



Minister of Finance Nayef Al-Hajraf during the signing of the four accords with Algeria.

Kuwait, Algeria discuss ways to curb hurdles, 'boost' trade

Four pacts inked as meeting concludes

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KUWAIT CITY, Feb 21, (KUNA): Algerian Minister of Finance Abdulrahman Rawwaiya said on Thursday that the Kuwaiti-Algeria Committee wrapped up its latest meetings here today by signing four ac-

ords, bringing number of the inked agreements between the two countries to 40.

Minister Rawwaiya, in a statement to KUNA, said that the committee members discussed hurdles obstructing efforts for boosting the bilateral relations, adding that the regular holding of 10 sessions at this level signaled the two countries' serious approach toward boosting the bilateral economic and commercial relations.



The damaged cars.

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Not deliberate: student

A student of a school in west Sulaibikhat is said to have damaged the cars of teachers by colliding into the parked vehicles, reports Al-Shahed daily.

However, the student is said to have

apologized and denied the act was deliberate.

Without going into details, the daily quoting the student said he lost control of the car due to an unknown reason.

Two rob delivery man

Kuwaiti falls dead in Khaitan flat

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 21: A Kuwaiti citizen in his 30s died of unknown causes after falling and losing consciousness inside a flat in Khaitan area.

According to security sources, a Kuwaiti citizen called the Operations Room of Ministry of Interior and reported that his friend fell unconscious inside the flat. Immediately, paramedics rushed to the location and referred the victim to Farwaniya Hospital. Upon arrival, it was discovered that he was dead.

Indian robbed: The Jahra police are looking for two unidentified persons for robbing an Indian, working for the home delivery restaurant in Saad Al-Abdullah, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the Indian in his complaint to the area police said he was

robbed by the two men of KD 43 after putting a knife to his throat.

He told the police the men were wearing Western clothes and believed to be in their 30s.

The Indian said the incident happened when he was on his way to deliver food to a customer in Saad Al-Abdullah.

Drug peddler held: A Kuwaiti man, who is believed to be in his 40s, has been arrested for possessing, consuming and trafficking in booze, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily added, the suspect was arrested in Fintas on suspicion at a police checkpoint because he looked disoriented.

Police then found in the trunk of his car a box and in the box there were five bottles of Red and Black Label whisky bottles.

Sheraton Kuwait & Four Points By Sheraton Kuwait Celebrate the National & Liberation Days



On the occasion of the 58th National Day, the 28th Liberation Day and the 13 years of His Highness the Amir's reign, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of Kuwait. In honor of these momentous occasions, the Four Points by Sheraton Kuwait is adorned with the Kuwaiti flag representing our high respect for this country and how thankful we are to have the opportunity to show our appreciation



by engaging in the festivals on this meaningful occasions. On the occasion of more than five decades of the opening of the Sheraton Kuwait Hotel, which has become a real milestone of its landmarks, bringing up his track record of achievements and a prime location of successes, Mr. Fahed Abushaar expressed the pride in the role that the Sheraton Kuwait played, which extended for over 50 years as a pioneer and leader in the world of hospitality for Kuwait and its

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

'Beware Western plots'

'Arab countries, Iran targeted'

"IT LOOKS like the last chapter of the promise that was given by the British former foreign secretary Arthur James Balfour (on Nov 2, 1917) was written in the Polish capital Warsaw," columnist, former minister of public health and former minister of state for cabinet affairs Dr. Abdulrahman Abdullah Al-Awadhi wrote for Al-Anba daily.

"However, if we deal with the things through this angle, we shall realize the details of the British conspiracy against Palestine and the Arabs at large.

"In this context, we say it is Arthur James Balfour, the former foreign secretary of the United Kingdom (UK) who was representing the English imperialism in the region, had realized the importance of this promise for the establishment of a national homeland for the Jews in Palestine.

"This happened in the full absence of the Arab nation from all related negotiations that were conducted during the division of Palestine, and the Palestinians were not ready to accept the Jews in Palestine.

"During the meetings between those who represented the Jews and those who represented the Palestinians, the Jews were represented by the Britons through the then British Mandate and the others from their supporters topped by the United States of America, although the American president Roosevelt, had pledged the then Saudi monarch King Abdulaziz Al-Saud that his country will not accept the British promise in question that was given to the Jews.

"This happened, while the Arabs during that time were suffering from divisions to such an extent the minister from the former Soviet Union who was one of the delegation members of his country to talks, had once told that both the Arabs and the Palestinians that they were refusing to talk 'with us (the Soviet Union delegation)' to such an extent they had refused to meet with us although we were striving to explain to the Arabs and the Palestinians the Soviet Union attitude towards the division of Palestine and the Balfour Promise.

"Such being the case, the former Soviet Union minister added, 'we had not voted against the division of Palestine, the Soviets were reluctant to support the Western opinion represented by America and its supporters'. And this had resulted in the Soviet Union being the first state in the world to recognize Israel because of the big number of the Jews in Russia.

"Anyway, the above, represents the first chapter related to the implementation of the notorious Balfour Promise. This chapter refers to the 'stars' which were the best in terms of managing the manipulation of the said promise.

"But with regard to the last chapter, we found how the 'stars' are currently playing the major roles and presided by America to achieve what was called by the incumbent US President Donald Trump 'Deal of the Century', particularly since we know that it is Trump who is one of the prominent supporters for the establishing of Israel state and this is evident through his behavior in support of the Jews more than that of the Jews themselves. "Given the above, don't expect that Trump will support the Palestinians to protect their rights in their own homeland, as such he had actually started implementing the conspiracy by shifting the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

"Not only that, it is Trump who had suspended the entire US financial assistance to the Palestinians, but his other penalties against the Palestinians will be implemented soon.

"Anyway, we hope the Arabs will not join the US party in terms of implementing the last chapter of Balfour Promise, particularly in the wake of the recent leaks that talk about the alternative areas for the foundation of the Palestinian state and deleting the name of Palestine from the map.

"Thus, the tragic play about the Palestinians in particular and about the Arabs in general will be directed, hence, beware of the future, simply because the basic objective of the conference (Warsaw Conference) will be based on establishing the state of Israel from River Nile to Euphrates and this objective keeps abreast with the conception of the Jews towards their homeland.

"Then, we hereby, once again say beware of the Western plots and of some states which support them. Likewise beware of the American claim alleging that what is currently threatening the Middle East and the Arabs comes from the terrorist Iran.

"As a matter of fact, the term 'terrorism' is American made, given the fact this term has been in circulation during the recent years. This happens although Iran is not in a position to encounter America. In other words, Iran will not confront any American attack in spite of its mass destruction weapons and developed technology that is capable to destroy any area in the world.

"I say the above, while I am positive that Iran should hasten to manage its own affairs in dealing with its neighboring countries through peaceful methods, because the matter at the moment is no longer either in the hands of the Arabs or in the hands of Iran, rather it is in the hands of Israel and America, particularly in terms of any future plans to be drawn up by them for us.

"Consequently, we would like hereby to warn Iran, the Arab countries and the friendly countries that the game is bigger than all of us.

"We pray to Almighty Allah to help us during this time under which the entire world is subjected to a single state."

Also:

"Just a few days ago, a conference for peace and security in the Middle East was held and called the 'Warsaw Conference'," columnist Hama Saleh Al-Qattan wrote for Annahar daily.

"This conference was attended by representatives from 60 states to talks about encountering the Iranian regime. However, one of the participants was the prime minister of the Zionist entity Benjamin Netanyahu and a group of the Arab states representatives, where the enemies of yesterday sat around one table.

"In other words, the Arabs had meeting with those who were involved in killing their peoples, looting their wealth and destroying their culture and dogma, just for the sake of threatening and neutralizing the Iranian regime.

"Anyway, irrespective whether we are in agreement or disagreement with the Iranian or the American policies over this matter, it represents a political dogmatic affair with all of its relevant details, but it is needless to say that all of us are in agreement with the first and dangerous enemy for us is the Zionist entity, as such we wonder, how we will shun what we had agreed on and don't have a meeting to threaten the same and eventually be in agreement on all of our differences with the foes?

"Do you know what was said by the prime minister of the Arabs, is an achievement of extreme importance. Not just that, he in his meeting with the US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, described the meeting in question 'as a point of historical transformation'.

"However, in light of the above statement we know the real objective of Warsaw Conference. In other words, the declared objective revolves around confronting the Iranian regime, but the real and the undeclared objective is to bring the conflicting parties -- the Arabs and the Muslims on one hand and Israel on the other -- around one table to market a dangerous and important thing among the peoples.

"Anyway, such American game cheated some of the participating states alleging that the meeting was aimed

at encountering the threats from the Iranian regime, but it is needless to say this game did not cheat the Arab and Islamic peoples, because the latter still believe that the Palestinian cause represent the gate towards the real independence from the domination of the great powers in the region.

"Such being the case, and in light of the relevant popular resentment, the Arab governments should hasten to redirect the Arab compass towards the Palestinian cause as it was before and eventually refrain from normalizing ties with the usurping entity, simply because the rejection of the normalization falls within the religious, moral, legal, and political dogma and as such 'we' as people will not give up the same."

"The US President Donald Trump signed a resolution last week to declare a state of emergency in funding the construction of a border wall with Mexico. The opposition Democrats, who are against the construction of this wall, considered the decision a violent reversal of the Constitution," *Mishref Aqab* wrote for Al-Shahed daily.

"President Trump has chosen the most powerful way in his relationship with the opposition to resolve the issue of a separation barrier with Mexico, which has been against the project as it announced and used all its constitutional powers to stand against it.

"We will sign the law today, and we will announce a state of national emergency," President Trump said in a speech in front of the White House.

"President Trump devoted much of his speech to the threats to US security through the influx of drugs, criminal gangs and illegal immigrants across the southern border. He strongly defended his plans to build the wall along the border. This talk reminds us of the Berlin Wall, which was a huge wall separating East and West Berlin and the surrounding areas of East Germany. It was intended to stop people from fleeing East Germany into West Germany.

"The apartheid wall or security barrier is a long wall built by Israel in the West Bank near the Green Line. It is intended to prevent Palestinian residents of the West Bank from entering the occupied territories or Israeli settlements near the Green Line. Palestinians consider it as an Israeli attempt to disrupt the lives of the Palestinian population or annex land from the West Bank to Israel's separation wall in Palestine. Discussion in the US is about the wall that the United States intends to build on the border with Mexico.

"There are still difficulties in obtaining approval from the Congress to start building a wall between US and Mexico. There are also the separation walls between the two parts of Kashmir, the Pakistani-Iranian wall, the Afghan-Pakistani and so on. In Cyprus, walls were built to avoid armed conflicts. Such walls are sometimes used for curbing the smuggling of arms and drugs as well as entry of hardline infiltrators. They also divide neighborhoods, cities and cultures. Often, these barriers are adopted forcefully against the will of the population.

"Countries do not care about cultures and are not aware of them or the history, customs and daily lives of people living in these areas. Around 25 years after fall of the Berlin Wall, dozens of walls were built, and half of them were built after 2010. Still many of them are being built today in the world. The important question is this -- does the separation barrier protect residential areas and solve outstanding problems?"

"It is no secret that the World Bank has conducted a deep scientific study covering all the facilities and joints of the State managed by the Kuwaiti Government from cradle to grave, especially the study provided by the bank after the liberation of Kuwait from the Iraqi invasion whose recommendations were based on data provided by the Kuwaiti government, specifically the Ministry of Finance," columnist *Khaled Ahmad Al-Tarrah* wrote for Al-Qabas daily.

"Some of the recommendations, which are limited in number, have been approved by the Ministry of Finance, especially with respect to the State's shares in the companies affiliated to Kuwait Investment Authority, with the aim of correcting and diversifying the course of investment far from the concept of full government dominance over the investment and public services sectors to instill concepts that minimize governmental expenditure, and then launch information campaign aimed at creating a popular partnership in realistic financial and economic reform.

"The study of the World Bank focused on the situation of Kuwait after liberation and the reconstruction of the state after the total destruction of the country's wealth, as well as investment in the management of services sector in all its forms and levels following the Iraqi invasion. The reconstruction of the state was based on a new social, political and economic reality of Kuwait in the early nineties at present and the future of the state and future generations, especially under the Kuwaiti and foreign predictions that emerged before and after the invasion that oil is an unsustainable resource and so diversification the resources of income is a must.

"The then government received the recommendations, and it has reviewed some studies concerning economic reform. However, as it is the habit of the Government, the studies have been kept in locked drawers. Today, in 2019, Ministry of Finance has assigned the World Bank again to search solutions for the governmental expenditure as it was published by Al-Qabas daily on Feb 3, 2019."

"A TV channel recently broadcasted a program about a Muslim man who had visited Gharbata Mosque in Spain, which was called then as Andalus by the Omayyad," *Mohammad Salem Al-Nabhan* wrote for Al-Qabas daily.

"The Muslim man called for prayer in the mosque. When he was asked the reason why he did so even though nobody understood what he said, he said the walls of the mosque miss the sound of the call for prayer (Azan).

"To that man, we say 'Thank you'. We also need to be aware of the actions committed by the enemies of Islam with the aim of demolishing the Islamic monument.

"Actually, Spanish authorities preserve the Islamic monuments and keep them in good condition as part of the Spanish history and as a witness of the Islamic civilization. Spanish authorities opened a number of such monuments for visitors and tourists, and implemented laws to prevent making any changes to the Hamra Palace located in Gharbata.

"Nevertheless, the Jews, as part of their manipulative methods, managed to obtain permission from the Spanish government to run one of the wings of the palace as a hotel. Since the authorities prevent any changes to the Islamic historical sites, the Jews who run the hotel installed wooden boards with the carving of David's star and the menorah candles. They have placed them everywhere in the hotel in attempt to cover the dominating Islamic architecture of the place.

"I once had to stay in this hotel for a night while traveling to Madrid from Gharbata. When I reached the lobby, I saw a receptionist at the front desk dressed in the Jewish clerks' black gown with a Jewish headwear. I gave him the money in US dollars and he converted it at the lowest price. I had no time to argue. I told him that he took advantage of my need and lack of time, and he responded by saying, 'We the Jews and you the Arabs are cousins'. I had no time to argue so I left quite dissatisfied, feeling sorry for wasting one night in that Islamic palace which have been distorted by the Jews."

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