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Amir, Crown Prince receives Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad

PM meets security, defense delegation; KJA members, auditors



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. —KUNA photos



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with Kuwait Journalists Association members.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah separately at Bayan Palace yesterday.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received members of a Kuwaiti security and defense delegation, which recently visited the UK to discuss crisis management developments. The delegation consisted of officials from His Highness the Prime Minister's Diwan, the Kuwaiti Army, the Interior Ministry, Kuwait National Guard (KNG), and Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFS). The delegation briefed His Highness the Prime Minister on their trip to the UK, which also focused on enhancing bilateral ties. His Highness the Prime Minister commended the members of the delegation for their efforts, expressing the political leadership and government trust in the security and defense forces of Kuwait. He stressed that members of the security and defense forces should always seek ways to boost their readiness to fend off any dangers that might face the country.

In the meantime, His Highness the Prime Minister received Chairwoman of the Kuwait Journalists Association (KJA) Fatima Hussain Al-Essa and members of the board. His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak also received the honorary president of the Kuwait Accountants and Auditors Association Yousif Al-Othman, its Board Chairman Faisal Al-Tubaikh and board members. —KUNA



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with Kuwaiti chief auditors.



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with members of the Kuwaiti security and defense delegation.

Kuwait's govt forms information technology policy committee

KUWAIT: Kuwait's government on Monday formed a committee with a mandate of creating national information technology policy and executive programs to implement it. The committee will be chaired by President of the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA), with members from the Public Authority for Civil Information, Central Agency for Information Technology, Ministry of Interior, Oil Sector and General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development, Deputy Premier and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh said in a statement. The Cabinet, chaired by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, approved draft agreements over social affairs and education with Jordan. It assigned competent authorities to purchase private properties in Failaka Island in order to pave way for the island's development. The Cabinet, said Saleh, assigned Kuwait Municipality to allocate a storage location for the Public Authority of Industry at Kabd Area, as well as specifying another location for PAI to be used for food and pharmaceutical storage.

Minister of State for Economic Affairs Maryam Al-Aqeel briefed the Cabinet about general privatization project and financial restructuring plan, which aimed at diversifying income, lessen dependency on oil, improving public services, creating lucrative investment opportunities for citizens, and providing productive job opportunities. Aqeel also explained how government department were on course towards the 2035 new Kuwait vision. Meanwhile, the government welcomed

the parliament's confidence of Minister of Finance Nayef Al-Hajraf. The Cabinet paid tribute to late former Minister of Health Dr Abdulrahman Al-Awadhi, and highly appreciated his services at the health and planning sectors.

Sport ban end

Meanwhile, the Cabinet congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the Kuwaiti people for the complete lifting of international ban on Kuwait sport. The Cabinet commended His Highness the Amir's support for executive and legislative authorities, Public Authority for Sport (PAS) and sport sectors which contributed to lifting of ban, Saleh said. The Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) last Friday fully lifted the suspension of Kuwait's National Olympic Committee (NOC) as a result of the successful implementation of a roadmap agreed between all parties. The first step of the roadmap (revision and adoption of new statutes for the sports clubs, followed by elections) was successfully completed within the prescribed deadline (end of January 2019), said the IOC in a press release.

The second step (revision and adoption of new statutes for the National Sports Federations, followed by elections) was implemented in close coordination with the International Federations (IFs) concerned, and was successfully completed in early June 2019. The third and last step (revision and adoption of the NOC statutes, followed by NOC elections) was successfully completed on 30 June 2019, with the holding of the NOC Elective General Assembly. The NOC was suspended by decision of the IOC EB on 27 October 2015, to protect the Olympic Movement in Kuwait from undue government interference, after a sports law that was not compatible with the basic principles that govern the Olympic Movement was passed in the country. Saleh hoped the lift of the ban would mark a strong start for Kuwaiti athletes to realize accomplish-



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chairs the Cabinet's weekly meeting. —KUNA

ments at the regional and international levels.

Houthi's terrorist attacks

In the meantime, the Cabinet condemned the repeated terrorist attacks by the Houthi militia on the International Airport of Abha, Saudi Arabia, which resulted in many injuries of innocent civilians, as well as attacks on King Abdullah airport in Jizan. Kuwait confirms its stance with the Kingdom and supports all decision its takes for maintaining its stability and security, stressing the continued attacks by the Houthi militia on civilians are a breach of international law, calling on the international community to take necessary measures in order to stop these repeated criminal acts.

The Cabinet also condemned the shocking attack

that hit Tajoura detention center in Tripoli, Libya, resulting in many deaths and a large number of casualties, and considered it a major breach of international law. The agreement reach in Sudan between the Transnational Military Council and the Force for Freedom and Change to establish a sovereign council was praised by the Cabinet as an important step to a new phase for Sudan's stability and security, while also providing necessary needs of its people. The Cabinet expressed sorrow for the terrorist bombing that hit Ghazni in Afghanistan that resulted in the death of security officers while tens of civilians were injured. The Cabinet rejects such terrorist attacks that have no place among any religions and humanitarian norms, and wished the injured a quick recovery. —KUNA