

PM chairs weekly Cabinet meeting

Amir's UAE-Oman conciliation initiative wins praise



Top and above: some photos from the Cabinet session.

KUWAIT CITY, March 6, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Cabinet, chaired by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, held its weekly meeting Sunday at noon at Seif Palace.

Following the meeting, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Roudhan Abdulaziz Al-Roudhan said the Cabinet reviewed the outcomes of the brotherly visit paid by HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to the United Arab Emirates and Sultanate of Oman, where HH the Amir led an initiative of reconciliation after meeting with UAE President Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan and Sultan of Oman Qaboos Bin Saied in efforts to eradicate tensions that have

blemished ties between the two brotherly countries, which resulted in desired outcomes. The initiative, Al-Roudhan noted, reflected HH the Amir's esteemed status among GCC leaders.

The Cabinet then reviewed a letter from Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, which enclosed a request to support restoration of Islamic monuments in the Republic of Tatarstan of the Russian Federation, which were devastated and ruined due to wars.

The Cabinet also welcomed positive parliamentary reactions towards outcomes of the parliament-government committee meeting held last Thursday to discuss status of illegal resi-

dents in the country.

Pragmatic solutions and the roadmap adopted by the Cabinet and the Higher Council for Planning and Development in this regard are acclaimed, Al-Roudhan noted.

While praising steps taken by the cabinet's central body to address status of illegal residents in dealing with the problem, the Cabinet reaffirms Kuwait's keenness to deal with the issue with a humane and civilized manner.

In this regard, the Cabinet stressed that solutions adopted for this problem are on their way to be put in action just planned.

Finally, the Cabinet discussed political affairs in light of the reports made on the overall developments on Arab and international scenes.

Training course focuses on human trafficking victims' protection, probe

IOM in collaboration with MoI organises course

By Awwad Al-Ferhan
Special to the Arab Times

KUWAIT CITY, March 6: Interior Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah on Sunday inaugurated a training course on the protection of human trafficking victims and investigation of those involved in this illegal act, which was organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in collaboration with the Interior Ministry, at the United Nations Building in Mishref.

In her opening remarks, Director of IOM in Kuwait Eman Eraqt said the course focuses on many things. She stated it is an opportunity for the officers to understand regulations governing illegal immigration in detail. She also appreciated the determination of the interior minister to enhance the capabilities of the officers to enable them to succeed in their national assignment. She declared the course will complement others that the officers had earlier taken, so they can use their expertise to protect human trafficking victims and prosecute human traffickers appropriately.

Meanwhile, Assistant Undersecretary for Criminal Security Affairs Major General Abdul-Hamid Al-Awadhi disclosed that Kuwait is concerned about the need to protect human dignity. He pointed out the human resources are the real wealth of a nation, so the country does not relent in its efforts to lay down solid regulations to protect human rights and wipe out all illegal activities. He informed the government has been issuing a series of rules and regulations in this regard. He declared the ministry believes in collaborative efforts with local and international organizations, especially the IOM, on joint actions to fight human trafficking.

Moreover, UN Resident Coordinator in Kuwait Dr Adam Abdul-Moula described the involvement in human trafficking as a seriously organized offence, which should attract stiff punishment, but it is difficult for governments of all countries to control the crime. He consider the fear of the victims to reveal personalities behind the business or even stand as witnesses against them before the police and law courts a major stumbling block to effective prosecution. He added the laws governing prosecution in many countries do not include necessary provisions to arrest and prosecute the perpetrators.



Top and above: some photos from the event.

Photos by S. Ilias Basha

Bid to cover needs of MoE

Forum starts drive for retirees, Bedoun teachers

KUWAIT CITY, March 6: The Kuwaiti Professional Forum has started a national campaign for retirees and Bedoun teachers to cover the needs of the Ministry of Education (MoE), reports Al-Seyassah daily quoting Secretary General of the forum Kamil Al-Hendal.

Al-Hendal called on all the interested parties to register at the Volunteer Committee of the forum, especially since some teachers have been threatening to disrupt educational activities to demand for higher salaries. He argued this is illegal and unacceptable because they have already signed the employment contracts. He advised those who have any complaint on the contracts to seek the assistance of the judiciary, instead of taking the law into their hands.

TRCS lauds Kuwait's help to refugees

TUNISIA, March 6, (KUNA): Secretary General of the Tunisian Red Crescent Society (TRCS) Dr. Tahar Cheniti lauded here Sunday the efforts by Kuwait's leadership and people to help their fellow Arab nationals who escaped the current mayhem in Libya.

Cheniti said in an exclusive to KUNA that the Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) was amongst the first relief aid organizations to be present at the scene, helping their brothers in a gesture of Arab solidarity.

"His Highness the Amir of Kuwait

Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has provided through the Amir relief aid initiative an example for Arab solidarity," said the official.

Cheniti noted that Tunisia was cooperating with a number of international organizations and states to control the flow of refugees escaping the situation in Libya.

Around 200,000 immigrants and refugees from different nationalities, mostly Tunisians and Egyptians, had fled Libya since the crisis began there on February 17th.

Wondering what the teachers would feel if the Kuwaiti society rejects their services, Al-Hendal warned the parochial interests of a few can jeopardize the academic future of the Kuwaiti children. Under such circumstances, the government has no

option but refrain from seeking the services of the protesting teachers to protect national welfare.

Al-Hendal also commended Chairperson of the Voluntary Work Center (VWC) Sheikhha Amthah Al-Sabah, who urged the retired Kuwaiti teachers to

fill vacancies in case the protest action pushes through. He also appreciated the positive response from a large number of retirees and Bedouns. He added the interested applicants can submit their credentials through email: k9080581@hotmail.com.

'Weekly' draw held

Gulf Bank names Al Danah winners

KUWAIT CITY, March 6: Gulf Bank held its eighth Al Danah weekly draw in 2011 on March 1, 2011, announcing a total number of ten Al Danah weekly prize draw winners, each awarded with prizes of KD 1,000. The ten winners are: Ahmed Abdulaziz Mohammad Al-Sabah, Mohammad Khalil Essa Al-Sairafi, Ghafran Ulhaq Barkat Riaysat Khan, Ali Nader Sardar Ali, Abdulrazaq Yahya Mohammad Al-Ayoub, Yaqoub Yousef Qambar Jaafar, Khaled Mohammad Abdullah Al-Hulan, Iqbal Siddique Mohammad Sadiq, Sahar Saad Ajmi Najem Al-Adwani and Kafaya Abdullah Mansur.

Gulf Bank encourages everyone in Kuwait to open an Al Danah account and/or increase their deposits to maximize their chances of becoming a winner in the upcoming weekly, quarterly and annual draws. Gulf Bank's Al Danah allows customers to win and encourages them to save

money. Chances increase the more money is maintained and the longer it is kept in the account.

Al Danah also offers a number of unique services including the Al Danah Deposit Only ATM card which helps account holders deposit their money at their convenience; as well as the Al Danah calculator to help customers calculate their chances of becoming an Al Danah winner.

To be part of the Al Danah draws, customers can visit one of Gulf Bank's 53 branches, transfer on line, or call the Customer Contact Center on 1805805 for assistance and guidance. Customers can also log on to www.e-gulfbank.com, Gulf Bank's bilingual website, to find all the information regarding Al Danah or any of the Bank's products and services or log on www.e-gulfbank.com/aldanahwinners, to find out more about Al Danah and who the winners are.

Kuwait Today

Prayer Timings		Salmi	24	10	Sunrise:.....06:09
Fajr.....	04:49 am	Abdaly	26	09	Sunset:.....17:50
Sunrise.....	06:08	Jalaliyah	25	09	
Zohr.....	11:59	Faillaka	23	12	
Asr.....	03:21pm	Ahmadi Port	21	14	
Maghreb.....	05:51	Umm Al-Maradem	21	16	
Isha.....	07:08	Warba-Bubiyan	21	11	
Kuwait Weather		Marine Forecast			
Expected weather for the next 24 hours:		Station	Max Exp	Min Rec	Sea Today's Surf
By night: Cool with light to moderate south easterly wind, with speed of 08-28 km/h.		South Dolphin	19	13	17 4ft NW
By day: Fair with light to moderate freshening gradually south easterly wind, with speed of 15-40 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear.		Ahmadi LV	20	16	18 4ft NW
Station	Max Rec	Min Exp			
Kuwait City	22	13			
Kuwait Airport	25	09			
Nuwaiseeb	24	10			
Wafra	26	10			

deaths

Khaled Awad Mejbil Raie Asbeela Al-Azemi, 40 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Mangaf, Block 3, St 6, House 52, Tel: 23723623-99432381-60772244. Khaleda Hasan Hasan Al-Mehana, 44 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolence: (Men) Rumaithiya, Huseiniyat Al-Mehana (Al-Imam Al-Mahdi) Tel: 25619595-67077330. (Women) Rumaithiya, Block 11, Avenue 114, House 13, Tel: 25614111. Saud Fahed Abdullah Al-Basam, 65 years old, buried on Sunday. Condolence: (Men) Nuzha, Block 1, St 14, House 7, Tel: 66862168. (Women) Adailiya, Block 1, Abdullah Al-Hajri St, Avenue 19, House 3, Tel: 97851534. Noora Qataim Afar Al-Otaibi, 82 years old, wife of Sultan Muhsen Butti Abu Raqaba Al

Otaibi, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Riqqa, Block 1, St 12, House 276, Tel: 66656585-99835745. (Women) Sabah Al-Nasser, Block 4, St 104, House 40, Tel: 606669987. Zainab Yousef Al-Majed, 84 years old, widow of Abdullah Issa Abdullah Al Khayat, buried on Sunday. Condolences: (Men) Sabah Al-Salem, Block 5, St 1, Avenue 23, House 45, Tel: 25512333 (Women) Kheitan, Block 3, St 90, House 4, near Kheitan Sport Club, Tel: 24723245. Abdul Aziz Hamad Abdullah Al-Hemaimedi, 73 years old, to be buried on Monday at 09:00 am. Condolences: (Men) Dahiya Abdullah Al-Salem, Block 2, Ibn Abbas St, House 32, Tel: 22555844. (Women) Yarmouk, Block 4, St 3, Avenue 3, House 7, Tel: 25349610.

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'Crackdown' on spoilt food hailed

KUWAIT CITY, March 6, (KUNA): Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Fahdel Safar lauded here Sunday the efforts on part of municipal teams to crack down on shops and vendors providing spoiled food products.



Left-right: Some of the speakers.



40 scholars from 17 nations attend

GUST opens Crisis of Human Sciences confab

KUWAIT CITY, March 6: The Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) opened the first day of its 3-day Crisis of the Human Sciences conference in its conference center with the attendance of university representatives and scholars from abroad.

Dr Robert Cook, Vice President for Academic Affairs inaugurated the ceremony saying: "It is an honor for me to address this group," giving them a small background of

the university history as the first private university in the country and its plans for the future which include the addition of a new Master's program in Accounting and Finance and a new College of Architecture and Engineering, both of which the university has already started the procedures to establish. "We hope that this conference will be the first of many and that all the friendships nurtured here will lead to great research collaborations in the future," he concluded.