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HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah receives GCC Secretary-General HE Dr Nayef Falah Al-Hajraf. Various issues were discussed.

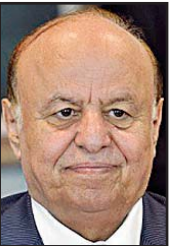
MoH to launch vaccination campaign against influenza

Heart ailments, diabetes patients targeted

Felicitations pour in from world

Yemen head congratulates HH Amir

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12. (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a cable of congratulations from Yemeni President Abd-Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, in which he congratulated him on the occasion of assuming power, wishing His Highness the Amir continuing success.



Mansour Hadi

His Highness the Amir sent a cable back, in which he thanked and appreciated the positive message, lauding close ties between Kuwait and Yemen and wishing the president good health and welfare.

Nicaragua

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a cable of congratulations from Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega Saavedra and Vice-President Rosario Murillo, in which they congratulated His Highness on the occasion of assuming power.

Also in the cable, they congratulated His Highness's choosing of His Highness Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as the Crown Prince, as Nicaragua is eager to continue strengthening ties with the State of Kuwait in various fields.

In reply, His Highness the Amir expressed appreciation for the message, embracing close ties between Kuwait and Nicaragua, wishing both the president and vice-president good health, as well as continued progress and prosperity for their country.

Malta

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received on Monday a cable of congratulations from Malta's President George Vella, in which he congratulated His Highness on assuming power.

President Vella also hoped for strengthening ties between the two countries.

His Highness the Amir sent a cable

back, in which he thanked and appreciated the heartfelt sentiments.

Ecuador

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a cable of congratulations from Ecuador's President Lenin Moreno, in which he congratulated him on assuming power.

His Highness the Amir, in a reply, appreciated the heartfelt sentiments, embracing close ties between the two friendly countries and wishing the President good health, as well as progress and prosperity for the people of Ecuador.

Tatarstan

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was congratulated on his assumption of power in a cable from Tatarstan's President Rustam Minnikhanov on Wednesday.

The president also wished His Highness the Amir success in his new role.

His Highness the Amir, in response, expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the warm sentiments.

Kazakhstan

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was congratulated on his assumption of power in a cable from Kazakhstan's President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on Wednesday.

The president also wished His Highness the Amir success in his new role.

His Highness the Amir, in response, expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the warm sentiments.

Iraq's Islamic Dawa Party

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a condolences cable on Wednesday from Iraq's Islamic Dawa Party General Secretary Nouri Al-Maliki over the passing of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Al-Maliki extended his heartfelt condolences and commiserations to His Highness the Amir and the Kuwaiti people, praising the late Amir's contributions to rebuilding the fraternal relations between both countries.

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12: The Ministry of Health will launch a winter vaccination campaign against infectious respiratory diseases soon, which include seasonal influenza and bacterial pneumonia (pneumococcal), within this week, reports Al-Jarida daily quoting informed sources from the health sector.

Sources revealed the campaign, which will continue until the end of December, aims to reduce the incidence of infectious winter diseases, deaths and complications resulting from these diseases, especially among those vulnerable to infection and complications.

Sources emphasized the importance of getting vaccination for seasonal influenza and bacterial pneumonia this year due to the spread of covid-19 virus. Sources clarified there is no relationship between obtaining the seasonal flu vaccination and protection from coronavirus, but it has been confirmed that a person infected with influenza is more susceptible to covid-19 infection, especially if his immune system is weak.

Sources said the campaign targets all segments and age groups, particularly the elderly and those suffering from chronic non-communicable diseases like diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, those with weak immune system, pregnant women, patients with kidney failure, and those with bronchitis and chest allergies.

Sources added the above-mentioned vaccines will be available in more than 35 preventive health centers in various health districts, indicating that about 450 doctors, technicians and health workers from the Public Health Department, and other sectors in the ministry will be part of the campaign.

The sanitation crisis has officially ended in schools under the Ministry of Education and its main office as the General Services Administration finally concluded six cleaning contracts - five of which are for educational districts and one for the ministry's main office, reports Al-Rai daily quoting a source from the ministry.

The source revealed the contracts stipulate the provision of 10,000 cleaning workers - 7,200 for public schools; while the rest will be assigned in various sectors of the ministry and buildings of the educational districts.

The source added the bus contracts in all educational districts are valid and there is no problem in this aspect, while disclosing that the ministry is currently working on a new contract for the supply of meals to kindergartens in anticipation of the pupils' return to the schools at the beginning of the second semester.

Other Voices

A new phase ... hope ahead

"THE Syrian playwright Saadallah Wannous said: 'We are governed by hope.' So let us be optimistic, we have no way at this stage but to be optimistic about completing the road of building, reform, rehabilitation and reconstruction, and to fight corruption, which has its roots in most of the state's facilities and institutions, life will not stop." columnist *Bassam Al-Assousi* wrote for *Al-Qabas* daily.

"Kuwait has been distinguished with smooth transfer of power since its foundation until now. Goodness is in this good land. God has endowed us with goodness and abundant sustenance.

"This is what modern history taught us, a continuous series in which the power is handed over from generation after generation. Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem, Sabah Al-Salem, Jaber Al-Ahmad, Saad Al-Abdullah and Sabah Al-Ahmad, may God have mercy on them all. Each of them departed and the path is completed by the successor, thus history is also the guarantor of judging era and stage of each of them.

"So, in my opinion, there is no new era, as some say, but rather a new phase with its hopes, aspirations and ambitions, and here the question comes or jumps to mind: What is required or hoped for in the next phase, as people await and eyes are wide open?"

"In my opinion, what is required at this stage is that we all raise the slogan 'Yes to change', new ideas, new men, new development projects, showing red eye, that is to say firmness against nepotism and favoritism in government and Parliament, a responsibility that should be shared to achieve such aspirations.

"The authority is under obligation to change for the better towards restoring confidence in the law and fighting corruption, and more transparency and firmness in pursuing the thieves of public money, the 'big' ones before their 'small' ones.

"The people are also required to reform themselves and get out of the state of crushing and despair and the screaming party and shoulder their national and social responsibilities.

"The elections are at the doorstep and this is the field to translate words to actions. The miracle will not descend from heaven to advance the country, for the era of miracles has ended.

"I repeat, let us cultivate optimism and be pleased with the good. This is the mission of all of us, the politicians, the sheikhs, the merchants, the press, the readers and the writers as well.

"The country cannot tolerate new adventures and 'street battles' which push the nation into the dark tunnels of history. Honorable, gentlemen, we are a small country, its population is small, and it has a lot of money and goodness, and it is easy to control it and redraw its beautiful image as 'the Bride of the Gulf' - that is what our forefathers want it to be."

Also:

"After the by-election of one of the tribes in the Fourth Constituency and after the results appeared, one of the persons who took part in the celebrations hoisted the flag of the tribe. Many did not welcome this act, and some called for the return of sovereignty of the state and asked where we went wrong," columnist *Jassem Al-Rumaidi* wrote for *Al-Shahed* daily.

"If we go back to the origin of the problem, the answer to the question is another question: Who pushed the citizen to take shelter under the umbrella of the tribe of the homeland? The answer is crystal clear.

"The indisputable fact is that the government is the one who has watered the spirit of tribalism, factionalism, and sectarianism among the people. Look at the division of constituencies when 25 were approved upon Decree No. 99 of 1980 to select 50 deputies to Parliament, and you will find constituencies assigned to groups of urbanites and others for certain tribes and others for a specific sect. Who did this division? Is it not the government?"

"Even when the amendment divided the country into 5 constituencies, the division still has a tendency towards sectarianism, tribalism, and urban areas, so who is to be blamed for the comparison between the percentage of voters in the second and fifth constituencies, the people or the government?"

"Even when the supreme decree was issued for one vote, the individual became more attached to his group than before, and the one vote became

fragmenting to members of society.

"We must not forget the great calamity of the government with its sponsorship of some deputies or those called service representatives. This is the straw that broke the back of the nation. It is unthinkable to complete a transaction without the help of an intermediary in most cases. If the citizens had equal chances of working, why did our poor friend seek refuge under the 'flag' of his tribe?"

"Had the government fostered some of the faces and polished them in front of their sects, the people would have not become partisan, would be more loyal and adherent to their sects, groups and tribes.

"There are many stories of injustice which fell on people who lost their loved ones and the reason is the lack of means for treatment abroad, and the same is the case in ministries and government agencies.

"It is impossible to find someone who is promoted in his work without the presence of a mediator, close influential person or current to support him, for which country are you crying?"

"Is it possible that there are VIP ministries in the state in which only a class of the people is employed and only those who are affiliated with them are promoted?"

"We do not forget the influence of some VIPs for people who become their subordinates and their mouthpieces in the National Assembly. Who destroyed patriotism and broke the castles of belonging to Kuwait?"

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"The National Assembly approved the bill on supporting and guaranteeing the financing of local banks for clients affected by the repercussions of corona in its first reading," columnist *Riyad Abdulmohsen Al-Sanea* wrote for *Annahar* daily.

"The vote in favor of passing the bill in its first reading came within a very sensitive context - the preoccupation of official and public opinions on the recent political, health and economic events.

"Passing such a bill violates the general principle on the independence of banks as large financial institutions with professional and specialized departments, through which they can guarantee their loans and take responsibility for their action without the interference of a public authority ... because this contradicts the general principle on free economy and opens the door for manipulation, fraud and benefiting from public money.

"Supporting the owners of small and medium enterprises has many direct and indirect mechanisms, without the need to enter into such flawed and contravening legal circumvention ... wherein the authority can, as it worked in the subsidy process, reduce interest to make a lot of aid and facilities, as is the case in many other countries that passed the Bankruptcy Law.

"Then, the demand for the approval of the Bank Loan Guarantee Bill will give the State indispensable responsibilities, especially since previous experiences confirmed the wickedness of such laws ... in a way that opens the door wide for manipulation and deception and enables seizure of public money."

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"Power has shifted smoothly in Kuwait for several reasons, the most important of which are the existence of a clear constitution, a law on the inheritance of the emirate, and an influential public opinion that supports the system of government in its choice of who assumes the authority of the emirate and the mandate of the crown, but what is next? What are the steps that guarantee stability?" columnist *Dahem Al-Qahtani* wrote for *Al-Qabas* daily.

"Without a doubt, there has been widespread public rejection of the increase in corruption cases last year. As a result, unfathomable public anger would have spread to the streets had it not been for the emergence of the corona pandemic.

"Concurrently, public rejection of the one-vote electoral system that produced nationwide councils has not prevented corruption due to its strange composition, and perhaps, the ease with which some of the corrupt were present.

"The new era in Kuwait needs to undertake several governmental and political initiatives to get out of this congested political situation, which is denied only by those who are not aware of the reality of what is happening in Kuwait. Without these initiatives, the tense political situation may turn into a major crisis, as people prolonged the increase in corruption and this miserable electoral system."

— Compiled by Ahmad Al-Shazli

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وزارة الصحة
الإعلام الصحي

777

إصابة جديدة
NEW CASES
الإجمالي
111,893

6

حالة وفاة جديدة
NEW DEATHS
الإجمالي
664

534

حالة تعافى جديدة
NEW RECOVERIES
الإجمالي
103,802

139

إجمالي الحالات
في العناية المركزة
TOTAL SERIOUS CASES

7,427

إجمالي الحالات
التي تتلقى العلاج
TOTAL ACTIVE CASES

6,450

مسحة جديدة
NEW TESTS
الإجمالي
788,705

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'Kuwaitis on' PAM website

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12: The Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) has launched a mechanism for the registration of national workers on its website, reports Al-Anba daily quoting a reliable source from the authority.

According to the source, the authority decided to extend the registration for the online training course on cybersecurity entitled, "Protecting Systems, Networks and Programs from Digital Attacks", that will be held on Nov 1 with a limited number of seats. For inquiries, contact the Sabah Al-Ahmad Center, the source disclosed.

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