



From left: HH the Crown Prince with ministers Hind Al-Sabeeh, Dr Nayef Falah Al-Hajraf and Dr Bassel Humoud Al-Sabah.

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His Highness the Crown Prince receives senior officials

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Seif Palace Monday Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and State Minister for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh.

His Highness also received Minister of Finance Dr Nayef Falah Al-Hajraf, Minister of Health Dr Bassel Humoud Al-Sabah and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Adel MUSAED Al-Kharafi.

His Highness the Crown Prince met with Municipal Council Chairman Osama Homud Al-Otaibi and Kuwait's Ambassador in Jordan Aziz Raheem Al-Dihani. (KUNA)

CITRA tells local ISPs to 'block' caller-ID apps to protect privacy

Kuwait Deputy FM meets with UN official



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Khaled Al-Jarallah meets the Head of UN's World Food Programme in GCC countries Abdulmajed Yahya.

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 13, (KUNA): The Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA) said Sunday that it has blocked caller identification detection applications from Internet service providers in the State of Kuwait to protect people's privacy.

In a press release, CITRA explained that the blockage was taken after findings that these programs violated privacy law and facilitated access to private information, which resulted in security protection loss of information, along with various family oriented disputes, crimes, identity theft, including theft of bank information.

Device

The user, when installing these "number detection applications, gives the application access to all data related to his/her device, such as numbers and addresses without any deletion or modification, and such data become stored, including each phone number that was stored in the device.

The statement added, based on privacy policy, the applications collect and use phone numbers, names and data corresponding to the numbers loaded on the user's device and upload them to the application database recklessly without permissions or authentication mechanism.

CITRA affirmed its complete rejection to these violations and the severe consequences that may result to the usage of similar applications, at the same time stressing importance on privacy laws and protection of data, being one of the most important goals of the authority.

Owners

CITRA also prepared a "privacy protection" list which was adopted by its Board of Directors to ensure the protection of the circulation and processing of private data in a legitimate and safe manner without disclosure to any third parties, except to the consent knowledge of data owners, stressing that those who violate this regulation will be held legally accountable.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah Monday met Director of the UN World Food Program (WFP) office in the UAE and WFP Representative in the GCC Abdul-Majeed Yahya during his visit to the country.

The meeting covered the search for prospects of cooperation between Kuwait and the activities put forth by the organization's programs around the world.

Yahya praised Kuwait's role and support in the field of humanitarian works.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Foreign Minister for the Deputy Foreign Minister's office Ambassador Ayham Al-Omar.



HH the Crown Prince with Municipal Council Chairman Osama Homud Al-Otaibi.



HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah who gave him a documentary book and film titled 'Ostourah Rahlat' covering autobiography of Suad Hamad Al-Saleh Al-Humaidhi.

Arab official touts Kuwait's youth backing

MEW policy change causing \$2m loss for Al-Zour Refinery

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 13: The loss borne by Al-Zour Refinery due to the change in the policy of Ministry of Electricity and Water is estimated at \$2 million, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting informed sources.

They explained that the ministry changed the policy for generating of energy using gas turbines that work on natural gas or fuel gas instead of vapor turbines that work on fuel oil. This change will require amendment to the designs in order to handle the surplus fuel oil that will not be needed. This will be accomplished through variation orders.

The sources went on to explain that they are also expecting the refinery to continue producing 225,000 barrels of fuel oil per day for about six years starting from the date allotted for starting the operation in 2019 until the end of the amendment of designs in 2025. The cost of fuel oil is less than the cost of crude oil. The losses resulting from the differences in revenues when comparing production of fuel oil and production of crude oil is nine percent of the total value of the refinery.

If the refinery is primarily designed for commercial reasons, the revenues is supposed to increase by 12 percent per year instead of only three percent. Accordingly, the unfulfilled profits during the six years are estimated at \$1.5 billion per year, reaching almost \$9 billion after six years.

The sources stressed that the consumption by the current vapor turbines is much less than the expected production of the new refinery. In such a case, KIPIC has

only two options but both are difficult. KIPIC can either reduce the operation capacity of the refinery so that it is limited to the demanded amounts only, or it can run the refinery with its full capacity and then export the surplus produce at low prices that do not match the billions spent for establishing the refinery.

This issue indicates to what extent the lack of coordination between the oil sector and Ministry of Electricity and Water can harm the state resources. The lack of precise planning might turn the project of Al-Zour Refinery from being the most outstanding developmental project into the one with the highest economic losses in the field of energy.

An Arab development official on Sunday lauded Kuwait's role in supporting Kuwaiti and Arab youngsters, pointing to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's directives in this regard.

Member of the Executive Office of the Arab Youth Council for Integrated Development Mohammad Al-Yaseen made the remark to KUNA at the wrap-up of a ceremony co-organized by the Arab League and the council to mark International Youth Day.

He also spoke highly of Kuwaiti young people's ideas and great projects, calling for boosting their capabilities and skills.

Meanwhile, he noted that it was now time for the council to receive nominations for its 12th annual award, which focuses on three main areas, notably citizenship, development and peace.

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