

Govt agencies seeking to apply 'responsibility accountability'

Move to eliminate random spending, resource depletion

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12: The governmental efforts aimed at controlling the state's public budget focus not only on rationalizing the expenditures, but it also extend to broader concepts in terms of re-evaluating work efficiency and verifying its effectiveness at all functional levels with the aim of improving and developing the level of performance and rationalizing

spending, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to informed sources, the government agencies are considering applying "responsibility accountability" to achieve effective control by linking accounting reports with the employees in all administrative units, and early detection of deviations between actual and estimated numbers to determine the causes of those deviations and to take necessary decisions to address them.

They explained that the implementation of responsibility accountability would eliminate random spending and resource depletion in some govern-

ment sectors, as well as put an end to the weakness in the level of efficiency of some employees in the government sector.

It will also evaluate the level of performance of all employees in the sector - from the bottom of the pyramid to its top - to address many chronic financial problems.

Identifying

The implementation of this system in various government agencies will require identifying the centers of responsibility in the organizational structure of each government agency, and then setting performance standards for these centers through which the government can evaluate the actual performance of each responsibility center by comparing the planned performance and what has been implemented on the ground, as well as early analysis of diffraction in order to find the vulnerabilities and address them faster.

The implementation of the system will clearly identify the centers of deficiency in government performance, as there will be a specific contribution from each department and sector in the state apparatus for which prior plans are drawn up. This will therefore facilitate the identification of the deficiencies by linking them to a control system which is linked to the financial resources that are used.

The sources said, "Ultimately, this system aims to achieve the highest levels of efficiency and effectiveness when using financial resources. Government agencies are divided into responsibility centers. The efficiency of each responsibility center is assessed separately when using the resources allocated to it, and directed to achieve specific goals. This will be through the comparison of the actual data of the estimated financial appropriations and what was actually spent, as well as the extent to which the desired spending goal was achieved."

They indicated that dealing with responsibility centers will be more effective in determining deficiencies, as it will provide an opportunity to find out the rate of completion of various government centers and reveal their shortcomings, instead of dealing with the government agency as a single center that makes it difficult to know the defects within it. They added that this will happen by linking the actual performance with the plan in the responsibility centers at the various administrative levels in order to facilitate the identification of responsibility for any deviations in performance.

Four goals

The sources explained that resorting to accountability will push for achieving many goals, including:

1. Accurate measurement of performance:

Responsibility accountability will enable measuring the performance of the government center rather than the government agency as a whole, in order to achieve greater effectiveness in performance, in addition to measuring the performance of all job levels.

2. Implementation of plans:

By applying this option, it is possible to identify the problems in implementing plans more quickly, deal with them, and achieve the performance expected from the work center in a more effective and realistic manner.

3. Defining the scope of responsibility:

Responsibility accountability allows all employees to be held accountable for the results of their work and push towards the optimal employment of all human and financial capabilities.

4. Early accurate information:

This method allows the provision of performance information and reports related to spending, which clarifies shortcomings at an early stage, and facilitates dealing with them to remedy any deviation in performance.



HH the Amir receives HH Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak.



HH the Amir receives Secretary General of GCC Dr Al-Hajraf.

HH the Amir receives officials

His Highness the Amir received at Seif Palace Monday His Highness Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

His Highness the Amir also received Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Dr. Nayef Al-Hajraf.

His Highness the Amir received Minister of Oil Khaled Al-Fadhel and the Indian Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan, who delivered two letters from President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi offering deepest condolences to His Highness the Amir

and Kuwaiti people on passing away of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The two leaders praised the development achievements during the era of the late Amir.

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad praised relations between Kuwait and India, and said he was keen on further cementing the ties for the best interests of the two countries.

The meetings were attended by Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah. (KUNA)

FM receives phone call from Pompeo

HH Amir receives condolences from Central African Republic president

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Monday a cable of condolences from President of the Central African Republic Faustin-Archange Touadera, over the death of late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In the cable, President Touadera expressed condolences to His Highness the Amir and to the people of Kuwait, commending the generous qualities of the late Amir.

In reply, His Highness the Amir thanked the president for the heartfelt sentiments, wishing him well.

U.S.

Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah received recently a phone call from US State Secretary Mike Pompeo, who conveyed his personal condolences on the death of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Sheikh Dr Ahmad thanked Secretary Pompeo for his condolences and the US, for facilitating the treatment for the late Amir, which he said, reflects the strength of bilateral relations.

He also praised President Donald Trump's initiative to grant the late Amir the Legion of Merit, Degree Chief Commander award.

Reaffirming the deep bond between the two countries, he added this was evident through the US stance to ensure Kuwait's security, stability and legitimacy during the war to liberate Kuwait from Iraq's invasion in 1991.

Both officials also discussed developments on the regional and international spectrums along with issues of mutual concern.

Nepal

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on received a letter from Nepalese President Bidhya Devi Bhandari, voicing her heartfelt condolences over the passing away of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In the letter, the Nepalese president remembered His Highness the late Amir's great contributions to promoting regional peace and stability, wishing His Highness the Amir and Kuwaiti people more patience.

In reply, His Highness the Amir sent the

president of Nepal a letter thanking and appreciating her sincere commiserations, wishing her everlasting health.

Sri Lanka

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Sunday received a cable of condolences from Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa over the sad passing away of late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In reply, His Highness the Amir sent a cable, expressing gratitude on the heartfelt sentiments and wishes of good health.

Canada

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Sunday received a cable of condolences from Governor General of Canada Julie Payette over the sad passing away of late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In reply, His Highness the Amir sent a cable, expressing gratitude on the heartfelt sentiments and wishes of good health.

Ecuador

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Sunday received a cable of condolences from Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno over the sad passing away of late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In reply, His Highness the Amir sent a cable, expressing gratitude on the heartfelt sentiments and wishes of good health.

Liechtenstein

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Sunday received a cable of condolences from Prince Hans-Adam II of Liechtenstein over the sad passing away of late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In reply, His Highness the Amir sent a cable, expressing gratitude on the heartfelt sentiments and wishes of good health.

Sierra Leone

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Sunday received a cable of condolences from Sierra Leone President Julius Maada Bio over the sad passing away of late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In reply, His Highness the Amir sent a cable, expressing gratitude on the heartfelt sentiments and wishes of good health.

NAZAHA concludes virtual course on combating money laundering, crimes

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12: The Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (NAZAHA) has concluded the virtual course on combating money laundering and financial crimes, reports Al-Rai daily.

Taking part in the course, presented by the Training Consultant, Director of the Kuwaiti Company for Compliance Matching and former member of the National Anti-Money Laundering Committee, Hoda Al-Enezi, were all employees of Nazaha.

The course dealt with a number of topics, the most important of which was the definition of money laundering, the terms of reference of the supervisory authorities and their responsibilities in combating this menace, the national and international laws and legislation, in addition to the most prominent international organizations and institutions that specialize in tracking those who are involved in money laundering issues, and the responsibilities of the concerned departments in implementing the anti-money laundering law in the public and private sectors and identifying the most prominent corruption risks associated with money laundering.

For her part, the Deputy Secretary-General for Prevention at Nazaha, Eng Abrar Al-

Hammad, said based on the authority's role in supporting human development efforts, activating internal awareness and focusing on professional culture, developing the cognitive skills of its members, and building their practical capabilities, cooperation with the Institute of Banking Studies has taken place within the framework of the joint memorandum of understanding signed between Nazaha and the institute in the field of training.

The course was held at a time when the challenges of corruption risks are growing, which necessitates arming the employees of the Authority with the latest legal and knowledge and developments related to money laundering crimes and related financial crimes, which is one of the crimes mentioned in the Establishment Law No. 2 of 2016.

Al-Hammad affirmed Nazaha is continuously striving, through specialized training programs, to build the capabilities of workers in the field of combating corruption, as indicated by the Kuwait Strategy to Promote Integrity and Combat Corruption (2019-2024) and to develop the performance of employees in regulatory institutions in accordance with best professional practices.



HH the Crown Prince receives HH Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak (left), and Ambassador Sheikh Azzam Mubarak

Audiences of HH the Crown Prince

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received on Monday at Seif Palace His Highness Sheikh Jaber

Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. His Highness also received Kuwait's Ambassador to Italy Sheikh Azzam Mubarak Al-Sabah.

His Highness then received Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Nayef Al-Hajraf. (KUNA)



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'Withdraw copies of job decisions of supervisory posts'

CSC launches intensive investigation into several decisions related to employment

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12: Civil Service Commission has launched an intensive investigation into several ministerial and administrative decisions related to employment affairs in ministries and government agencies, reports Al-Seyasah daily.

The daily quoting informed sources revealed that Civil Service Commission has asked supervisors in all ministries and government agencies

subject to its administrative control to withdraw copies of job decisions related to supervisory positions of any kind issued since the beginning of September.

The source disclosed that the commission will follow up the sequence of those decisions to match them with the approvals issued. He said all decisions related to employment are not taken into consideration without obtaining the approval

of the commission as a prior control.

He explained that "if it is proven that some decisions did not obtain the approval of the commission and had been approved by a minister or an official in the ministries and government agencies, such are considered contravention of decisions and must be withdrawn", adding the commission will include such approvals as part of violations in the annual report.

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