

# FORMATION OF THE NEW KUWAITI CABINET



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah



Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs



Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense



Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior



Anas Nasser Al-Saleh, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance



Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs



Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, the Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs



Hind Barrak Al-Subaih, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labor as well as Minister of State for Economic Affairs



Yasser Abul, the Minister of State for Housing Affairs and Minister of State for Utilities



Jamal Mansour Al-Harbi, the Minister of Health



Khaled Nasser Abdullah Al-Roudhan, the Minister of Commerce and Industry



Abdulrahman Abdulkareem Al-Mutawa, the Minister of Public Works



Essam Abdulmohsen Al-Marzouq, the Minister of Electricity and Water as well as the Minister of Oil



Dr Faleh Abdullah Al-Azeb, the Minister of Justice and the Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs



Dr Mohammad Abdulatif Al-Fares, the Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education



Mohammad Nasser Al-Jabri, the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs as well as Minister of State for the Municipality

## MPs WHO HAVE SERVED IN KUWAITI CABINETS

**KUWAIT:** The State of Kuwait, since forming the National Assembly (Parliament) in 1963, has witnessed inclusion of at least a single member of the assembly in governments. Following is a report listing names of lawmakers who doubled as cabinet members:

- Cabinet of January 1963: MP Abdullah Meshari Abdullah, minister of social affairs and labor. According to a cabinet reshuffle dating March 13th, 1964, MP Khaled Al-Feheid took the electricity and water portfolio, his fellow legislator Yousef Al-Rifae served as minister of telecommunications.
- Cabinet of December 1964: MP Humoud Al-Nisef, minister of health, Khaled Al-Feheid, minister of education, Abdullah Al-Roudan, minister of social affairs and labor and Yousef Al-Rifae, minister of telecommunication.
- Cabinet of January 1965: MP Khaled Al-Feheid, minister of education, Abdullah Al-Roudan, minister of awqaf and Yousef Al-Rifae, minister of state for cabinet affairs.
- Cabinet of February 1967: MP Abdulaziz Al-Saraawi, minister of health and Yousef Al-Rifae, minister of state for cabinet affairs.
- Cabinet of April 1967: MP Abdulaziz Al-Saraawi, minister of telecommunication.
- Cabinet of February 1971: MP Hamad Al-Ayyar, minister of social affairs and labor and Rashed Al-Farhan, minister of awqaf and Islamic affairs.
- Cabinet of February 1975: MP Abdulrahman Al-Awadhi, minister of public health and Abdulmutalib Al-Kathmi, minister of oil.
- Cabinet of March 1981: MP Essa Al-Mazidi, minister of communications.
- Cabinet of March 1985: MP Jassem Al-Kharafi, minister of finance and economy.
- Cabinet of October 1992: Witnessed election of six members of the National Assembly to serve in the government-the first time. Ahmad Al-Rabee, minister of education, Jassem Al-Aoun, minister of social affairs and labor, Jumaan Al-Azmi, minister of awqaf and Islamic affairs, Abdullah Al-Hajeri, minister of commerce and industry, Ali Al-Baghli, minister of oil

and Meshari Al-Enjeri, minister of justice.

- Cabinet of October 1992: Five ministers resigned, including the MPs Al-Azmi, Al-Hajeri and Al-Baghli.
- Cabinet of October 1996: MP Ahmad Al-Klaib, minister of social affairs and labor, Jassem Al-Mudaf, minister of commerce and industry, Abdullah Al-Hajeri, minister of public works and Mohammad Daifullah Sharar, minister of awqaf and Islamic affairs.
- Cabinet of March 1998: MP Ahmad Al-Klaib, minister of justice, Humoud Al-Rgubaa, minister of electricity and water and Mohammad Daifullah Sharar, minister of state for National Assembly affairs.
- Cabinet of July 1999: MP Eid Al-Rashidi, minister of public works.
- Cabinet of July 2003: MP Ahmad Al-Abdullah, minister of justice.
- Cabinet of February 2006: MP Yousef Al-Zalzalah, minister of commerce and industry.
- Cabinet of July 2006: MP Falah Al-Hajeri, minister of commerce and industry.
- Cabinet of March 2007: Al-Hajeri retained his post.
- Cabinet of May 2008: MP Hussein Al-Hraiti, minister of justice and Islamic affairs.
- Cabinet of January 2009: Al-Hraiti retained his post.
- Cabinet of May 2009: MP Roudan Al-Roudan, minister of state for cabinet affairs.
- Cabinet of May 2011: MP Ali Al-Rashed, minister of state for cabinet affairs.
- Cabinet of February 2012: MP Shuaib Al-Mwaizri, minister of justice and Islamic affairs.
- Cabinet of December 2012: MP Ayed Al-Rashidi, minister of social affairs and labor.
- Cabinet of July 2013: MP Essa Al-Kandari, minister of communication. In a reshuffle in January 2014, Kandari was named minister of state for municipal affairs, minister of oil and minister of state for National Assembly affairs. In another reshuffle in October 2014, MP Yaqoub Al-Sane was named minister of justice and Islamic affairs. — KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Jaber Al-Sabah chairs the first meeting of the newly-formed cabinet yesterday. — KUNA

## REFORMATION, PROGRESSIVENESS ESSENTIAL FOR BETTER FUTURE: PM SHEIKH JABER CHAIRS FIRST SESSION OF NEW CABINET

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Jaber Al-Sabah stressed that the next phase in the history of Kuwait should see real reformation and progressiveness based on serious decisions that will transfer the country to a better place, where citizens are secured for generations to come. His Highness the Prime Minister made this remark yesterday in a speech he delivered at the first meeting of the newly-formed cabinet.

His Highness the Prime Minister expressed appreciation for the trust bestowed upon him by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahamd Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on choosing him to be the head of the Council of the Ministers, promising to exert all efforts to overcome challenges, plan smartly and execute effectively in order to build a better future for this country.

His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak said that having a bright future will only be feasible when a work plan is set in place and is followed dedicatedly by everyone. He pointed out that the first features of this plan, which himself and his ministers will strive to achieve, is to follow the visions and directions of His Highness the Amir and work to materialize these visions into reality. He added that it is importance for everyone to exercise an absolute abiding of the constitution, a respect to the law, a promotion of national unity, combating divisions and eliminating terrorism.

### Working together

He also emphasized that the government and the National Assembly should work together to find the right solutions for various pending issues where each authority exercises its full authority without any interference from another one.

His Highness the Premier stressed the importance of protecting public funding and combating corruption through the implementation of various "transparent" steps, asking each of his ministers, during this meeting, to take the necessary procedures to deal with any "questionable case" that has been mentioned recently in media outlets, social networks, or even the lately held election campaigns.

He pointed out that any suspicious matter should be referred to the Public Anti-Corruption Authority to take all legal actions against it. His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak also touched on the economic file for its importance in the upcoming stage. He pointed out that national income should start exploring other resources and steering away from its complete dependency on oil.

Foreign investment should be attracted, national economy should be supported at all levels, and work markets should be improved, he said. Another mean of boosting the economy can be done through rationalization and privatization of many public services, he said.

He urged all not to "waste" spending under the current conditions of ongoing decline of oil prices; the government must take serious steps to stop this depletion of public funding yet to still provide means of good living for the citizens.

### No favoritism

One of the top items of the cabinet's agenda for the next phase is to improve management in all governmental bodies by servicing the public swiftly without any "favoritism", His Highness the Prime Minister said, urging his ministers as heads of their ministries to lead by example and provide a role module to follow.

His Highness the Prime Minister emphasized necessity to take "real actions" to overcome any challenges that hinder the educational process and modernize the curriculum and the teaching methods without jeopardizing the identities of religion and tradition. As for youth, he urged to nurture them and encourage them to participate in all facets for their society for they will have an effective role in building a better future for their country.

Finally, His Highness the Prime minister urged to swiftly submit the cabinet's work plan to the National Assembly to be implemented within an appropriate timeframe. This work plan will prioritize the government's projects in order to ensure a timely completion of these projects. — KUNA