

Hike in value of state assets by 5.1pc

KUWAIT CITY, July 4: The value of the state assets has reached KD 187 billion as of end of last fiscal year compared to KD 178 billion in the fiscal year that ended on March 31, 2018, reports Al-Qabas daily quoting sources from the financial sector.

They explained that the increase in the net assets is 5.1 percent. The state assets of the public reserve reached KD 24 billion with a decrease of KD 2 billion compared

to the 2017/2018 fiscal year.

The reserve for the future generations has reached KD 161 billion, with an increase of KD 6 billion and about 4 percent compared to the 2017/2018 fiscal year, resulting in the highest balance in the reserve since the last 29 years from the 1990/1991 fiscal year. The value of the financial commitments of last fiscal year reached about KD 17 billion, with a decrease of KD 2 billion compared to 2018.

Al-Ghanim underscores support for civil society orgs, law firms

Parliament Speaker delivers speech at lawyers association event

KUWAIT CITY, July 4, (KUNA): Kuwait's National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim said on Thursday that any goal could be achieved through cooperation, high-level dialogue, underlining that both authorities – the executive and legislative – cannot make any positive change in society without cooperation of civil society institutions and law firms.

In a speech at the Kuwait Lawyers Association ceremony published by "Al-Dustoor" News Network, he congratulated and considered lawyers a vital segment of civil society.

Lawyers followed the correct methods to achieve a lofty goal culminated in success, he said, noting that "since the start of the subject, it was uneasy to amend the last law in 1996, which was about 23 years old and inconsistent with the developments occurring, neither in this profession nor society."

He pointed to his conviction that 50 deputies and 15 ministers cannot make any positive changes in society without the "cooperation of civil society institutions and law, which is the best proof of that."

Without their presence and upscale method to convince the representatives of the nation presenting the subject, the majority of the members of the National Assembly was convinced to rush law approval, although it was uneasy, it was still unjust for unknown reasons, allowing jurisprudence viewpoint on the diligence.

Until all interpretations are collected, there was a minimum level of consensus, requiring dialogue, persuasion and resolution by voting, adding that as the National Assembly, he hopes that this law will disappear, especially since the government voted with him and not from the logic of the government law, so he voted against it and was not with the majority that imposed its opinion as this is democracy.

Some parts may be unconstitutional, obviously observed in the council of 2013 in which there was a significant legislative achievement, making Al-Ghanim proud that the lawyers' role in succeeding is to empower Kuwaiti citizens to resort to certain criteria to the court.

Goal

The goal is that, if the full council met in the sense that 50 deputies wanted to take away citizen rights, they would not touch any of his constitutional rights in any form and vote on any law combined.

Citizens can individually go to court and recover their rights as this law is unexceptional, believed that since there are certain bits of unconstitutional law, it has the right to appeal to court, invoke it and decisions become binding for all.

There are some elements in the law that Al-Ghanim voted against as a deputy, but he did not vote for the majority of the law, adding that many gains of lawyers should not effect this, therefore act against the law.

Al-Ghanim wrote to all organizations of public benefit and civil society organizations, saying that things are done in cooperation and collaboration accomplishments, not through quarrels, but through upscale dialogue and understanding perspectives, not suspecting any party that disagrees.

This association represents a career that is not any less vital than any other profession in society, confident that members are going through with the privileges mentioned in this law, to set standards and foundations that codify, guide, rationalize and prevent the misuse of privileges contained in this law, he said.

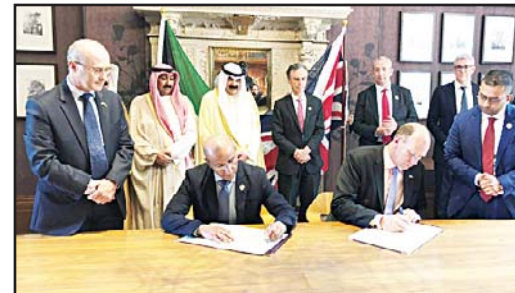
He saw that it was uneasy to take all the proposals, although flexibility in adapting some pro-



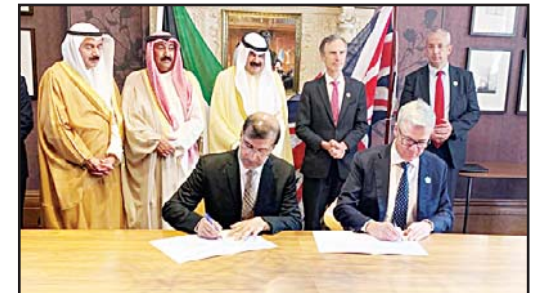
Kuwait delegation during the 14th session of the Kuwait-British Joint Steering Group.



Al-Jarallah and British Secretary of State during the signing of the action plan.



Maj-Gen Dhiab signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the British Ministry of Defense.



Dr Issa Al-Ansari and Director General of the British Council during the signing of the contract.

Focus on commerce, investments, security, education

Britain, Kuwait agree on co-op in various fields

LONDON, July 4, (KUNA): The Kuwait-British Joint Steering Group on Thursday wrapped up its 14th session with an agreement on pursuing cooperation in diverse sectors including defense and cyber security.

Kuwaiti and British officials, in a joint communique publicized after inking a common action plan for the next six months, said the coordination would focus on commerce, investments, immigration, security, defense, cyber security, health, education, scientific research, environment and culture.

The joint statement noted that the discussions between the Kuwaiti and British officials within the commission framework dealt with cooperation in global environment, through cooperation between the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development and the British Department for International Development.

The statement added that the committee meeting, co-chaired by the Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister, Ambassador Khaled Al-Jarallah, and the British Secretary of State for the Middle East and North Africa Andrew Murrison, tackled defense affairs and prospects to hold more joint military drills.

Endorsed

The two parties endorsed a joint action blueprint on aviation security, immigration, a project for information swap, training anti-terrorist squads, airports' security, it said, adding that the meeting was distinguished with "positive and useful discussions regarding cyber security," also noting that the British side pledged to continue helping in regulating communication and information technology in Kuwait.

British and Kuwaiti companies, the statement notes, can play a pivotal role in enhancing commercial ties, boosting commercial exchanges and organizing fairs and conventions.

Kuwaiti exports to Britain reached sterling pounds 2.5 billion (\$3.15 billion) last year, with the total trade exchanges between the two countries hitting GBP four billion (USD five billion), also according to the joint statement.

The two sides have pledged to expand cooperation in trade, scientific research, education, protecting the environment and overhauling the economy of creativity.

Meanwhile, the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NC-

CAL) signed on Thursday a contract with the British Council as being one of the leading countries in the knowledge field.

In a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), Assistant Secretary-General for the Culture Sector in NCCAL Dr Issa Al-Ansari said signing of the contract with the British side came as an implementation of the memorandum of understanding, inked by the two countries in culture and arts in June 2015.

Knowledge industry includes several areas, namely advertising, marketing, architecture, graphic design, product design, information technology, software, computer services, museums, exhibitions and visual arts, Al-Ansari explained.

He stressed the importance of cooperation with the British Council in such creative industries due to the ways in which it stimulates innovation.

Dr Issa Al-Ansari signed the contract on behalf the Kuwait side, while the Director General of the British Council, Michael Jordan, represented the British side.

The meeting is part of the Kuwaitis participating in the work of the 14th session of the Joint Kuwaiti-British Guidance Committee meetings.

In addition to Dr Ansari, NCCAL delegation included observer of International relations Mohamed Ben Redha and head of budgets department in the financial sector Faten Al-Riahi.

Khaled Al-Jarallah on Thursday said escalation in the Arabian Gulf between the United States of America and Iran constitutes a "source of concern for Kuwait and the United Kingdom."

Tension

Al-Jarallah, speaking to KUNA as he emerged from a meeting with the UK Secretary of State for the Middle East and North Africa Andrew Murrison, noted that the latter has recently visited Tehran in a bid to defuse the tension in the region.

He affirmed Kuwait's support for the British diplomatic efforts in this respect, hoping that they would result in ridding the region of any conflicts that may threaten international peace and security.

He added that the meeting with the secretary constituted an opportunity to coordinate on some universal issues particularly with consideration to Kuwait's current status as a non-permanent member of the

United Nations Security Council.

For his part, Murrison affirmed London's commitment to the security in the Gulf particularly amid the current jitters.

Murrison added that the memo inked earlier for cooperation in military training is part of the approach to secure the region in general.

In the meantime, Deputy Head of the Kuwaiti National Guard (KNG) office's Director Major General Jamal Mohammad Dhiab and Deputy Director of Gulf and Iran at the British Ministry of Defense Giles Ahern, signed on Thursday a Memorandum of Understanding in the field of military cooperation and training.

This came during the signing ceremony of the joint work plan for the 14th session of the Joint Kuwaiti-British Guidance Committee meetings.

Benefiting

In a statement to KUNA, Major General Al-Dhiab explained that the memorandum of understanding aims at benefiting from the British experience in developing and strengthening the capabilities of the Kuwaiti National Guard.

It aims to achieve the vision of His Highness the Prime Minister and in accordance with the directives of HH the President of the National Guard and his Deputy of the Strategic Document 2020.

It will also allow the two sides to exchange courses, military exercises, specialized consultations and exchange of information, he added.

Also, Kuwait Scientific Research Institute (KISR) and the British Cultural Office inked on Thursday a memo for cooperation in scientific and technological research.

It was inked by KISR Director General Dr Samira Omar and the director of the British office, in Kuwait Michael Gordon, after end of the 18th session of the joint commission.

Omar said the memo is complementary to the accord of understanding, signed on June 24, 2014, with regard of higher education and scientific research.

She added that such cooperation would be pursued with emphasis on clean energy and management of waste.

According to the memo, the Kuwaiti side will organize at least one visit for researchers to the UK to examine works at laboratories and specialized faculties as well as to discuss prospected joint programs.

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Beacon N6	44	-	-	7h	SE
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4 days forecast - Marine

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Saturday, July 06

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Wind Speed: 22-55 km/h

Sunday, July 07

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Wave height: 3-7 ft

Max Temp: 48C

Min Temp: 35C

Wind Direction: NW

Wind Speed: 20-50 km/h

Monday, July 08

Expected weather: Very hot with a chance for rising dust over open areas

Sea state: Slight to moderate, rough at times

Wave height: 2-6 ft

Max Temp: 49C

Min Temp: 36C

Wind Direction: NW

Wind Speed: 15-40 km/h

Kuwait Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Day: Very hot with moderate to fresh north westerly wind, with a speed of 20-50 km/h causing rising dust.

By Night: Hot to relatively hot with moderate freshening at times over coastal areas north westerly wind, with a speed of 15-40 km/h.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	47	34
Kuwait Airport	47	35
Abdaly	47	28
Bubyan	-	-
Jahra	47	33
Falaka Island	44	31
Salmiyah	41	33
Alhamdi	42	36
Nuwaisib	47	32
Wafra	47	32
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Tide times at Shuwaikh Port

1st high tide:	11:53
2nd high tide:	02:27
1st low tide:	19:46
2nd low tide:	07:31
Sunrise:	04:53
Sunset:	18:51

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max Temp:	47C
Min Temp:	34C
Max Rh:	19%
Min Rh:	06%
Max Wind:	N 57 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs:	0 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max/ Air Temp:	-/-
Min/Max/ Rel Hum:	-/-
Wind Direction/Wind Speed:	N/- km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht:	N/- ft
Min/Max/ Sea Surface Temp:	-/- C
Sea Current:	Upwelling

-- Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Department.

deaths

Ibrahim Abdul Rasoul Ahmad Al Ashwak, 82 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Da'iyah, Bahrana Mosque, Tel. 90002941 (Women) Shaab, Block 6, Street 68, House 8. **Saleh Khelafi Shbaili Al Enzi**, 90 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Sulaibkhat, Block 2, Street 107, House 65, Tel. 99853623 (Women) Sulaibkhat, Block 2, Street 106, Avenue 10, House 31. **Mitlaq Sanad Mezyed Al Mutairi**, 83 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) at the cemetery only, Tel. 99020599 (Women) Sabah Al Nasser, Block 5, Street 40, House 9, Tel. 55060550. **Hamad Sulaiman Hamad Al Qatni**, 40 years old, to be buried on Friday at 9am. Condolences: Mishref, Block 3, Street 2, House 33, Tel. 99800337, 66845050. **Mohammad Redha Yousef Behbehani**, 86 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Sharq, Husseniyyat Al Jadeeda, Tel. 22418664 (Women) Shaab, Block 2, Street 26, House 7, Tel. 98921868.

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posals to meet the minimum requirements of numerous parties that differ in their views on jurisprudence but consistent with implementing this law.

The National Assembly approved last Monday the second deliberation on the draft law amending certain provisions of the law regulating the legal pro-

fession before the courts, including providing guarantees that ensure the lawyer is fully intact of with developments in the legal profession of the law.