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# Cabinet reiterates Kuwait's appeal for global peace

## Premier briefs ministers on his participation in UNGA session

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chaired the Cabinet's regular weekly session yesterday, and briefed ministers about his address to the United Nations General Assembly, where he called for backing the international organization in its tasks to achieve global peace and stability.

Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak, who was greeted at start of the session by the ministers after his recent comeback following successful medical checkups, shed light on his participation in the UNGA's 72nd session, during which he called for cooperation with the UN to achieve global, peace, security and combat terrorism. His Highness the Prime Minister, in his statement at the UNGA session in New York, had stressed on peaceful co-existence among peoples, affirming Kuwait's determination to attain such targets, as well as support efforts for realizing development for nations of the globe. Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, read the Cabinet statement following the session, held at Seif Palace.



### Ministers examine study on projects' execution

#### Projects

The ministers examined a recommendation by the public services committee with respect of a study forwarded by the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development, execution of a number of projects namely the power station in Al-Abdaliah, the laborers' town in South Al-Jahraa, the government program project, the development scheme for the ministry of education, the

services and entertainment center in Al-Agailah and Kabad plant for treating hard waste. The Cabinet tasked its General Secretariat with examining execution schedules of these projects. Moreover, the ministers reviewed a recommendation by the committee of economic affairs with respect of a request by the ministry of finance on procurement rationing by government departments.

#### Terror attacks

Meanwhile, the Cabinet decried a recent terrorist attack that targeted a security checkpoint of the Saudi Royal Guards in Jeddah. The Cabinet lauded measures, taken by the Kingdom to abort terrorist plots and combat terrorism, affirming the State of Kuwait support for any such effort that would help in finishing off this peril. The ministers wished the Kingdom ever-lasting prosperity, progress and stability, under the sagacious leadership of the Custodian of

the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud. A gunman armed with a Kalashnikov rifle and three Molotov bombs killed two Royal guards and wounded three others in an attack on a checkpoint at the western gate of Al-Salam Palace in Jeddah early on Saturday. The Cabinet denounced a terrorist blast in Manama, Bahrain, where a police officer was killed and several others were wounded, affirming solidarity with the Kingdom and expressing condolences to the martyr's family. Also, the Cabinet mourned the late Kurdish leader, Jalal Talabani, who passed away last week. The ministers eulogized the ex-president of Iraq and prayed for his soul. — KUNA



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## Iranian cargo ship runs aground without injuries

**KUWAIT:** An Iranian cargo ship sank near the Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad causeway, a cable-stayed bridge pending construction, but there were no reported casualties, Kuwaiti authorities said yesterday.

The Doha port-bound cargo ship coming from Iran was completely submerged but all six Iranian sailors onboard the vessel emerged unscathed, Kuwait's Fire Service Directorate public relations Director-General Lt Khalil Al-Amir noted. The sailors were saved and handed over to the Kuwaiti coastguard, he added. — KUNA



## Court rejects Abdali Cell defendants' petition

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** The court of cassation yesterday rejected a petition by the lawyers of the defendants in the Abdali Cell case to annul their imprisonment. Meanwhile, the court of appeal yesterday adjourned a case filed against 70 citizens over charges of breaking into the National Assembly, and set a hearing on Nov 27 to pass its verdict. Notably, the criminal court had acquitted all the defendants. Separately, the comprehensive court reviewed a case demanding that the government declare Hezbollah a terrorist organization. The government's attorneys attended the hearings and demanded dismissing the case on grounds that the demands put forward are part of the government's sovereign actions.

#### Fake certificates

Director of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) Dr Ahmad Al-Athari canceled the appointment of four recently-hired teaching staff members and referred them to the prosecution for using fake documents and certificates.

#### Land plots

The government will distribute 1,000 land plots to citizens who had applied to get land for industrial purposes by the first quarter of 2018, well-informed governmental sources said. "Kuwait has never distributed such a large number of industrial land plots since independence in 1961," the sources said, pointing out that the land plots would provide hundreds of job opportunities, as 25 workers would be registered per plot, in addition to creating



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more job opportunities for Kuwaiti youth in the private sector. The sources said the government will distribute gas stations to entrepreneurs next year and that every station will include 10 commercial activities operated by 5-10 workers per activity.

#### Services to entrepreneurs

Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Economic Development Hind Al-Sabeeh said the number of government bodies providing services to entrepreneurs at the Siddiq Center has increased to 12.

Speaking while touring the Siddiq Center for Small Projects along with Minister of Commerce and Industry and Acting Minister of State for Youth Affairs Khaled Al-Roudhan, Sabeeh highly praised the number of Kuwaiti volunteers who started the center.

Sabeeh said the center was developing daily to help young entrepreneurs start their own businesses. Responding to a question about monitoring small projects to prevent manipulating them, Sabeeh said control teams had so far found 25 small projects had been misused and that legal action will be taken against those responsible. Roudhan said that it was one of the government's goals to facilitate the business environment through teamwork and integration amongst various ministries.

#### Boeing lease

Well-informed sources said that Kuwait Airways (KAC) signed a deal with the Aviation Lease and Finance Company (ALAF-CO) in August to lease four Boeing aircrafts (B777-300ER) for 12 years effective from 2017 at a total value of \$753 million. The sources explained that the annual lease value per plane will be \$15.7 million, ie \$63 million annually for the four planes. Notably, ALAFCO had announced winning a bid offered by KAC to purchase four planes at a total value of \$1.3 billion to be leased by KAC after conducting several economic feasibility studies and after the board of directors decided leasing the planes instead of buying them to ensure profitability in the long run.

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