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Decisions taken cover demands of citizens, specialists

Strike timing tactical in nature

"SOME people say that a third world war is on the horizon, that it is raging in Syria, and that the American-Russian confrontation will be its spark, that shall annihilate everything on our planet," columnist, professor at Kuwait University's Political Science Department, an Advisor to Human Rights Watch (HRW) and the Secretary General of the Arab Fund for Human Rights Professor Dr Ghanim Al-Najjar wrote for **Al-Jarida** daily.

"In modern history there were two world wars (according to the term), the World War I actually began in Europe, following the assassination of the Crown Prince of Austria and Hungary in Sarajevo by a Yugoslav nationalist in 1914 and lasted from 1914 to 1918 and ended with the conclusion of Versailles treaty (in France).

"The Second World War is said to be the result of the First World War and this war also, which lasted for 6 years from 1939 to 1945, also began in Europe and was joined later by America. This war ended with the victors meeting at the 'Dumbarton Oaks' in California to establish the United Nations.

"The forecasters (not the meteorologists or fortune tellers) defied some dates of the 'Third World War.' They not only talked about in detail about the war, including the place where it will break out, they also shed light on the damages the war will cause in addition to the victims.

"In this context, we say even the strategists from time to time set forth their expectations over the eruption of a third world war by relying on the events and the historical precedence, but nothing happened since the end of the World War II.

"However, during this period, the world was on the verge of a third world war or so it was thought, and this happened about 11 times, perhaps the most important of which was the Korean War (in May and June 1953).

"Perhaps the moments when the world held its breath was during the so-called international relations of the Cuban missile crisis of October 1962 sometimes referred to as 'the edge of the catastrophe.'

"However, the 'Third World War' did not occur, but it turned out that during the crisis in question, the two great powers the then Soviet Union and the United States of America, had concluded some strategic deals between them.

"Now we are part of the Syrian and regional scene. We live in a disastrous state. In Syria there are regular armies of seven foreign countries or perhaps more. There are militias from every place you imagine or do not imagine.

"The humanitarian situation in Syria is the worst in terms of refugees, displaced persons and civilians, and they are seemingly placed at the bottom of the major and regional countries, including the Syrian regime itself.

"In this connection, I would like to say that more than one media asked me this question: 'Do you believe that the timing of the strike that was carried out by America, Britain, and France in Syria coincided with the convening of the Arab Council Board meeting was strategic and tactical in meaning?'

"Personally speaking, I guess the strike falls within the American, British, French, Russian, Iranian and Turkish and some others' sphere of mutual understanding, hence I would call it tactical in nature. But we would like to take into account that holding of the Arab summit, actually seems to be irrelevant, rather I believe the strikers had basically forgotten that the Arab League Council was holding a meeting.

"Such being the case, there are no indications that the third world war will begin in Syria, because those who are currently managing the affairs of the world are just a handful of heartless and senseless traffickers and as such they don't care about the torment of humans."

Also:

"Anyone who follows what happened recently in Syria - use of internationally forbidden weapons as well as the limited missiles strike carried out by America, Britain and France can be classified as a narcotic dose that will quieten the situation for a specific period and as such every party will be in a position to benefit from the same accordingly," columnist **Qais Al-Asta** wrote for **Al-Qabas** daily.

"In other words, the supporters of the Syrian regime will claim President Bashar Al-Assad is the victim of universal colonialism and as such the support of Iran and Russia to the current Syrian regime falls within encountering the imperialistic avarices, forgetting or ignoring that this regime has killed hundreds of thousands of people with chemical weapons and dropping barrel bombs in addition to torturing and persecuting that can be deemed as the first of its kind in the world.

"In the meantime, this regime will feel satisfied to some extent and hope that the US caretaker is still in line and will most likely direct some more strikes against Syria and probably also Iran.

"For its part, the US caretaker will not remain quiet, rather it will invest the satisfaction shown by the anti-Syria, Iran and Russia axis by sending them a big invoice for the purchase of civil and military aircraft

in addition to tanks, armored personnel vehicles and even machine-guns.

"However, between those who depict the regime of Al-Assad as martyr in a sacred war and those who believe that Iran was behind all the ordeals and standing against Tehran is a duty.

"Here, we have forgotten the most important thing than all the above that the Syrian people have suffered a lot from the killer regime, while others believe that the most important priorities in this connection are standing against Iran and forgetting even temporarily the other issues topped by the Zionist crimes against the Palestinians.

"Anyway, we in this part of the world need to return to the humanitarian spirit, its importance and sanctity irrespective of the religion of this spirit or its sect.

"We need to realize that our interests are common and our differences which initially look like sectarian, but in fact are not, rather it is a war of interests currently marketed by the leaders of the two parties.

"Not only that, this war has also taken place under the auspices of some clerics who do not fear Almighty God. However, to be fair, these clerics belong to both sides."

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"In just three days, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Nasser Al-Sabah, who presided over a meeting with the Supreme Council for Planning and another with the Environment Supreme Council, dotted the i's and crossed the t's to launch a new phase of decision-making in a manner that promises a better future and unprecedented qualitative leap in governmental work," **Abdulrahman Al-Awwad** wrote for **Al-Sabah** daily.

"Several significant decisions were taken during the first meeting with the Supreme Council for Planning such as development of the executive system, rationalization of expenditures, improvement of governmental performance, restructuring of the state's executive system, and activating the private sector.

"In the second meeting with the Environment Supreme Council, a number of important decisions were taken such as installation of temporary rainwater and sewage water treatment stations and necessary steps to protect and rehabilitate Kuwaiti Bay as well as prepare a timetable for providing fuel alternatives in the stations.

"Anyone who follows the governmental work will realize that these decisions were taken in a single meeting without the need for further deliberations, and that they cover the demands of citizens and specialists."

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"There was a strong rumor spreading across the country recently concerning purported government resignation. However, we wish to affirm that there is not an iota of truth in the rumor. Therefore, the honorable ministers whose names were included among those who were reported to have resigned should stay calm," **Talal Al-Saeed** wrote for **Al-Seyassah** daily.

"The government quickly dispelled the rumor, and the concerned authorities started looking for the source of that rumor in order to charge that individual with spreading false news to create chaos in the country. Reportedly, the source has been identified to draw curtain on the issue!

"I will like to pose a question to the honorable ministers whose names were included in the list of those suspected to have resigned. Why did people in Kuwait spread the rumor on their resignation so quickly that it went viral on the social media such that all social media users in Kuwait got the news within an hour?

"We are affirming here that the news was not true. It was a mere rumor so that we are not held accountable, because all of them still retain their seats strongly.

"As for source of the rumor, to hell with him! However, what about the massive messages circulated among Kuwaitis with which they celebrated the news as if they sighted the holy month moon? The only message we can deduce from this fake news is that Kuwaitis are not happy with the poor performances of the concerned ministers."

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"We watched the Director General of Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) discussing recently on KTV channel about creation of an application called 'Kuwait Finder' to ease the search for addresses of houses and offices as well as facilitate other matters in the State of Kuwait," **Mohammad Jasssem Al-Sedah** wrote for **Al-Qabas** daily.

"I, as a citizen, am surprised that the director general used an expression for this innovation in a foreign language, precisely English, by calling it 'Kuwait Finder.' It would have been better to give it an Arabic title such as the telephone directory 'Ibath ma'ana' (Search with us) or any other Arabic expression that could denote the purpose.

"Several Kuwaitis had followed the same approach adopted by the PACI's director general. They used expressions in foreign language at the expense of Arabic language as if Kuwait does not have a language. In fact, Arabic is one of the best languages in the world. It is enough an honor that the Holy Quran was revealed in Arabic to preserve it until eternity."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb

'Interior to carry out extensive reshuffle, transfer in few wks'

'Asst undersecretaries, directors general'

KUWAIT CITY, April 16: Indications are rife that the Ministry of Interior will carry out an extensive reshuffling and transfer within the next few weeks, which will cover all sectors. The decision affects assistant undersecretaries, directors general and their deputies, reports Al-Qabas daily.

A knowledgeable source was quoted as saying the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah has decided to forward the names of five major generals to the Council of Ministers for approval as assistant undersecretary nominees in the new structure.

He said the ministry will expand the current structure by creating new sectors and general departments for more assistant undersecretaries. The idea will contribute to eradicate situation whereby senior officers are left without major appointments.

He explained that the minister will consider performance level of the officers through the annual reports from various sectors and administrations. He reaffirmed that many of the officers have accomplished significant achievements in their various sectors, while many others do not deserve to be retained in their current positions.

Reprice services, goods: CBK

'Reform in state finances vital'

KUWAIT CITY, April 16: The Central Bank of Kuwait said the beginning of economic reform in Kuwait begins with reform in the state's finances and stressed the best way to do this is to re-price services and goods that are provided at low prices, which leads to depletion and waste, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The Central Bank in a statement told the Financial Affairs Committee of the National Assembly that the total foreign workers' remittances of 4.14 billion dinars are deceptive.

KFAED denies report about deal with Egyptian billionaire

KUWAIT CITY, April 16: Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) has denied reports about ongoing negotiations with Egyptian billionaire Samih Sawiris for offering non-refundable financial grant worth \$30 million to Zewail

City of Science and Technology, reports Al-Rai daily.

In response to a parliamentary question submitted to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah in this regard, KFAED affirmed that the information highlighted during a talk show presented by Egyptian TV anchor Amro Adeb concerning ongoing negotiations with KFAED for offering

the financial grant to an Egyptian private university is false.

It insisted that no pledges have been made to offer non-refundable financial grants to any private universities or institutions owned by individuals.

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The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) in Jahra City would start serving nationals and expats from its new building near the Governorate Headquarters as of Monday. In a statement KUNA Sunday, PACI Director General Musaad Al-Asousi said the new permanent premises would replace the temporary branch in Jahra Cooperative Society, which would be closed. All PACI services would be provided to nationals and expats at the new building, he pointed out. On future plans, Al-Asousi revealed that the PACI sought to build a second integrated branch in Al-Ahmadi Governorate to serve residents of the southern governorate.

and thereby increasing their number to 900.

He hinted that no less than 150 colonels have been penciled down for promotion as brigadiers, especially as many of them are serving as directors with excellent performance reports.



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Briefs

EXECUTIONS:

The Amnesty International report on the death penalty recently revealed the number of executions in the world continued to decline with 993 reported cases in 2017, down 4 percent compared to 1,032 executions in 2016, reports Al-Qabas daily.

According to the report, seven executions were carried out in Kuwait; while the sentences of 17 persons were reduced, two were acquitted.

According to the report Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan, and the UAE have resumed the implementation of the death penalty after a temporary halt; the last execution in the countries was in 2013.

The report revealed the seven cases of the death penalty in Kuwait were 2 Kuwaitis and 5 foreigners from Bangladesh, the Philippines, Ethiopia and Egypt, for murder, robbery, kidnapping and rape, out of the 15 death sentences issued by the courts.

The number of executions carried out in Iran in 2017 was 11 percent lower than in 2016. The death verdicts also decreased in Saudi Arabia by 5 percent, in Pakistan by 31 percent, while in Iraq it increased by 42 percent - 88 people were put to death in 2016 and 125 in 2017.

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