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AMIR CONDEMNS LONDON ATTACK

KUWAITIS 'SAFE'

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has expressed his condemnation of the terrorist attack on an underground train in southwest London. The denunciation was conveyed in two separate cables sent to Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Theresa May.

His Highness the Amir expresses his "condemnation and denunciation of this criminal act, which targeted the lives of innocent civilians, and runs contrary to all divine laws and human values," read an Amiri Diwan statement. The statement, which wished all of those injured a "speedy recovery," also reiterated Kuwait's firm stance in rejection of terrorism, and in support of international efforts to combat its scourge. His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah both sent similar cables.

Kuwait Embassy in Britain has affirmed that all Kuwaiti citizens in the British capital are safe. The Kuwaiti embassy, in a statement sent exclusively to Continued on Page 11



LONDON: A handout picture shows a white container burning inside a London Underground tube carriage at Parsons Green underground tube station. More than 20 passengers were injured, some suffering severe burns, in an early morning explosion on a London Underground train in what police described as a 'terrorist' incident. —AFP

LONDON: British police arrested an 18-year-old man in the port of Dover and raided a house in a small town outside London yesterday as they hunted for whoever planted a bomb on a commuter train that injured 30 people a day earlier. Prime Minister Theresa May put Britain on the highest security level of "critical" late on Friday, meaning another attack may be imminent, and deployed soldiers and armed police to strategic locations such as nuclear plants and defense sites.

In what authorities called a "very significant" development, officers arrested a man at about 7.50 am in Dover, from where passenger ferries sail to France. Five hours later, they raided a property in Sunbury, a commuter town southwest of London, and evacuated nearby premises as a precaution. Reuters photographs showed police cordons in a modest suburban street in Sunbury, in the county of Surrey, around 11 miles from Parsons Green where the bomb exploded.

"This is a very significant arrest. The police have made very good progress but the operation is ongoing," said Interior Minister Amber Rudd, adding that the threat level remained at "critical." "There is no doubt that this was a serious IED (improvised explosive device) and it was good fortune that it did so little damage." In what was the fifth major terrorism attack in Britain this year, the home-made bomb shot flames through a packed commuter train during the Friday morning rush hour in west London but apparently failed to detonate fully.

The militant group Islamic State claimed responsibility. According to media reports, the bomb was attached to a timer, unlike other recent blasts which have typically been suicide bombs. Pictures showed a slightly charred white plastic bucket with wires coming out of Continued on Page 11

KUWAIT TEAM FINDS 'RARE' MANUSCRIPTS

KUWAIT: In an unprecedented feat, a team from Kuwait University (KU) managed to discover rare manuscripts written in Arabic at Mount Athos in Greece. During an archeological mission to a number of monasteries and libraries on a location in northern Greece, the team—which included history Professors Dr Abdulhadi Al-Ajmi, Dr Mohammad Al-Marzouqi and Dr Hassan Badawi was able to unearth these documents at the historic mountain - which represents around 1,800 years of Christian history in the site.



Rare manuscripts written in Arabic found at Mount Athos in Greece. — KUNA

Speaking to KUNA, Dr Al-Ajmi said that the discovery at Mount Athos, an ancient sacred place chosen as one of UNESCO's World Heritage sites in 1988, was crucial to understand the history of Arabs and Muslims in the region. "Getting approval from the Greek authorities to study the site was not an easy task; however, we managed to do so and the reward was beyond great," revealed the Kuwaiti academic.

He pointed out that the documents traced their origins to advance points in the golden Islamic age. The manuscripts cover various subjects pertaining to daily events, scientific observa-

tions, religious affairs and more, stressed Dr Al-Ajmi who expressed confidence that some of the documents were never discovered before. He affirmed that the new discoveries will become an important reference point to those interested in what Arabs and Muslims had offered to Greece in the olden days. — KUNA

DUBAI INAUGURATES LARGEST SOLAR POWER PLANT PROJECT

MORSI SENTENCED

CAIRO: An Egyptian court yesterday sentenced ousted president Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood to 25 years in prison in a final ruling over a case accusing him of spying for Qatar, judicial sources said. Morsi, democratically elected after Egypt's 2011 revolution, was overthrown in mid-2013 by then-general Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, now the president, following mass protests against his rule. He was immediately arrested.

Egypt's Court of Cassation reduced Morsi's sentence in the Qatar case to 25 years in its final ruling, from an original 40 years. Morsi is already serving a 20-year sentence after being convicted for the killing of protesters during demonstrations in 2012. Since toppling Morsi, Sisi has clamped down on dissent. Mass trials have been held for thousands of Muslim Brotherhood supporters, and hundreds have received death sentences or lengthy prison terms.

In 2014, Egypt charged Morsi and nine others with endangering national security by leaking state secrets and sensitive documents to Qatar. Egypt's relations with Doha were already troubled by Qatar's backing of Morsi. Egypt is one of four Arab nations in a Saudi-led bloc that cut relations with the Gulf state on June 5, accusing it of backing militant groups and cooperating with their arch-foe Iran, allegations Doha denies. — Reuters

DUBAI: Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum yesterday inaugurated the largest single-site Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) project in the world, which will be built at a total cost of AED14.2 billion (equivalent of \$3.8

billion). In a statement by Dubai government, the CSP project, which represents the fourth phase of the Mohammad Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Solar Park, will generate 700-MW of clean energy to support Dubai's electricity grid.

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DUBAI: Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum inaugurates the largest single-site Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) project in the world. — KUNA

KURDISH MPs BACK REFERENDUM

ERBIL: The parliament of Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan region has approved a plan to hold a referendum on independence on Sept 25, ignoring opposition from Baghdad and the wider region as well as Western concerns that the vote could spark fresh conflict. Parliament reconvened in Erbil, the seat of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) in northern Iraq, where an overwhelming majority of the Kurdish lawmakers taking part backed the plan.

Hours after the decision, the White House publicly called for the first time on the KRG to cancel the referendum, warning that the vote was "distracting from efforts to defeat ISIS (Islamic State) and stabilize the liberated areas." "The United States does not support the Kurdistan Regional Government's intention to hold a referendum later this month," the White House said in a statement. It urged the KRG to "enter into serious and sustained dialogue with Baghdad, which the United States has repeatedly indicated it is prepared to facilitate."

The regional parliament's decision came despite an intense diplomatic drive by the

United States, which has provided critical military aid to the KRG's fight against Islamic State, to persuade the Kurdish leadership to cancel the referendum. The parliament session was the first held since the legislature was suspended nearly two years ago, though only 68 of 111 lawmakers attended due to a boycott by the main opposition movement Gorran.

"We've been waiting more than 100 years for this," Omed Khoshnaw, a lawmaker from the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) of KRG President Massoud Barzani said. "There is no other way to guarantee that genocide will never be repeated," Khoshnaw told the Assembly earlier, referring to the persecution of the Kurds and their expulsion from areas such as oil-rich Kirkuk under late Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

Some lawmakers wore Kurdish flags and rose to clap and sing the national anthem after the vote. The Baghdad parliament's decision earlier this week to oppose the referendum drew condemnation from deputies in Erbil. "We refuse to accept the Iraqi parliament's decision,

which was unlawful," Muna Qahwachi, a Turkman lawmaker said. Qahwachi said she had voted in favor of the referendum because she said Turkmen were protected in Kurdistan, unlike in the rest of Iraq.

Pressure rebuffed

Earlier, Barzani shrugged off requests from the United States and other Western powers to put off the referendum. They fear increased tensions between Baghdad and Erbil will distract from the war on Islamic State militants who still occupy parts of Iraq and Syria. "We still haven't heard a proposal that can be an alternative to the Kurdistan referendum," Barzani told a rally in the Kurdish region, referring to a proposal put forward by the United States and other Western envoys this week. Iraq's neighbors Iran and Turkey also oppose the plebiscite, fearing an independent Kurdish state could fuel separatism among their own Kurdish populations.

The opposition Gorran movement boycotted Friday's parliamentary session, the first Continued on Page 11



ERBIL: Syrian Kurds take part in a rally in the northeastern Syrian city of Qamishli in support of an independence referendum. — AFP