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# CROWN PRINCE RECEIVES TOP OFFICIALS

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday received the Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim and His Highness the

Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah at Bayan Palace. His Highness Sheikh Nawaf also received First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh

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

Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Chairman of Kuwait Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, Minister of State for Housing

Affairs and Minister of State for Services Affairs Yasser Abul, as well as Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammad Al-Jabri. —KUNA



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah.



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Chairman of Kuwait Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Minister of State for Housing Affairs and Minister of State for Services Affairs Yasser Abul.



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His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday received a number of top officials at Kuwait National Guard (KNG) at Bayan Palace.

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## OVER 34,000 GALLONS OF OIL SPILL OFF KUWAIT

IRAN CONFIRMS NO LEAKAGE FROM ITS OIL TANKERS

**KUWAIT:** An analysis of satellite imagery by a US-based nonprofit organization suggests at least 34,000 gallons of oil have leaked out during a spill off the coast of Kuwait. West Virginia-based SkyTruth says satellite photos from the day of the spill off southern Kuwait show it spread over a distance covering 131 square kilometers (50.5 square miles). In a blog post early yesterday, SkyTruth also noted a pipe-laying ship was transiting through the area at the time of the spill. Authorities have yet to definitively identify the source of the leak, though they initially suspected it came from a tanker. The leak was discovered on Friday. Authorities in tiny Kuwait, an OPEC member home to the world's sixth-largest estimated oil reserves, said they discovered another leak on Tuesday. This story has been corrected to show SkyTruth believes at least 34,000 gallons have spilled in the leak, not barrels.

In another development, Tehran has confirmed that there was no oil leakage from the pipelines or oil tankers in Iran, Kuwaiti Minister of Oil and Minister of Electricity and Water Essam Al-Marzouq said yesterday. Last Tuesday Al-Marzouq said that contacts were made with neighboring countries to inquire about any oil leakage that could be related to an oil spill discovered near Messilah coast.

Meanwhile, Minister of Oil Essam Al-Marzouq said that the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) has moved a number of its vessels to the Messilah coast, south of the capital, to control a newly-discovered oil spill. The revelation was made after authorities recently scrambled to deal with an oil slick that floated off the coast of Al-Zour, south of the country.

KOC vessels and the Kuwait Fire Service frigates will survey the surrounding areas for other oil spills, Al-Marzouq, also minister of electricity and water said.

He added that contacts are made with neighboring countries to inquire about any oil leakage or any information that could be related to the new oil spill. He pointed out that these moves were taken after receiving a report today afternoon about the detection of a new oil spill near the

Officers Club off Messilah coast. Al-Marzouq noted that Kuwait is carrying out aerial and sea surveys of the territorial waters as well as contacting international environmental organizations to get satellite images of the area over the past few days in order to collect information that could lead to identifying the source of this spill. He admitted that the ministry does not currently possess any information regarding the source of the oil spill. — Agencies

## MINISTRIES' INCOME HITS KD 13.9 BILLION

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** The government sent 35 proposed laws with regards to approving the final accounts of ministries and government departments for the year 2016/2017. The report said ministries' income reached KD 13.9 billion, while expenses were KD 17.7 billion. The report indicated that the actual budget deficit reached KD 5.9 billion.

### Dentists scholarships

A Health Ministry report said 450 dentists joined scholarships - 40 percent of the total number of Kuwaiti dentists - during the period from 2000 until 2016, while 270 scholarship dentists joined work at specialized centers after receiving their post-graduation certificates. The report said MoH expanded its scholarship program by considering

new international universities in Sweden, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and South Africa.

### Pilgrimage Mission

Head of Kuwait Pilgrimage Mission and Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Coordination, Foreign Relations and Hajj at Awqaf Ministry Khalaf Al-Athaine said hajj permissions for Kuwait pilgrims are being issued so they can go to Saudi Arabia. He said the permissions will be on special papers that cannot be forged.

### Eight new reservoirs

"Your Oil and Gas News" site said Australia's SRG has won a contract with Hyundai Engineering and Construction Company to present specialized construction services related to building eight new reservoirs for liquefied natural gas in Kuwait.