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Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah during the tour.

# 'Step up security raids'

'Prosecute illegals'

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 9, (KUNA):** Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah directed the need to intensify security campaigns and prosecute violators of the residency law to eliminate negative phenomena and limit violations related to residency procedures.

The General Department of Relations and Security Media at the Ministry said in a press statement that this came during the Minister of Interior's tour on Thursday, accompanied by a number of concerned assistant undersecretaries, that included the financial affairs sector, the General Administration of Residency Affairs, the Department of Deportation and Temporary Arrest Affairs, in the context of his tours of all sectors of the ministry to see the progress of work and identify obstacles and develop solutions to them.

The department stated that the Minister of Interior began his tour by visiting the General Department of Financial Affairs

and was received by the Assistant Undersecretary for Financial Affairs Fawaz Al-Mashaan and the sector leaders.

Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali praised the important and vital role played by the sector in achieving the integrated security system, stressing the need to take the initiative in developing work, especially with regard to digital transformation and the use of modern technologies in order to achieve speed in work and to develop future plans by making investment projects with financial returns for the benefit of the state budget.

It pointed out that the Minister of Interior then continued his tour by visiting the General Administration of Residency Affairs and was received by the Assistant Undersecretary for Residency Sector Affairs Major General Anwar Al-Barjas and sector leaders, where he listened to an explanation of the department's work and the efforts of its members in controlling violators of the residency law, and also heard from them about some of the obstacles facing their work.

The Minister Thamer Al-Ali then toured the arrest warrants (men and women) of violators of the residency law and ordered an urgent study of these cases and finding solutions to them.

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A DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION

## 'Common ground vital for dialogue'

"THE bid for a national dialogue between the legislative and the executive powers, has overwhelmed all other dialogues, be they virtual or actual," columnist **Suad Fahd Al-Moajel** wrote for **Al-Qabas** daily.

"This national dialogue called by His Highness the Amir, aims to calm down the atmospheres for the sake of exerting efforts to give boost to cooperation for the good of the country. "However, although Kuwait is currently in an imperative need for conducting this dialogue, we saw how some people still cast doubts on the chances of their success or even a relative consensual vision that will be able to end the current months-long crisis.

"It is needless to say that the issue of national dialogue either in Kuwait or in another country, can be deemed as the most important pillar of the democratic system.

"Moreover, it represents the most significant features of the civil state and because of that, we found that most national dialogues in some parts of the world and the Arab world in particular have failed to achieve its objectives.

"Most of these dialogues have ended up as media propaganda or fodder for media which by time vanish in thin air.

"With regard to all Arab cases, these actually surfaced after the winds of the so-called Arab Spring started blowing from all directions and we became accustomed to listening about national dialogues in Iraq, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Tunisia and so on, but none of these dialogues spelled out the targeted objectives.

"We say these dialogues failed to achieve even an iota of its objectives, where of course, the grounds here are different from one state to another, but most of these grounds, can be ascribed to the pattern of both the power and the system which prevail in the Arab world in general.

"In this connection, one may elucidate that in most Arab states, the concept of the state has been summarized, minimized and confined to the ruling power.

"In other words, the concept of the state in

most Arab countries is confined to the president or the king or the ruler or the leader a small margin allocated for the citizen or the people.

"This has remarkably conducted to the absence of the civil state's most significant constituents, viz the state of citizens, but here nobody could ignore the responsibility of the political currents and the active parties and the intellectual institutions in the face of such a defect, because, they could be held significantly accountable for the interruption in communication between the people on one hand and the ruling regime on other.

"In this context, we say these parties and institutions, have cheated the people in a way that resulted in the latter resorting to express their opinions as a result of which institutions and parties, such as the Arab Spring surfaced without a leader at the helm but reflected the indignation of the people against the relevant institutions and parties including the ruling party and the opposition.

"Meanwhile, we say any dialogue be that national, political or reconciliatory, represents an attempt to converge the viewpoints of the people taking part in the dialogue.

"Consequently, this entails that those taking part in the dialogue must inevitably first of all discover the common ground between them if they want to bring about a fruitful, political, unconditional reconciliation."

**Also:**

"The national dialogue called for by HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to start a reconciliation process is a matter that must be dealt with a very high sense of efficiency, honesty, transparency and patriotism and look to the future of a country and people. Hopes

are placed on this national dialogue to create a political and legislative atmosphere that contributes to rid the country of political tension," columnist **Youssef Al-Jalalma** wrote for **Al-Rai** daily.

"The conditions around us do not bode well. The Kuwaiti economy is in a difficult situation. The people are suffering from social and economic problems. We need stability and development for a better future before we bite the fingers of regret.

"As a matter of participation, even from a distance, I put this proposal on the grounds that the electoral districts will be part of this dialogue and one vote as well. There is talk about putting forward the idea of the ten districts with one-man, one-vote, and I as a citizen since the first day of the one-vote was proposed, and I am against this idea, thank God that the results of our elections in one-vote are worse than two-votes and unfortunately this has plunged the country into a different situation.

"And if the insistence is on one vote, then I suggest that the citizen participate with one vote at the level of the State of Kuwait, that is, to have participation in key and pivotal positions in managing the country's affairs, for example:

"Participation in the appointment of the Prime Minister through His Highness the Amir's nomination of 3 people whom His Highness sees as competent to manage the affairs of the Council of Ministers, and the people choose one of His Highness's choices, and whoever gets the most votes runs the Council of Ministers with the strength and support of His Highness the Amir and his people.

"Participation in the appointment of the head of the Supreme Judicial Council through the nomination of 3 personalities by the Supreme Judicial Council, and their names are put forward, and whoever gets the highest votes from the people heads the Supreme Judicial Council with the support of the Supreme Council and the Kuwaiti people."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb



Suad Al-Moajel

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Mr. Raymond Noronha



Teaching Online

done by the Middle School Team and the support provided by Ms. Samar, the Superintendent, and the senior leadership team. She mentioned that she received very good feedback from parents about the in-person attendance.

The High School Principal - Mr. Raymond Noronha stressed the importance of high school division in preparing students for 'what's next' after they graduate from high school. While teaching and learning has been taking place at high school daily(online) since September 14th, 2021, he focused on his staff and divisions efforts in preparing the premises for students to return to campus while adhering to the safety protocols outlined by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. While teaching and learning has been taking place uninterrupted online, it is important for students to gradually return to school as we prepare our students to embrace the 'new normal.'

He added, "Due to restrictions currently in place by the Ministry of Health and the travel restrictions imposed by the



Government of Kuwait, it has been challenging for the school to get our teachers stranded abroad back into Kuwait. In order for us to implement and follow through with the on-campus safety protocols as outlined by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, the physical presence of teachers at school is crucial. Delays across the world at embassies and other governmental organizations have further worsened this situation."

He added that although the pandemic has negatively affected us in many ways, one good thing that has come about during this pandemic is the general acceptance of integrating technology with learning. He states, "both students and teachers had little to no time to adapt to changes in the way we delivered our curriculum. Students had to adapt while teachers learnt to become more creative in engaging students. Teachers that adapted quickly to these changes found themselves to be ahead of the others."

Mr. Noronha also added that while hiring



Mrs. Rihab Abdel Khalek



Ms. Dania Kalaji

staff members for the 2021-2022 academic year, apart from their teaching experience, some familiarity with online learning platforms such as zoom, google classroom and Microsoft teams was also an important factor in determining the successful candidate.

We also had the pleasure to meet with the Vice Principal of the Special Needs Division, Ms. Dania Kalaji, who spoke about the exceptional circumstances that students faced and how their needs were met, saying, "We were one of the first few schools that opened during the Corona Pandemic since it is challenging for most of our students to study online in the absence of in-person teacher supervision. We receive students from the age of 5 years and a half up to 21 years. We had around 285 students and the numbers have increased this year. We were the model that other schools had to follow to re-open during the pandemic last December when the Ministry of Education and the Public Authority of the Disabled have allowed SN schools to commence. We were given the approval of the Ministry of Health Committee, the Ministry of Education Committee as well as the Public Authority of the Disabled to receive our students on campus without any comments or requirements to rectify. On the contrary, we were praised for our high standard of health and safety measures that we have implemented by both officials and

parents. We worked hard as an integrated team to maintain a high level of healthy and safe environment for our students by taking students' temperature at intervals during the day, continuous sanitization of classrooms and facilities every 30 minutes, placement of mask and shield by our staff. As for the students who were unable to attend school, the division had designed and implemented an online program using high-tech programs to cater for their needs which included core and noncore subjects as well as therapy sessions in groups and individually. Staff and parents have worked hand in hand towards the success of the program by ensuring a high-quality education for our students.

As for the Vocational Department, Ms. Kalaji confirmed that this program did not stop despite the challenges. Teachers had adjusted the implementation of units and modules during the pandemic. The portfolios for both ASDAN and BTEC Programs were completed on time and sent for external verification to the two accrediting organizations, were approved and students have received their certificates as well. The workshops continued to function as each student had projects to work on throughout the year. Project materials were sent home to students ahead of time and worked on completing it step by step. She added, "This pandemic had proven that our students resilient and can learn and achieve despite all challenges".

