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GCC DEFENSE MINISTERS' MEETING TO LIFT FORCE CAPABILITIES



Interior Minister and Acting Defense Minister Sheikh Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah during his participation in the GCC Defense Ministers meeting in Riyadh.

Unified Command HQ inaugurated in Riyadh

Goal to attain defense interaction

RIYADH, Nov 22, (KUNA): The new Unified Military Command Headquarters of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) opened Monday, in Riyadh, under the patronage of Saudi Arabia Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al-Saud, and in the presence of Saudi Deputy Defense Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman Al-Saud on his behalf.

The opening was attended by Kuwait Minister of Interior and Act-

ing Minister of Defense Sheikh Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, as well as GCC defense ministers and the GCC Secretary-General Dr. Nayef Al-Hajraf.

Al-Hajraf stressed the inauguration comes as one of the most prominent GCC military gains, and a message of peace and determination to protect GCC security and stability from any external threat.

Sheikh Thamer Ali on Monday noted that the 18th session of the GCC defense ministers was designed to boost member countries' armed forces capabilities.

The holding of the session Monday came as a "translation of the aloft and

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Opinion

It is better for His Highness the PM to let it go

By Ahmed Al-Jarallah

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IT seems neither the invasion had any effect on the people of this country nor the liberation represented a historical turning point. Even after thirty years, we have not taken a single step forward. Instead, it appears as if we are in the tower of Babel and speaking several languages.

What is required is that everyone understands and is decisive, something that the successive governments have not worked on from that time until today. Instead of seven years, we lived three lean decades. This is evidence of the absence of a reformist vision, especially in the last ten years during which we have witnessed many unfortunate and even painful events.

It is our right as Kuwaitis to express our grief over the state of affairs, especially in light of the accusations leveled against the Prime Minister and ministers. In some of them, harsh words were issued for rampant corruption to the point of undermining the state, aborting laws, and losing prestige.

Frankly, were it not for the money that comes from oil, and the affluence that reached its end in light of the accumulated financial deficit, the situation might have been much worse than any failed Arab state.

Indeed, this is the truth that must be acknowledged, lest this country be ruined by our own will because we relied on corruption to the point of considering it as one of the local norms. Not all of the world is corrupt, and not all officials in other countries take pride in plundering the resources of their countries ... However, we have not yet initiated any real reform.

This realistic description of the country's situation is the mouthpiece of all citizens whose demands are now limited to simple matters, such as a good choice of a prime minister, with our appreciation and love for the current Prime Minister.

However, what is required is an active man, a decision-maker, someone who knows how to deal with the financial and economic situation, someone who can relieve the tension in the constantly stifled relationship between the parliament and the ministers, and someone who can manage public affairs with aptitude and skill.

What the Kuwaitis are asking for is a prime minister who puts the relationship between the two authorities in its correct constitutional framework, so that the games witnessed during the past sessions are not repeated, especially the ministers' vote on the budget in a historical precedent that revealed the government's weakness in the face of a parliamentary bloc that imposed its conditions from the beginning to the end not only on the ministers and their heads, but on all Kuwaitis.

There is no doubt that such a government can neither ensure reform nor implement the principle of separation of powers with its cooperation, which is what made citizens "wash their hands" from the government.

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Bahrain holds 'terrorist' cell

MANAMA, Nov 22, (KUNA): Bahrain's Interior Ministry declared on Monday arresting "terrorists" for planning attacks targeting security and civil entities in the country.

According to Bahrain News Agency (BNA), this came within the framework of security efforts to preserve the security of the homeland and in a proactive security operation in cooperation with the National Intelligence Service.

It added that the security personnel also seized weapons and explosives "that sourced from Iran in possession of these elements who are associated with terrorist groups that exist in Iran."

Also:

MANAMA: Jordan King Abdullah held talks on Monday with Bahrain King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, covering the historical brotherly relations between the two countries, and the latest regional developments.

Bahrain news agency (BNA) said during the talks, King Abdullah asserted on the strong bilateral ties and the importance of expanding cooperation across all sectors, in service of the two peoples.

Day by Day

CAMPING in the desert, enjoying the weather and spending time with our families away from the busy life are marvelous things.

We pitch up tents and give the camping area a festive look but after the end of the camping season, it is so unfortunate to find garbage and other waste thrown all over the place which gives the area an uncivilized look and then we complain about pollution of the environment and violation of laws.

This is how the campers behave to get the responsibility off their chests.

This problem is man-made so the solution is the responsibility of the people. Those who enjoy the environment must keep it clean and not dump the responsibility on the government.

... Yet, tomorrow is another day.

Zahed Matar

Saudi forces down drone targeting Najran Airport

RIYADH, Nov 22, (KUNA): Saudi air defenses destroyed a drone that attempted to target Najran airport in southern Saudi Arabia, Saudi-led coalition forces supporting the legitimacy in Yemen said Sunday.

Quoted by Saudi Press Agency (SPA), the command of the coalition said "shrapnel" was scattered on the "Al-Araysia" residential neighborhood, but did not cause any civilian casualties."

The command noted that the drone was launched from Sana'a International Airport to carry out cross-border attacks, stressing that "Houthis' violations offend the policy of restraint and efforts for a political solution, and that deterrence options are on the table."

The Saudi-led Arab Coalition Supporting Legitimacy in Yemen confirmed on Monday that it was monitoring Houthi militia boat activity in the Red Sea.

A coalition's tweet, cited by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), said "There are several serious and dangerous signs during navigation trade in Southern Red Sea", adding taking all precautions to maintain safety.

Earlier, the coalition launch of 26 targeted operations against Houthi Militia in Yemini Marib, Al-Bayda' and Al-Jawf.

The coalition command declared on Monday carrying out 22 military operations targeting hardware and elements of the Houthi militias in Ma'rib over the past 24 hours.

The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted the alliance command as saying that the troops destroyed 16 military vehicles and eliminated more than 115 terrorists.

On the western coast, the forces executed five operations in support for the allied troops, deployed there, and for sake of protecting civilians.

Also:

KUWAIT CITY: The State of Kuwait strongly condemned and denounced the continuous Houthi militias attacks targeting Saudi Arabia, said a statement Monday.

According to the Foreign Ministry, the heinous attacks — which included the targeting of the Najran airport via four armed drones — displayed the aggressive and hostile nature of the Houthi militia.

NewsWatch

KUWAIT CITY: The official spokesperson of the Kuwaiti Health Ministry Dr. Abdulla Al-Samad stressed, Monday, the importance of receiving the third coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine booster shot to improve the immunity system and decrease the number of infections.

The booster shot, offered to ages 18 and above, are now available without any scheduled appointments, and they should be taken after a period of no less than six months of receiving the second vaccine shot, he added.

Meanwhile, individuals immunity deficiency and cancer patients should receive the third shot in a period of less than six months of receiving the second shot after the required medical evaluation, he affirmed. (KUNA)

KUWAIT CITY: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed Kuwait's welcome Sunday to agreement reached between parties involved in the transitional phase in the Republic of Sudan.

In a foreign ministry statement, the ministry also welcomed the agreement on all tasks of the next phase, which includes restoring transitional institutions, holding elections on time, and forming a government of competencies to move forward and ensure the objectives of the transitional process in a manner that preserves the security and stability of Sudan. (KUNA)

DOHA: Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani discussed Monday with Sultan of Oman Sultan Haitham bin Tareq bilateral ties between the two countries and ways to bolster and develop such relations, especially in fields of politics, economics, investments tourism and transportation.

Qatar News Agency (QNA) stated that this came during formal discussions in which the two sides exchanged perspectives around bolstering joint Gulf work in what serves the stability and security of the area.

The two also discussed regional and international issues, as well as latest developments in current situations. (KUNA)



This photo released by Mizan News Agency, shows a woman holding a portrait of her loved ones who were killed in the 2020 downing of a Ukrainian plane that killed 176 people, during a hearing in an Iranian military courtroom, Sunday, Nov 21, 2021, in Tehran, Iran. (AP)

Shoot-down trial photos published

N-window not open forever: Iran

TEHRAN, Nov 22, (Agencies): Iran declared on Monday that "the window of the nuclear accord would not remain open forever" unless it includes "explicit economic benefits for Iran."

If the (aspired and renewed) nuclear deal does not include "clear economic and commercial benefits for Iran, America should realize that the window for it will not remain forever," said spokesperson of the Iranian Foreign Ministry Saeed Khatibzadeh, speaking at a news conference.

"The sole option that may help Washington the deal in Vienna is lifting the unjust embargo on Iran and providing tangible insurances in this respect," he said. "Our agenda at the Vienna negotiations is clear and we will focus on holding serious discussions to lift the unilateral sanctions against us," the spokesperson added.

The Joint Commission of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) will convene in a physical format on November 29 in Vienna, it had been confirmed. Other parties to the deal namely Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia, and Iran would be represented.

The United States withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal in 2018 on orders from then president Donald Trump.

On November 3, the US officially welcomed the resumption of European Union-hosted talks on a return to the Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA), scheduled in Vienna. State Department spokesman Ned Price told a press briefing that the US would partake in it.

He said it was likely that an agreement could be reached between world powers and Iran as there only remain a "relatively small number of issues. We believe that if the Iranians are serious, we can manage to do that in relatively short order."

The US official warned, however, that "this window of opportunity will not be open forever" if Tehran "continues to take provocative nuclear steps."

Iranian state media on Monday published photographs of the trial investigating the shootdown of a Ukrainian passenger jet in 2020 by the country's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, trying to tamp down criticism of the largely closed-door proceeding.

The Mizan news agency, an arm of the country's judiciary, showed pictures of the inside of the military courtroom, with at least one man and a woman holding up pictures identified as victims of the downing of Ukraine International Airlines flight No. PS752. Missile strikes killed all 176 people on board the Jan. 3, 2020 flight.

But online, people reacted angrily to an image of a judge sitting in front of a large sign that euphemistically read: "The court reviewing the incident of flight PS752 Ukraine." They called on the court to clearly state that the plane had been shot down by the Guard.

The state-run IRNA news agency said the trial that began Sunday will see 10 suspects tried. Iranian media have not identified those charged and some photos published by Mizan had individuals' faces blurred out.

Bill prioritizes Kuwaitization of embassy, consulate jobs abroad

By Saeed Mahmoud Saleh
Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 22: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim sent cables of condolences to the families of 19 martyrs who were arrested during the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

The remains of these martyrs were recovered from Iraq earlier and were subjected to a series of examinations to identify them.

Al-Ghanim recalled the great and heroic sacrifice of these martyrs for their nation. He implored Allah Almighty to bestow mercy on the martyrs and comfort for their families, as well as the entire Kuwaiti population.

Meanwhile, MP Osama Al-Menawer submitted a bill on nationalizing jobs in Kuwaiti embassies and consulates.

According to the bill, the contracts that the Civil Service Commission (CSC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other public institutions signed with foreign employees at the Kuwaiti embassies and consulates will be terminated within six months after the ratification of this bill or once the contracts end, whichever comes earlier.

The CSC will then advertise the vacancies for citizens to apply. In case none of the national applicants is qualified, the CSC will organize training courses for the citizens to qualify them for the vacant posts. Hiring expatriate employees is allowed only on temporary basis, if none of the national applicants is

qualified for the vacant post.

MP Ahmed Al-Hamad submitted a bill on amending Civil Code No. 67/1980 in order to add a paragraph to the first item of Article 581 stating that in case the concerned authorities suspend work in public institutions to protect public health or national security and this decision results in the closure of a rented shop or facility, the tenant is exempted from paying rent unless the tenant decides to close the facility on his own.

MPs Abdulaziz Al-Saqaabi, Thamer Al-Suwait, Khalid Al-Otaibi, Hamdan Al-Azmi and Mubarak Al-Hajraf submitted a bill to establish a zone for medical equipment and drug industries named 'Dawacon', which means 'Your Medicine'.

The Public Authority for Industry (PAI) will prepare the required infrastructure, in cooperation with the concerned institutions and private companies. PAI will allocate plots for the project, including spaces for the establishment of stores. It will also float tenders to the manufacturers of medicines and medical equipment. Five percent of the zone will be allocated for the owners of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) who want to invest in Dawacon. A shareholding company will be established within one year and 24 percent of the shares will be allocated for public institutions, 50 percent for the citizens, and 26 percent will be sold to local and international companies through public auction.



An Afghan woman sits on a chair as she waits with others to receive cash at a money distribution organized by the World Food Program in Kabul, Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021. With the U.N. warning millions are in near-famine conditions, the WFP has dramatically ramped up direct aid to families. (AP)