interior Minister at Bayan Palace.

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### Audience of His Highness the Deputy Amir

His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Monday at Bayan Palace National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim.

His Highness also received His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, as well as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah. (KUNA)



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Press conference held at Ministry of Electricity and Water.

### Arab Forum on REEE kicks off in May

A press conference was held at Ministry of Electricity and Water to declare the kick off of the 4th Arab Forum for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (REEE) which will be held in Kuwait on May 6-7, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

On the sidelines of the press conference, Director of Energy Department at the Arab League Eng Jamilah Matar indicated that the establishment of the joint Arab market for electricity, the memorandum of understanding of which was signed by 16 Arab ministers in April 2017, needs time for completion.

She said the relevant procedures are ongoing at a reasonable pace. Eng Matar explained that the aim

of establishing the Arab joint market for electricity is to exchange electricity on commercial bases. There is an integrated study for establishing the joint Arab market for electricity, and the obstacles facing this project are being removed gradually.

Meanwhile, Head of the organizing committee of the forum and Assistant Undersecretary for Distribution Networks at Ministry of Electricity and Water Eng Jassem Al-Nouri said the forum will be held in Kuwait for the first time, and for the first time outside Egypt. He indicated that 40 specialists representing international institutions involved in the field of renewable energy have been invited to participate in the forum.

### MoCI's request for ten sites approved

## Public Authority for Manpower, Interior to organize labor market

KUWAIT CITY, April 16: Based on cooperation between Public Authority for Manpower and Ministry of Interior to organize the labor market, General Traffic Department has provided the Department of Assessment of Needs in the authority with a special password to the database in each governorate, reports Al-Anba daily.

This move is aimed to follow up the number of cars registered under companies and the date of their registration.

Meanwhile, Municipal Council has approved Ministry of Commerce and Industry's (MoCI) request to allocate ten sites for mobile business trucks with 5,000 square meters of space in each site, reports Al-Rai daily quoting informed sources.

They revealed that these ten sites are in Abdali Farming Area, entry to Abdali Road for serving camps, Wafra Farming Area, Julai'a Chalet Area, Abdullah Port to serve scrapyard, Kabad Farming Area, Public Heritage, Al-Naem Scrapyard, Al-Zour area for serving camps, and the areas allocated for celebrating national events.

The sources explained that the Touristic Enterprises Company approved the request of Ministry of Commerce and Industry to allocate sites for mobile business trucks on the sea coast area. After that, the ministry asked Municipal Council for allocating zones in various parts of the country. The sources clarified the difference between sites and zones, explaining that the latter will have services such as electricity, water and others, while sites are not supplied with any such service and will be mostly located in dusty yards and alongside roads.

Meanwhile, they revealed that the Single-Window Department, in the last two months, received more than 4,000 applications from citizens for licenses to launch mobile businesses.

The sources indicated that the ministry has already issued licenses to some of the applicants who meet the relevant conditions, adding that most of the applications were for licenses to run food trucks followed by car wash service, even though the relevant ministerial decision allows 19 different types of mobile businesses.

# Cabinet briefed on outcome of Arab Summit held in Dhahran

## Council of Ministers hold weekly session

KUWAIT CITY, April 16, (KUNA): The Cabinet held its regular session at Bayan Palace on Monday, presided by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Hamad Al-Sabah.

Following the session, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh stated that the session kicked off with a welcoming note to visiting President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire Alassane Dramane Ouattara, and his accompanying delegation.

The Cabinet asserted on the importance of such visit in supporting and bolstering cooperation between the two nations.

Later, Al-Saleh briefed the ministers on the outcome of recent participation by Kuwait, under the direction of His Highness the Amir, to the work of the 29th session of the Arab League Council summit, held in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, yesterday under the slogan "Jerusalem summit".

The summit concluded with the approval in its final communique that it is important to promote joint Arab action based on a clear methodology and solid foundations that protect Arab nations from the dangers that threaten it, safeguard security and stability and contribute to restoring hope to people in the Arab world.

The summit also stressed importance on the centrality of the Palestinian issue, for the entire Arab nation and Arab identity, including occupied East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine.

### Warned

Arab world leaders also warned, in their final communique, against taking any action that would change the current legal and political formula of Jerusalem and demand the implementation of all UN Security Council resolutions.

The Cabinet also was briefed on Arab leaders strong condemnation to the targeting of Saudi Arabia's and its security through Al-Houthi terrorist militias, which fired ballistic missiles at Holy Makkah and Riyadh and a number of cities in the Kingdom, stressing on their support to the Kingdom in all measures it takes to protect its security and capabilities, as well as supporting efforts by Arab Coalition to support the legitimacy in Yemen, and to end the Yemeni crisis, and to safeguard Yemen's independence and unity.

Arab leaders also stressed importance on the need to unite all efforts to reach a political solution



Anas Al-Saleh



HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Hamad Al-Sabah presiding over the Cabinet session.



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Photo from the honoring ceremony

### Farwaniya Governor expresses confidence in Al-Jassem

## KAC chairman partakes in hajj caravans honoring

KUWAIT CITY, April 16: Board Chairman of Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Yousef Al-Jassem recently toured the headquarters of the establishment, and also participated in a ceremony organized in honor of hajj and umrah caravans.

Farwaniya Governor Sheikh Faisal Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah was

also present. In an address, Sheikh Faisal expressed confidence in the appointment of Al-Jassem to manage the affairs of KAC, saying the chairman is a product of the corporation and would sustain the improvement trend.

He noted all governments and countries are trying to make the

best use of their expertise and that Kuwait Airways is a leading player in the industry. "By the grace of Allah the Almighty, the new administration will lead KAC to another level of success to the satisfaction of all, especially as the summer and hajj seasons are fast approaching", he said.

to the Syrian crisis and emphasized its condemnation to the use of chemical weapons against the Syrian people.

The Cabinet praised as well the good results of Jerusalem summit, the Saudi King for his wise leadership of the Summit and for the sincere efforts that contributed to the success of the summit.

Later, the Cabinet also reviewed recommendations by the Economic Affairs Committee on the periodic report submitted by the standing Committee to improve the business environment and enhance competition and performance ratios in the business performance indicators, particularly to the concerned government agencies.

The Cabinet welcomed efforts of government agencies to improve the business environment

and enhance competitiveness, which contribute to raising the classification of Kuwait in the relevant international indicators and reflected positively on the economic activity in the country.

The Council of Ministers also reviewed the recommendation of the Legal Affairs Committee on a draft law on the expropriation and temporary appropriation of public benefit, which aims to develop laws and address the gaps highlighted practically through the law.

The Cabinet decided to approve the draft law and submit it to His Highness the Amir, and prior to submitting it to national assembly.

The Cabinet also reviewed committee's recommendation on a draft decree approving a memo-

randum of understanding between the government of Kuwait and the government of the Republic of Tajikistan for cooperation in the field of higher education and scientific research.

The Cabinet approved the draft decree and submitted it to His Highness the Amir.

Among other issues, the Cabinet also discussed issues on the National Assembly agenda.

The Council of Ministers discussed political affairs in light of reports on the current developments in the political arena at the Arab and international arenas. In this regard, the Cabinet condemned the terrorist attack on one of the camps of the armed forces in the central Sinai region recently, which claimed the lives of a number of military personnel and injured others.

### News in Brief

**Amir congratulates Denmark:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent on Monday a cable of congratulations to the Queen of Denmark Margrethe II on her country's national day.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables on the occasion. (KUNA)

**Speaker cables Danish counterpart:** National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim sent a cable of congratulations on Monday to the Speaker of the Danish Parliament Pia Kjaersgaard on the occasion of her country's national day. (KUNA)

**College courses:** President of Australian College in Kuwait Dr Essam Al-Zablaawi discussed the most remarkable projects of the college at present and in the future, reports Al-Anba daily.

In his interview with the daily recently, Al-Zablaawi talked about all the courses offered by the college; in addition to the cooperation agreements and accreditations granted to the college.

He affirmed the college is accredited by the Australian Applied Education which is a pioneer in the world.

**EPA comments on substances:** The Environmental Public Authority (EPA) has commented on some pictures that went viral on social media which shows the spread of unknown black substances in Kuwaiti bay area, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Based on the readings of the maritime monitoring and observation network, this indicates the start of the natural and seasonal phenomenon with the flourishing of green algae and harmful algae.

EPA explained that it, since last March, has been participating in an intensive monitoring and observation process in very sensitive areas in the Kuwaiti bay area where environmental incidents and phenomena occur.

It observed an increase in physical and biological indicators, which is a prelude to the flourishing of algae in the region and a phenomenon known as "Eutrophication".

The algae flourishing season will be followed by decrease in the rate of oxygen absorbed in the water, which will lead to the death of some types of fish.