



HH the Amir while receiving the deputy head, undersecretary and senior leaders of the National Guard.

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**His Highness the Amir holds Iftar banquet for KNG officials**

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Sunday at Dasman Palace Deputy Commander of the

National Guard Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, National Guard Undersecretary Hashim Al-Rifai and senior National Guard officials.

His Highness the Amir held an Iftar (fast-breaking) banquet in honor of the guests. (KUNA)

Power load index recorded 12,300 MW on Sunday ... for the first time this year

KUWAIT CITY, May 27: For the first time this year, the electricity load index recorded 12,300 megawatts on Sunday – 500 megawatts more than Friday's index when it reached the yellow zone, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources from the Ministry of

Electricity and Water. Sources said electricity consumption is expected to continue increasing this week, since temperatures have started rising and this will enormously affect power consumption rates.

# Kuwait Cabinet underlines significance of OIC confab

Ministers briefed on outcome of Iraqi PM's visit

KUWAIT CITY, May 27, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti Cabinet on Monday stressed the importance of the coming conference of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) due in Makkah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on May 31.

The OIC gathering will be an opportunity for the cabinet to share views on an array of issues that concern the Muslim world, the Cabinet said in a statement issued following its customary weekly meeting presided over by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

At the onset of the meeting, the Cabinet was notified of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's accompanying delegation while attending the Islamic conference, which comprises Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Finance Minister Nayef Al-Hajraf, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Fahad Al-Shulal and several other state officials.

**Visit**

Then, the ministers were informed about the outcomes of a recent visit by Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi to Kuwait, during which ways of promoting bilateral ties in various fields and regional challenges were tackled.

In this context, the Cabinet listened to a briefing from Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled on how to put bilateral agreements in place for the common interest of both neighbors.

The Cabinet, further, congratulated newly re-elected Indonesian President Joko Widodo and newly re-elected Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, wishing them the best of luck and more progress and prosperity to their people.

The Cabinet condemned recent mosque attacks in Kabul in Afghanistan and Quetta in Pakistan, which left a number of people dead or injured.

In this regard, the ministers echoed Kuwait's unwavering position that rejects all violent and terrorist acts irrespective of motives.



His Highness the Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting.

Photo from PM's Diwan



The Trade and Transport Committee affiliated to the Board of Directors of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) recently held its third meeting for 2019, chaired by Khalid Meshari Al-Khalid.

**Ashour submits parliamentary queries to oil minister**

MP Al-Tabtabaei finds several infractions in new Sabah Hospital 'tender' through the SAB reports

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Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, May 27: MP Omar Al-Tabtabaei found several infractions in the new Sabah Hospital tender through the reports of the State Audit Bureau (SAB); including the replacement of vital medical equipment listed under non-negotiable items in the contract with toilet materials costing KD7,000 to KD9,000 per unit.

He clarified this adjustment was initiated by the contractor, not the ministry; indicating that the request was approved within five days only.

He stressed the importance of this KD179 million project as it is aimed at increasing bed capacity by approximately 620 beds, in addition to vital medical equipment which will drastically reduce the waiting period for patients.

"I trust the minister of health and his undersecretary, but unfortunately, they trust their subordinates too much," stated

the MP while explaining that some officials under their command continue to violate the governmental structure. He warned this will lead to harsh political questioning of the minister as State projects should be managed by the concerned ministry, not the contracting company.

He intends to address the issue through parliamentary queries as an initial step, hoping the necessary measures will be taken prior to submission. In case the responses are inadequate; harsher procedures will follow, possibly an interpellation, for the matter at hand is considered misusage of public funds, he asserted.

On the other hand, MP Saleh Ashour submitted parliamentary queries to Minister of Oil, Electricity and Water Khaled Al-Fadel about the plan of Kuwait Oil Corporation (KOC) to build new oil refineries in Alberta, Canada. He asked about the reasons for taking this step, especially since the

most recent oil refinery investment attempt in Vietnam resulted in enormous losses for KOC.

He wants to know why build refineries outside the country, the estimated cost of this endeavor, studies and reviews executed in this regard, and names of the executive company and consulting firm.

Furthermore, MP Mohammed Al-Hadiya criticized the decision of the Civil Service Commission to prohibit Kuwaiti government sector employees, who resigned or were terminated, from registering in the central employment system for a period of one year after ending their service.

He described the decision as a debacle that cripples those who seek improvement of their wellbeing, wondering why such an unconstitutional and negative decision was approved. He called on the government to address this issue as it affects the welfare of citizens.

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**Prayer Timings**

Fajr	03:17
Sunrise	04:50
Zohr	11:45
Asr	15:20
Maghrib	18:40
Isha	20:10

**Weather**  
Expected weather for the next 24 hours:  
By Day: Hot and relatively humid over coastal areas with light to moderate north westerly wind to light variable wind, with a speed of 08-30 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear with a chance for scattered light rain.  
By Night: Relatively hot with light to moderate variable wind to north westerly wind, with a speed of 06-26 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	46	33
Kuwait Airport	46	27
Abdaly	47	26
Bubayan	—	—
Jahra	47	31
Falaka Island	43	28
Salmiyah	41	30
Ahmadi	41	31
Nuwaisib	44	26
Wafra	46	26
Salmiyah	45	29

**4 days forecast - Weather**  
**Tuesday, May 28**  
Expected weather: Hot and relatively humid over coastal areas  
Max Temp .....47C  
Min Temp .....28C  
Wind Direction .....NW-VRB  
Wind Speed .....06-26 km/h

**Wednesday, May 29**  
Expected weather: Hot and relatively humid over coastal areas  
Max Temp .....47C  
Min Temp .....26C  
Wind Direction .....NW-VRB  
Wind Speed .....08-30 km/h

**Thursday, May 30**  
Expected weather: Hot and some scattered clouds will appear  
Max Temp .....47C  
Min Temp .....28C  
Wind Direction .....NW  
Wind Speed .....12-35 km/h

**Friday, May 31**  
Expected weather: Hot and some scattered clouds will appear  
Max Temp .....47C  
Min Temp .....29C  
Wind Direction .....NW  
Wind Speed .....15-40 km/h

**Marine Forecast**

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec	Sea Surf	Today's Waves	Direction
South Dolphin	-	-	-	4ft	NW
Umm Mudyarah	-	-	-	4ft	NW
Beacon N25	-	-	-	4ft	NW
Beacon N6	-	-	-	4ft	NW
Qaruh Island	32	29	-	4ft	NW
Umm Al-Maradem	39	28	-	4ft	NW

**Sea Island Buoy Salmiyah** 41 30 - 4ft NW

**4 days forecast - Marine**  
**Tuesday, May 28**  
Expected weather: Hot and relatively humid over coastal areas  
Sea state .....Slight to moderate  
Wave height .....1-3ft  
Max Temp .....46C  
Min Temp .....27C  
Wind Direction .....NW-VRB  
Wind Speed .....06-26 km/h

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**Friday, May 31**  
Expected weather: Hot and some scattered clouds will appear  
Sea state .....Slight to moderate  
Wave height .....2-5ft  
Max Temp .....47C  
Min Temp .....29C  
Wind Direction .....NW  
Wind Speed .....15-40 km/h

**Tide times at Shuwaikh Port**

1st high tide	16:53
2nd high tide	07:40
1st low tide	11:27
2nd low tide	00:40
Sunrise	04:51
Sunset	18:39

**Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport**

Max temp	46°C
Min temp	26°C
Max RH	42%
Min RH	06%
Max Wind	S 36 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hrs	0 mm

**Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin**

Min/Max/ Air Temp	- / - C
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	Downdraft

— Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.

**deaths**

**Khadajah Salem Al-Saleh Al-Tawajer**, 89 years, buried. Condolences: (Men) Abdullah Al-Salem, Block 2, Hamoud Al-Nisf Street, House 30. (Women) Yarmouk, Block 3, Street 2, Avenue 6, House 6, Tel: 99859000, 25319161 **Abdulhameed Muhammad Ahmad Boudreed**, 61 years, buried. Condolences (Men) Andalous, Block 12, Street 3, House 25. (Women) Andalous, Block 3, Street 4, House 37, Tel: 50501204 **Matrouk Bajaad Khaled Al-Mutairi**, 70 years, buried. Condolences (Men) Sabah Al-Salem, Block 5, Street 1, Avenue 14, House 25. (Women) Jaber Al-Ali, Block 5, Street 46, House 59, Tel: 60906096 **Tuhaisheh Mudhi Jadou' Al-Khashaahb**, 88 years, buried. Condolences (Men) Rabiya, Block 4, Street 4, House 51. (Women) Rabiya, Block 4, Street 5, House 51, Tel: 65188814, 69666907 **Fatma Ahmad Al-Saad**, 8 years, widow of Abdulrahman Abdullah Al-Saad Al-Munaifi, buried. Condolences (Men) Khaldiya, Munaifi Diwaneya, Block 4, Street 49, House 3. (Women) Rawda, Block 2, Street 23, House 47, Tel: 97885070, 22525571

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Narendra Modi