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Ministers briefed on efforts to issue UNSC Resolution on Syria

Cabinet holds post-national days session

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah briefed his fellow ministers about results of his recent visit to the United States of America, where he attended the United Nations Security Council sessions, currently presided by the State of Kuwait. This came during the Cabinet's weekly session held yesterday at Bayan Palace, under chairmanship of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

These sessions addressed the humanitarian situation in Syria and the efforts that had been exerted for passing the UNSC Resolution for ending the bitter humanitarian hardships in Syria by unanimity. The resolution called for ceasing violent acts by all parties and dispatch of humanitarian aid to the besieged and the needy.

The ministers expressed gratitude to the UNSC member states for their keenness on releasing the significant resolution to alleviate the humanitarian hardships, suffered by the brotherly Syrian people, expressing hope that it would be implemented for sake of halting bloodshedding suffered by the Syrian people. The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister briefed the executives about his meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on sidelines of the UNSC sessions, noting that president Abbas praised the State of Kuwait's unwavering stand in supporting the Palestinian's just cause, their struggle to end the Israeli occupation and attain their legitimate rights, namely establishing the independent state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Sheikh Sabah Khaled affirmed that the balanced Kuwaiti diplomacy, guided by His Highness the Amir, was complementary to the regional and international efforts to resolve humanitarian causes and fulfil all tasks needed for serving the international community and the causes of global peace, security and stability.

Allotments' files

The ministers examined the file of allotments for the state departments, in light of the cabinet decision on 24/7/2017, tasking the Audit Bureau to examine all the allocated funds for these departments in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The cabinet had asked the bureau to check whether there were any irregularities concerning these allocations.

Finance Minister Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf briefed the ministers about the difficulties that had been outlined by the Audit Bureau in its efforts to draw up the required report in this respect. This had prompted the ministerial committee for economic affairs to form a panel comprising officials from the cabinet general secretariat, the ministry of finance and the legislation department to back up the bureau "to overcome such difficulties so that the diwan may be able to proceed with its task of preparing the required report and resolve this issue fundamentally."

National celebrations

Following the session, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh stat-



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chairs the cabinet's weekly meeting yesterday. — KUNA

ed that the ministers, on the 57th National Day and the 27th Liberation Day, expressed gratitude to all departments that had taken part in organizing festivities marking the national occasions.

They deeply appreciated sincere sentiments of solidarity, expressed by citizens of GCC and friendly countries who also took part in the celebrations, thus

depicting the admired status enjoyed by the State of Kuwait among these countries. The ministers expressed good wishes for Kuwait, His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince on these occasions. The ministers examined various other local issues and congratulated the Moroccan monarch on a recent successful surgery. — KUNA

KRCS delivers aid to Syrians besieged in East Ghouta

KUWAIT: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) has delivered food parcels to besieged Syrians in East Ghouta, KRCS Secretary General Maha Al-Barjas said yesterday. The ongoing Kuwaiti relief operation, carried out in coordination with the Turkish Relief Association, will be expanded to secure other necessities such as medical aid for the civilians in the encircled region located on outskirts of the Syrian capital Damascus, she said in a press statement.

The humanitarian supplies have been secured with donations from Kuwaiti citizens and non-Kuwaitis living in the country, who have been generously contributing the society efforts to relieve the stricken Syrians. Donors, citizens and expatriates, can deliver their contributions during day and night times at the KRCS headquarters and via its internet website.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's voluntary team 'Shefaa' concluded a four-day voluntary mission to Jordan where it offered medical treatment to hundreds of Syrian refugees in the Kingdom. This 15th trip undertaken by the team coincided with Kuwait's National Days and witnessed a "new humanitarian achievement," namely offering treatment to 910 Syrians in the Kingdom, among them many children, women and old people, team member Dr Bashar Al-Hashash said.

The trip covered the camps of Al-Zaatari and Al-Azraq close to the Syrian borders as well as other areas randomly occupied by the Syrian refugees, Al-Hashash added. The team has also performed eight surgeries in one of Amman's hospitals, besides donating \$15,000 and medications to support some clinics. Moreover, the team offered cash aid to 450 refugee families with chronic-disease patients. Hashash highly appreciated the Kuwaiti Zakat House and benefactors for their support. He also thanked the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry and the embassy in the Jordanian capital for streamlining the trip. — KUNA



AMMAN: Doctors from a Kuwaiti voluntary team who offered medical services to Syrian refugees in Jordan. — KUNA photos



This handout photo released by the Kuwait Red Crescent Society shows a KRCS worker delivering a food parcel to a man in the besieged East Ghouta neighborhood of Damascus, Syria.

Kuwait discusses with Sudan bringing in more workers

KHARTOUM: Kuwait's Minister of Social Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh held talks yesterday with Sudanese Minister of Labor and Administrative Reform Dr Ahmed Babiker Nahar on a prospected accord for cooperation in various realms. Sabeeh, also Minister of Labor and Minister of State for Economic Affairs, discussed with her host prospects of increasing number of Sudanese workers in Kuwait, in addition to swapping expertise between the two states, Kuwait's Embassy in Khartoum said in a press statement. The meeting was attended by the State of Kuwait Ambassador Bassam Al-Qabandi and Acting Director-General of Kuwait's Public Authority for Manpower Abdullah Al-Mutawteh. Sabeeh arrived in Khartoum late on Tuesday on a three-day official visit. — KUNA



KHARTOUM: Kuwait's Minister of Social Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh meets with Sudanese Minister of Labor and Administrative Reform Dr Ahmed Babiker Nahar. — KUNA

Interior Minister holds talks with foreign envoys

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah held separate talks yesterday with a host of foreign envoys to Kuwait. Receiving the US Ambassador Lawrence Silverman, Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah underlined the deep-rooted bilateral ties, saying both sides share views on major regional and international

issues, a ministry statement said. Silverman, meanwhile, appreciated Kuwait's support to peace and stability in the region.

The minister's meeting with the French Ambassador Marie Masdupuy reviewed a host of issues of mutual concern to the two nations, focusing on security. Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah also received the Egyptian ambassador Tareq Al-Qouni and an accompanying delegation, and reiterated progress in bilateral ties in all fields. The minister's meetings with the Turkish and Algerian Ambassadors, Ayse Koytak and Abdulhamid Abdawi discussed several issues of common concern. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah meets with US Ambassador Lawrence Silverman. — KUNA photos



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