

Other Voices

# 'If you are doing well, all the people are then well'

By Sheikhessa Hessa Al-Hamoud Al-Salem Al-Sabah

The relationship between the government and the people, most often and throughout history, is based on the number of mutual interests, especially in pluralistic societies, where anticipation, caution and restraint are sometimes occasionally accompanied with cooperation and cohesion in adversity. Honestly speaking, the connection between the people of the Gulf region with their rulers is described

one of a kind relationship and vice-versa. This is due to the role of the inherited by noble Arabian values and traditions that resulted in these values existing in the people's behavior.

This often resulted in the pride of the Gulf citizens with their rulers and subordinates which is a source of pride and mutual recognition, and it is a great blessing, we pray God (Allah) to perpetuate this blessing upon us.

I am saying this because of the amount of prayers and passionate

feelings that I have personally observed for the speedy recovery of His Highness Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, whom travelled to Germany to perform an operation that was completed successfully by God (Allah's) will.

In fact, Abu Abdullah is one of the most beloved and influential figures among the Kuwaiti people for his sincere efforts to keep Kuwait a pioneer in many fields. He is an honest and a humble expert advisor with a broad view of the

future of Kuwait.

He is supervising the Kuwait 2035 Vision which will be an economic leap resulting Kuwait to take a leading position globally that it deserves with the determination of its people. Looking back to the unity between the government and the people, at the humanitarian level, to well anticipate the fact that the strength of our society lies within the solidarity, brotherhood and sincere true wishes that eventually results turn into good deeds back upon all of us.

This community cohesion strongly appeared after the brutal Iraqi invasion and after attempts to ignite sectarian affliction among the people of Kuwait, which have all failed.

With every exceptional event the Kuwaiti people showed their community strength and cohesion in time of distress, which brings pride and tranquility in the present and future. I ask God (Allah) to unite us and never disperse us as one nation and to give us security, tranquility, heal our patients and give mercy

upon our dead and seal the rest of our good deeds.

Finally, I personally congratulate His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Sabah Al-Ahmad on the success of the surgical operation and that he will be well-healed to resume back his work in a healthy condition.

I can only conclude with what the famous poet Al-Motanabi said to the sword of the state at that time:

(I will not give credit for greeting, if you are doing well, all the people are then well).

## Employees of PAM's sector 'exerting' efforts to improve automated system

MEW first among public institutions with 24pc of total non-oil revenues



The Civil Engineering Department of the College of Engineering & Petroleum Tuesday organized a ceremony to honor the winners of Insha'a Holding Company Competition and distribute prizes to them in the presence of a representative of the company Ali Al-Rujaib, Head of the department Fahad Al-Rukaibi and a number of faculty staff members. The prizes were given to the top

three winners with the best graduation projects for the academic year 2017/2018. One of the winners is the Mubarakiya Vacuum Waste Collection System team that won the Best Engineering Design Project. Another is the Shuwaikh Port Optimization Project team and the third is the Sustainable Residential Complex project team.

By Fares Al-Abadan Al-Seyassah Staff and Agencies

KUWAIT CITY, July 5: Deputy Director General of Manpower Protection Sector at Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) Abdullah Al-Mutawah affirmed that the employees of the sector, with the cooperation of other sectors of the authority are exerting efforts for improving the automated system and administration procedures in order to reduce bureaucracy and provide better services to the visitors to the authority particularly the Manpower Protection Sector.

In a press statement issued on Wednesday, he disclosed about the reduction of the period for filing an absconding report with Ministry of Interior from 90 days to 60 days from the date of its submission to the Occupational Relations Department along with update of procedures during this period to ensure the report is not malicious or unjust.

Al-Mutawah said the procedures for improving the absconding reports submitted to the Occupational Relations Department aim at curbing malicious reports and reports that are not serious.

He revealed that the number of absconding reports since the beginning of this year reached 4,500, and about 684 absconding reports have been dealt with during this period.

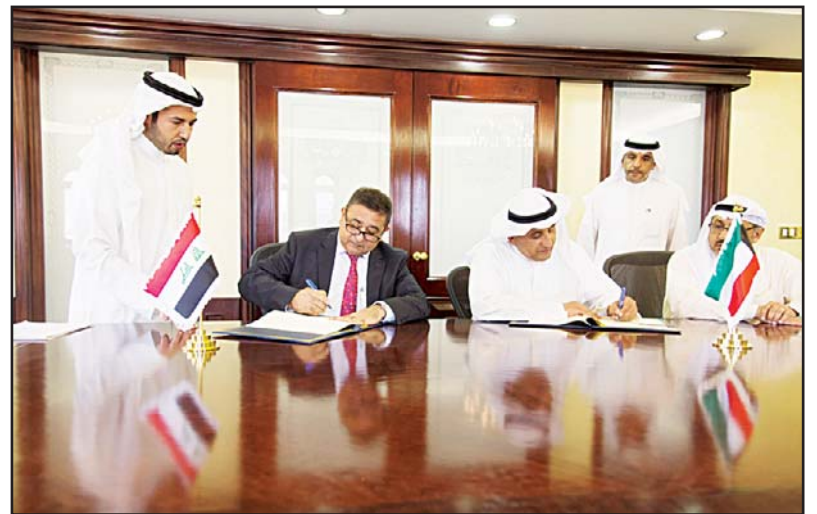
Al-Mutawah highlighted the electronic services provided by the Occupational Relations Department through electronic portal "Ashal" to companies that are subscribed to the Ashal service, revealing that they include inquiries about the results of the complaints, registration of complaints and information about registration of complaints against a company through SMS.

Meanwhile, six public institutions showing that 87 percent of the total non-oil revenues amounting to KD 1.7 billion will be collected during the current fiscal year, reports Al-Rai daily.

The documents revealed the non-oil revenues constitute 12 percent of the State budget and this is eight percent more than the previous budgets.

The Ministry of Electricity and Water comes first among the public institutions with KD 419.7 million or 24 percent of the total non-oil revenues, followed by Customs General Administration with KD 356 million or 20 percent, Ministry of Finance with KD 293.6 million (17 percent), Ministry of Health with KD 184.2 million (10 percent), Ministry of Interior with KD 159.8 million (nine percent), and Ministry of Communication with KD 127.8 million (seven percent).

According to the official documents, the expected revenues are in the form of taxes and fees which increased by 11 percent compared to the preceding year during which the revenues were KD 494.8 million while the projected was KD 551 million.



Top: the loan agreement being signed, and (above) signed document being exchanged.

### Bid to finance building of modern schools

## KFAED sign KD 23,500,000 loan agreement with Republic of Iraq

KUWAIT CITY, July 5: A loan agreement was signed in Kuwait between the Republic of Iraq and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development whereby the fund will extend a loan of Kuwaiti dinars twenty three million five hundred thousand (KD 23,500,000/-), equivalent to about \$ 80 million, to contribute in financing of building modern schools in Baghdad and the states project in the Republic of Iraq. It is worth mentioning that the fund is a Kuwaiti public corporation, which relies entirely on its own resources for making loans and providing other kinds of development assistance.

It is also worth mentioning that the loan agreement would contribute in achieving the fourth goal of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in respect of good education that guarantees comprehensive education for all and to enhance opportunities for durable education.

The loan agreement was signed on behalf of the Republic of Iraq by Dr Salahuddin Hamed Al-Hadeethy, Director-General of the Department of Public Debt, Ministry of Finance, and on behalf of the fund by Abdulwahab Ahmed Al-Bader, Director-General of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development.

The project shall participate in the economic and social development in the Republic of Iraq. Through elevating the educational and vocational levels of pupils in the primary and secondary levels by availing, more educational opportunities through provision of additional educational seats and building new schools that will participate in reducing overcrowding in double, triple teaching shifts, and reduce student's dropouts.

The project includes the construction of about 73 schools of either 18 or 12 classrooms over 15 Iraqi governorates. Works include civil, electrical and sanitary works for administration, classrooms and labs in addition to provision of sanitary facilities and utilities. The project also includes provision of engineering consultancy services for design and supervision.

Upon signature of this loan agreement, this loan will be the 3rd loan extended by the fund to the Republic of Iraq, considering that the fund has already extended 2 loans to Iraq in 1970 and 1971, totaling about KD 5.7 million fully withdrawn. In addition, the Fund is currently administering 4 grants on behalf of the State of Kuwait amounting to about 85 million Kuwaiti dinars (equivalent to \$ 290 million).

### News in Brief

#### Amir sends congratulations:

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent Thursday a cable to President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro, congratulating him on his country's national day.

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His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah also sent Thursday a cable to the President of the Republic of Cape Verde, Jorge Carlos Fonseca, congratulating him on his country's National Day.

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#### Embassy warns of typhoon risk:

Kuwait embassy in Japan warned Kuwaiti residents, students and visitors of Typhoon Prapiroon expected to bring potential flooding and strong wind to southern Japan.

Japanese authorities expected heavy rains on all Japanese provinces on July 5 - 6, warning of river floods and mudslides, the embassy said in a statement. Japan usually witnesses such

weather conditions during this time of the year. The embassy calls on citizens to exercise caution and abide by safety and security instructions issued by the local authorities.

In case of emergency, Kuwaitis shall call the embassy on: + 810334550361, or send an e-mail to: kuwait-embassy.or.jp@consular. (KUNA)

#### UN official hails Kuwait:

United Nations Resident Coordinator Tarek Al-Sheikh said on Wednesday that the State of Kuwait is considered an example for active partnership with the UN. For more than 55 years, Kuwait has been actively involved with the UN in preserving peace and providing aid and human development, he said while opening a UN-Kuwait humanitarian cooperation workshop. The upcoming phase of partnership among the member countries of the UN targets a more efficient, creative and innovative development system, especially regarding the respecting of human rights, he said. Al-Sheikh expressed his appreciation for the partners' interest, from both governmental and private sectors, inside and outside Kuwait and their participation with UN organizations to achieve the vision of "New Kuwait 2035". "Kuwait has placed itself as a fair country internationally and regionally in the fields of human aid, preventive diplomacy, building peace and development," Al-Sheikh continued. (KUNA)



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