

'Arm yourselves with science, knowledge to serve country'

Sheikh Thamer attends graduation event

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 25, (KUNA): Minister of Interior and Acting Minister of Defense Sheikh Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Saleh Al-Sabah affirmed Thursday the security establishment's keenness to encourage its members to continue their scientific career and develop their capabilities and field skills to face security challenges and their developments.



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Minister of Interior and Acting Minister of Defense Sheikh Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Saleh Al-Sabah witnesses a presentation on the obstacles by would-be special forces officers.

This came in a statement issued by the General Administration of Relations and Security Media following the graduation ceremony of a new batch of specialized non-commissioned officers at the Saad Al-Abdullah Academy for Security Sciences who completed the 11th course for university non-commissioned officers and were promoted to the rank of lieutenant, which was held from August 1 to October 7.

According to the statement, the Minister of Interior, in a speech, called on the graduates to arm themselves with science and knowledge and to continue their efforts to serve the security work, wishing them continued success in their future work.

The graduation ceremony began with the national anthem and the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. After that, the Director General of the General Administration of Training, Brigadier Farraj Al-Rasman, gave a speech in which he thanked the Minister of Interior, the Acting Minister of Defense and the Undersecretary for their continuous support to all sectors of the security establishment and the education and training sector, which had a positive impact in advancing the educational process and training for all sector employees.

Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali toured the Saad Al-Abdullah Academy for Security Sciences, during which he was briefed on the progress of work and watched a martial arts show for non-commissioned officers (first sergeants) that included a variety of martial arts, military and self-defense skills.

He also witnessed a performance of the musical and cavalry bands, then went to the field of obstacles and witnessed a presentation for the students of the specialization officers to pass obstacles of all kinds, and concluded his tour by inspecting the classrooms and dormitories of the 47th batch of officers.

The Minister of Interior praised the seriousness, enthusiasm, physical strength and high training presented by the students in the performances, wishing them success in joining the various security sectors.

The graduation ceremony was attended by Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior Lieutenant General Sheikh Faisal Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Acting Assistant Undersecretary for Training and Education Affairs Major General Nasser Bouresli and leaders and officers of the training and education sector.

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'Economic diplomacy vital tool to boost global industrial ties'

"ACTIVATING the role of trade and economic diplomacy through the commercial attaché in our embassies in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and relevant ministries and bodies will contribute to attracting foreign investors, international companies and major industrial countries to implement development projects and to invest in various sectors of the state," columnist Dr Abdulaziz Ibrahim Al-Turki wrote for Al-Jarida daily.

"Economic diplomacy is one of the most important tools for promoting the various interests of countries as a necessary requirement to adapt to the changes taking place in international relations that are witnessing many challenges that require the development of diplomacy, its priorities and its contents to move from the traditional perspective to new areas of diplomacy, foremost of which are the economic and commercial fields.

"With the developments that the world is witnessing economically as well as politically, has become impossible to separate politics from the economy because it has become a major reason for the emergence of relations between countries, so that diplomacy has used the economy in many cases to serve the goals of the state, and economic diplomacy has emerged as a branch of modern diplomacy, and an important tool to implement the foreign policy of countries.

"As for commercial diplomacy, it contributes to the development of international trade and foreign direct investment, and works on promoting exports, attracting and encouraging foreign investment, capital, improving the climate and investment, and consolidating political relations through foreign trade missions in order to support its competitiveness to confront foreign companies.

"Although Kuwaiti diplomacy is proud of its history and achievements for decades, it needs an economic and commercial strategy related to the establishment and activation of a commercial attaché in its embassies, along with the military, cultural and media attaché, to strengthen economic ties and develop commercial relations between Kuwait and the major industrial countries whose investors and companies are expected to participate in the implementation of projects Development, among the tasks and competencies that the commercial attaché can perform:

"1. Conducting the necessary research and studies on the potential of markets and the volume of consumption patterns in other countries, and continuous follow-up of changes that occur in the export and import regulations, preferences and trade restrictions, and informing the authorities first-hand, so that exporters, importers, decision-makers and Kuwaiti businessmen are informed.

"2. Working to translate regulations and laws, and any amendments thereto in the major industrialized countries into Arabic, and providing data and information on commercial, economic and financial activities and events that are held in Kuwait and in these countries.

"3. Preparing specialized commercial, economic and financial reports and bulletins, as well as preparing studies and developing a conception of goods and services traded in the markets of these countries, which could be produced by Kuwait, and the possibility of making them available to Kuwaiti producers and exporters.

"4. Ensure the implementation of multilateral economic and commercial agreements between Kuwait and other countries, and notifying local businessmen and exporters of the advantages offered by these agreements, and the procedures to be followed to benefit from them.

"5. Continuous follow-up of plans, regulations and procedures issued in Kuwait, and policies taken related to import, export and investment, and to make observations and recommendations regarding them and their expected effects, and to work on holding meetings and workshops in which the development plan is discussed with those interested in the major industrial countries, and their opinions are taken And their perceptions of the projects put forward in the plan.

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Also:

"For the first time, the appointment of a person to form the new government was delayed for more than a week. We are used to the government submitting its resignation and accepting it on the same day, and the next

day traditional consultations take place, after which the assignment decree is issued, but what does this delay mean? Was it intentional, or did circumstances prevent it?" columnist Mubarak Fahad Al-Duwailah wrote for Al-Qabas daily.

"It is clear from the sequence of events that the re-assignment of Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled suffered a difficult birth. After the success of the national dialogue, it was clear that there was an influential number of parliamentarians who did not welcome the state of affairs, which increases the fears of renewed tension between the representatives and the government if the prime minister is re-assigned.

"It was necessary to wait a bit before re-selecting him, and perhaps this explains some of the interviews that the political leadership has had with some political figures in the past few days. The question that arises today is 'Should we expect a government other than what we are accustomed to, consistent with the results of the dialogue, or will the situation return to the old habit? Do we expect the president-designate to take advantage of the atmosphere of dialogue to form a government that cooperates with the opposition and its programs? Will the new government take advantage of the sane opposition backed by Diaspora representatives who will have a role in putting forward and adopting the political opinion that raises the slogan of "cooperation without compromise"?"

"Will the designated president and his new government abandon some of what we have been accustomed to from previous governments, such as dealing with equality and a spirit of challenge, and considering the legislative authority as an opponent that must be confronted and the projects obstructed?"

"Will we see ministers from the category of statesmen, or will we see a quota government that drops the names on the president from the ceiling? Will satisfaction come at the expense of efficiency and quality, or will the prime minister immunize himself with qualities that impose respect on his opponents before others?"

"In other words, what kind of government can we expect this time? Some believed, and still believe, that the return of "those in exile" took place at the expense of their dignity and the concessions they made to pardon them, and they emphasized that this would become apparent from the moment their feet touched the land of Kuwait.

"But nothing of that appeared, for they returned with their heads held high, and they were received by the citizens as heroes, and Kuwait came out with all its spectrum to announce its joy in their return and adornment for their arrival, which means that their return was not at the expense of the interests of the people nor at the expense of their dignity, even the Diaspora.

"Faisal Al-Muslim issued a statement blessing his companions may return after the supreme pardon for them, and he thanked His Highness the Amir for his auspicious initiative, and announced that he will return to the homeland very soon.

"So who are the skeptics and discouraged people who have challenged the intentions of the parties to the national dialogue and denounced all those who implement its provisions, the first of which is returning to the homeland?"

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"As usual after the resignation of the government, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) issued a circular on the suspension of appointments to leadership and supervisory positions, as well as the transfer, delegation and secondment of employees, until further notice," columnist Khalid Al-Arafah wrote for Al-Anba daily.

"In its recent statement, the CSC called on all government agencies, bodies and public institutions to abide by this decision and to neither take any measures nor issue any decisions that contradict the aforementioned decision, starting from the date of the issuance of the Cabinet decision on Nov 8, 2021 until further notice and taking into account the related matters.

"However, it is noticeable that some parties circumvent such a circular and always issue rotation and movement decisions hours before the resignation of the government or adopting them with a prior date from the time of the resignation, so they are not subject to accountability and avoid invalidation of those decisions. Certain precedents for such decisions were canceled due to their issuance on earlier dates or the time of the resignation announcement.

"CSC must stop such decisions, which are always linked to the interest of work, as they are absent throughout the tenure of some ministers, yet present hours before the resignation. Those affected by such procedures are then prompted to file cases, while the concerned entities are fined and other legal matters arise at the time of the implementation of judgments."

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Other Voices

Queries asked again & again

By Ahmad alsarraf

From time to time the government is forced to intervene and dissolve the board of directors of cooperative societies and appoint a temporary 'board' in its place or transfer all or some of the members of the previous board to the Prosecution, or refer all or some of those who were appointed to the Prosecution (in some cases) because of corruption.

Such corruption has become a prominent feature, especially after Brotherhood and Shiite political forces took control of the boards of some cooperative societies, in addition to the control of other parties who believe in the continuous change in governments, thus following a policy of looting whenever you can.

The idea of establishing cooperative societies was a pioneering and wonderful idea at the time, but like others it was subjected to sabotage, and the theft became an "art" for those who promote it, so that the management of the Society changes, or it is referred to the judiciary but those who steal remain where they are.

Despite repeated referrals to the Public Prosecution Office, we rarely hear of a ruling issued against those who were referred, and one of them was the head of a cooperative, taking protection of his brother who was then a member of the National Assembly.

The inspectors found a list of 21 employees in the Shareholder Department, when only three are required and when the attendance

list was requested, it was found that they did not use the fingerprint system.

In another Society, the board of directors had registered a female employee since 2019 with a request not to issue her a fingerprint as she receives a monthly sum of 250 dinars in addition to labor support money without reporting for work.

It was also found that there are 20 employees in the Public Relations Department in one of the Societies although there was no need for them.

The inspectors also indicated in their reports that money of the shareholders in one society was wasted through fictitious appointments and manipulation in manpower files, where citizens of Gulf countries were appointed and did not keep their attendance record.

There is no doubt that the Ministry of Social Affairs is making an effort to monitor cooperative societies, but its capabilities are limited and it is assumed that it deals with cooperatives managed by people elected from by the people of the region, and not a group of corrupt thieves, with respect to the honorable people on the boards of directors of many cooperative societies.

What is happening in cooperative societies is something that should not be tolerated, and it is better to think of a solution to the situation such as selling the assets to the people of the residential area, after converting it into a joint-stock company, and considering the cooperative's lands and buildings as a gift from the state, while the state continues to monitor the selling prices to protect consumers.

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