



Amir accepts resignation of Cabinet after election

By B Izzak

KUWAIT: HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday accepted the resignation of the Cabinet, a constitutional requirement after the general elections, but asked it to continue in a caretaker role until a new Cabinet is formed. The Amir also issued a decree setting Dec 15 as the day for the inaugural session of the new National Assembly that saw Kuwaiti voters vent their anger against a majority of outgoing MPs, sending home 25 out of 44 lawmakers who bid for re-election.

The new Cabinet must be formed before the Assembly meeting. HH the Amir can reappoint Prime Minister HH Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah to form the Cabinet or ask someone else. The opposition lost a number of its veteran leaders but still managed to make small gains. But it all depends on whether various opposition groups and individuals reach consensus on various issues.

Their most immediate task is to push for a change in the speakership by electing someone to replace Marzouq Al-Ghanem, in the post for the past seven years, and who is at odds with the opposition. Ghanem won impressively, coming first in the second constituency. He told his supporters that his strong showing is a response against his foes. Ghanem is facing a major challenge to remove him from the speaker's seat, and needs solid government backing to win again.

Former Cabinet minister Bader Al-Humaidhi, who won a seat for the second constituency, said on Twitter that he has decided to contest the speaker's post amid rumors that he was expected to get support from the government. These reports could not be confirmed independently.

Opposition leader Bader Al-Dahoum, who ended an eight-year boycott of elections, won a seat in the fifth constituency in emphatic fashion.

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Winners of the 2020 National Assembly elections



Hassan Jowhar



Yusuf Al-Ghurayyeb



Ahmad Al-Shuhoomi



Hamad Rouhuddin



Essa Al-Kandari



Ali Al-Qattan



Adnan Abdulsamad



Abdullah Al-Turajji



Abdullah Al-Mudhaf



Osama Al-Shaheen



Marzouq Al-Ghanem



Mohammad Al-Mutair



Khalil Al-Saleh



Hamad Al-Matar



Salman Al-Azmi



Khaled Al-Enezi



Bader Al-Humaidhi



Bader Al-Mulla



Hamad Al-Harshani



Ahmad Al-Hamad



Abdulkareem Al-Kandari



Osama Al-Munawer



Muhannad Al-Sayer



Hesham Al-Saleh



Abdulaziz Al-Saqabi



Yusuf Al-Fadhalah



Mubarak Al-Mutairi



Saadoun Hammad



Fares Al-Otaibi



Muhalhal Al-Mudhaf



Shuaib Al-Muwaizri



Fayez Al-Mutairi



Musaad Al-Mutairi



Mohammad Al-Rajhi



Saud Al-Mutairi



Thamer Al-Dhefeeri



Marzouq Al-Khalifa



Farz Al-Daihani



Saad Al-Khanfour



Mubarak Al-Hajraf



Hamdan Al-Azmi



Bader Al-Dahoum



Mubarak Al-Ajmi



Al-Saifi Al-Saifi



Khaled Al-Otaibi



Humoud Al-Azmi



Saleh Al-Mutairi



Nasser Al-Dossari



Mohammad Al-Huwaila



Ahmad Al-Azmi

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What a shame!



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The National Assembly elections took place on Saturday in Kuwait despite the coronavirus and the rain. We walked to polling stations to make our voices heard, to serve our country. As for me, I walked twice guys, because at first I mistakenly took the old brown-colored nationality card and queued for an hour before realizing that I had brought the wrong one. Back to the house, queued again and finally cast my vote. I was delighted and encouraged to see so many women - young, old, modern, with hijab, without hijab - dedicated to queuing and casting their votes.

Then I woke up yesterday morning to the terrible news that not even a single woman made it to the Abdullah Al-Salem hall. Is this fair? Is this right? And whose fault is it? I don't blame the men, honestly speaking. I put the blame directly on our shoulders. I call it a betrayal - self-betrayal.

Women form the majority of the electorate. We comprise 51.7 percent of voters and yet we couldn't choose one woman candidate in each area? Debating with some of my friends over this issue, I was shocked by their opinion. They said none of the female candidates who ran deserved to win a seat. Excuse me?! All the men who won seats deserve it, really?

Don't we need at least one female voice among all the men to represent our concerns? What a shame!

To men, the parliament now looks like a men's club. Unfortunately, Kuwait was one of the pioneers in women's leadership. Our women are better educated, are well-traveled and are business leaders. Many of our women are doctors, engineers, architects and entrepreneurs. Our civil service is full of women working in every level and every field, and they have proven themselves.

I don't want to say better than men and sound like I'm discriminating. But women in Kuwait are doing very well in every field and industry. Even in the dark days of the invasion, women proved themselves to be powerful, perseverant and capable.

Not one of Kuwait's women deserved a seat in parliament? Do we need to follow other countries that set quotas for women in every constituency? Maybe that is what it will take.