

Local

Construction companies allowed to build interim labor houses outside suburban areas

Housing for companies with govt contracts and over 1,000 workers



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

KUWAIT: The government assigned Kuwait Municipality to coordinate with the Finance Ministry and the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) to establish temporary housing units for workers of companies which execute projects outside suburban areas. It also allowed companies with government contracts to provide housing if they have over 1,000 workers. During its weekly meeting on Monday, the Cabinet also assigned authorities concerned to plant trees with the aim of blocking dust from reaching Sabah Al-Ahmad and Al-Khairan residential areas, as well as highways. Furthermore, the government assigned Kuwait Municipality to study establishment of storage areas in different areas in the country to end storage in basements of private houses and apartment buildings.

the Cabinet about the outcome of a recent visit by Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, dealing with boosting regional stability and maintaining free navigation in Arabian Gulf. Sheikh Sabah Al-

Al-Saleh said in a statement. Minister Saleh briefed the Cabinet about his participation in a ceremony in Khartoum where the transitional military council and opposition signed a power-sharing agreement. The Cabinet, meanwhile, expressed gratitude for Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz for the great efforts that contributed to a successful Hajj season. In addition, the Cabinet eulogized Fahad Abdullah Al-Hawasi, former Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, who passed away recently.

supports it in all measures taken to protect and maintain its security and stability. The Council of Ministers also condemned the arbitrary security practices imposed by the Israeli occupation authorities and the storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque outside areas, including attacking worshippers after Eid Al-Adha prayers on August 11. The Cabinet called for an end to such abusive practices and encroachment on religious sanctities, affirming on the Palestinian people's right to dignity, freedom and sovereignty over their land and sanctities.

Afterward, the Cabinet expressed its deepest condolences to the People's Republic of China after Typhoon Lekima, which hit several areas in eastern China recently and resulted in a number of injuries. Meanwhile, the Cabinet condemned the terrorist bombing that targeted a wedding ceremony in the Afghan capital, Kabul, yesterday, which resulted in a large number of fatalities and injuries. The Cabinet condemned the recent terrorist bombing of a mosque near the city of Quetta, Pakistan, affirming on Kuwait's stance against violence and terrorism. — KUNA



Cabinet briefed on Iranian FM's talks in Kuwait

Iranian FM's talks

Earlier during the meeting chaired by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah briefed

Khaled also said Zarif and the Kuwaiti officials discussed security situation in the area, political developments at the regional and international levels, Deputy Premier and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas

Terrorist attack

In the meantime, the Cabinet strongly condemned the terrorist drone attack, carried out recently by Houthi militia on Shaybah Oil Field in southwestern Saudi Arabia. It said that the attack targeted the security and stability of the Kingdom and the global energy supplies, calling on the international community to take the necessary measures to stop these criminal acts and to avoid further tension and instability in the region. The State of Kuwait stands fully with Saudi Arabia and

KCCI issues 116 measures against violating companies

KUWAIT: Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) issued 116 precautionary measures against violating companies, the department of anti-money laundering and counterterrorism said in a statement. The measures include written warnings for 23 real estate companies, three money exchange companies, 11 jewelry companies and two insurance companies. The ministry issued an order to 47 real estate companies, six money exchange, 18 insurance companies forcing them to abide by the law (106/2013) issued last July. It also issued another order for two real estate companies, a money exchange company, and two insurance companies to provide the ministry with reports.



Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry

In other news, Kuwait's Anti-Corruption Authority set up a higher committee in efforts to push forward a national strategy to root out corruption nationwide. The committee comprises 21 members from across government institutions tasked with drawing up initiatives for tougher anti-corruption measures, according to Luay Al-Saleh, a member of the anti-corruption watchdog's Board of Trustees. Kuwait's anti-corruption body is in the process of putting together similar teams to make sure that the country's anti-corruption strategy ultimately comes to fruition, added the official. He went on to say that the success of the strategy is crucial to improve Kuwait's

ranking on the global corruption index, which can only occur with collective effort and cooperation on the part of government bodies. —KUNA

Inflation in Kuwait up 1.15 percent in July

KUWAIT: Inflation rates on annual basis in Kuwait rose by 1.15 percent in July, compared to the same month in 2018, according to the Central Statistical Office (CSO). Inflation rate on a monthly basis rose 0.26 percent in June compared to June in 2018. CSO said in a

report released yesterday. Food prices increased 1.01 percent in July, while tobacco and cigarettes climbed one percent. Moreover, clothing went up 1.71 percent and domestic services dropped 0.78 percent. Meanwhile, home furniture and maintenance rose 1.88 percent, health group went up 2.16 percent and transportation moved up 4.68 percent. CSO also noted that telecommunication rose 4.79 percent, culture and entertainment went up 3.89 percent and education grew 2.43 percent. Restaurants and hotels group saw a rise of 1.32 percent, while other commodities and services also went up by 0.56 percent. — KUNA



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