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Kuwait says emphatically rejects recurring terrorist attacks on Saudi

Interior Minister urges more GCC cooperation on combating cybercrime



MANAMA: Interior Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries pose for a group photo during their meeting in Manama, Bahrain yesterday. — KUNA photos



The 38th meeting of the GCC ministers of interior in progress.

MANAMA: The visiting Kuwaiti Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah yesterday affirmed the State of Kuwait's categorical rejection of the recurring terrorist attacks on the sisterly Saudi Arabia, targeting civilians and key installations of the kingdom. Addressing the 38th meeting of the GCC ministers of interior, Sheikh Thamer stressed on siding with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regarding all measures it may take to protect its citizens and territories on grounds that "security of the Gulf is inseparable." He affirmed that these recurring attacks on the Saudi vital and oil sites, designed to target the world energy supplies, war-



Kuwait's Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah speaks during the meeting.



GCC Secretary General Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf addresses the gathering.

namely the terrorist attacks with missiles and drones on Saudi Arabia. Speaking at the start of the session, the minister said he and his peers would address issues such as cyber-attacks, guided media and violent extremism. He decried the recurring terrorist attacks targeting the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, reaffirming that Manama supports any measures Riyadh might take in the face of these attacks.

Meanwhile, GCC Secretary General Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf said in a statement that the conferees praised special concern for the joint Gulf security action by the GCC countries' top leaders, adding that during the meeting, the ministers affirmed solidarity with Saudi Arabia and their full support for Riyadh for sake of safeguarding its security, stability and safety. Hajraf added that the ministers applauded a memorandum of understanding between Bahrain and the UAE, inked on margins of the meeting, for cooperation in electronic space and combating cybercrime. Moreover, they valued Manama's approach to establish correction centers and open prisons.

Furthermore, the ministers affirmed necessity of intensifying collective efforts to safeguard the GCC community from narcotics, noting the need for boosting rehabilitation programs and cooperation between public and private institutions in this respect. Furthermore, they stressed on the necessity of intensifying coordination among the security apparatuses to face organized crime and terrorism that target the council member countries. Elaborating, the GCC chief said the ministers during the session examined current preparations for carrying out the joint mobilization drill for the GCC security apparatuses, due in Saudi Arabia in January. — KUNA

“ We cannot be complacent in fight against drugs ”

rant training programs to repulse such offensives. He expressed gratitude to the Kingdom of Bahrain for hosting the meeting that coincided with the 40th anniversary of the GCC. He also indicated that meeting was designed to examine security challenges facing the GCC countries in the shadow of rapid regional events.

"We have taken strides on the path of cooperation and exchange of expertise and we have made great success for upgrading our security apparatuses, thus this cooperation must be bolstered further for sake of confronting all the dangers and

challenges depending on the common destiny of our countries," the Kuwaiti minister noted. He called on the GCC countries to be vigilant in the face of forthcoming serious challenges, warning against that the thoughts of deviation promoted by the terrorists, noting that the terrorist groups have been exploiting social media to affect the youth and promote radical thoughts.

The Kuwaiti Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer, addressing his peers, noted that increasing dependence on the digital world globally coincided with an increase in cybercrimes; thus there must be collaborated efforts to attain cyber security and create a secure space environment, as basis for development — currently. "We cannot be complacent with respect of the scourge of narcotics," he stressed

further, affirming the approach to continue resisting the aggressive bids by narcotics' dealers "who target our potentials and youth," he said, noting the need to upgrade the means of resisting the drugs' dealing, manufacturing and smuggling, by means of information exchange, in addition to combating money laundering and counterfeiting of foreign currencies. He indicated that the coronavirus crisis added to the burden suffered by the security apparatuses in the GCC countries.

Regional security

Bahraini Minister of Interior Sheikh Rashed bin Abdullah said meanwhile that the 38th GCC interior ministers' meeting aimed at examining latest regional security developments and challenges



MANAMA: Kuwaiti Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah meets Saudi Interior Minister Amir Abdulaziz bin Saud. — KUNA photos



Kuwaiti Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah meets GCC Secretary General Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf.

Interior Minister discussed security coordination with GCC counterparts

MANAMA: Kuwaiti Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah discussed with Saudi Interior Minister Amir Abdulaziz bin Saud, and Omani Minister of Interior Hamoud Al-Busaidi, ways to boost cooperation, and joint security coordination.

Sheikh Thamer met with Saudi and Omani counterparts individually on the sideline of 38th GCC Interior Ministers meeting hosted by Bahrain, the interior ministry's security media and public relations department said in a statement. The statement added that Sheikh Thamer also met with Qatari Interior Ministry Undersecretary Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Faisal Al-Thani and discussed issues of common interest, as well as ways to boost joint security. Moreover, Sheikh discussed issues of common interest with GCC Secretary General Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf, during a meeting held on the sidelines of the GCC interior ministers' meeting. During the meeting, they discussed issues of common interest and looked into enhancing joint Gulf security coordination. —KUNA

Police probe Saad Al-Abdullah man's death

KUWAIT: Kuwait police opened an investigation in a man's death after his body was found inside a house in Saad Al-Abdullah, the interior ministry said yesterday. Firemen had arrived at the scene in response to an emergency call and broke into the man's room, where they found him dead. The body was taken to the coroner for an autopsy to reveal the cause of death, the ministry said, noting that investigations are ongoing in the case.

Meanwhile, a suicide probe was opened into the death of a man who allegedly hanged himself inside a holding cell at the interior ministry's ruling imple-

mentation department's building. A similar investigation was also opened in the death of a man who allegedly committed suicide by hanging in the garden of his Omariya house. In the meantime, a third case was reported in Salmiya where a man fell to his death from the fifth floor of a building in the area, and police are investigating the case as a suicide, according to local reports.

In other news, the residency affairs department deported 2,221 residency violators from October 1 to November 11, the interior ministry announced. Detectives also raided 22 fake domestic help offices and arrested 106 residents who were reported absconding. Meanwhile, traffic officers arrested 187 juveniles for driving without a license during crackdowns on November 6-12, the ministry said. Police also issued 24,358 citations during the campaign, while 80 violators were detained in the traffic department's holding cell. A total of 32 vehicles were impounded during the same period.

NBK launches safe camping campaign in collaboration with KFF

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) in collaboration with Kuwait Fire Force launches awareness safety campaign during the camping season. NBK volunteers along with the Kuwait Fire Force team will visit camping sites throughout the season, to provide campers with a safety camping that includes a fire extinguisher, fire alarm and first aid support ensuring that camps adhere to regulations for safety and waste removal.

"The campaign targets limiting the fire incidents in

spring camping sites," said Talal Al-Turki, NBK Public Relations Senior Manager. "The campaign is divided into phases. NBK volunteers and Fire Force team will visit campsites to distribute the safety kits. Representatives from Kuwait Fire Force will also speak with campers and provide them with safety and security tips. On the other hand, NBK social media channels will be posting tips and videos on safety camping tips."

"NBK aims to help keep the environment clean and people safe this camping season. The camp site visits aim to urge campers to enhance their security as well as environmental awareness about precautions to be used to prevent campfires and maintain cleanliness," he added. Turki praised the Fire force efforts and the influential role they play in raising to avoid accidents during camping.



KUWAIT: Representatives from the Public Relations and Media Department of Kuwait Fire Force Lt Col Rashed Al-Helfi and Major Yaser Al-Haje are seen during their visit to NBK.

KFF participates in Watan exercise in Qatar

DOHA: The Kuwaiti Fire Force (KFF) is participating with several firefighters and marine rescuers in the three-days Watan exercise which is held in Qatar this week. The head of the External

Relations and Ceremonies Department at KFF Lt Col Abdullah Al-Saleem said that this participation aims to exchange experience between the KFF and the Qatar Interior ministry and enhance bilateral cooperation. The exercise is organized from the 30th of November to the 18th of December to confirm the security readiness of Qatar in hosting the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. The Watan exercise will be conducted with the participation of Qatar's military, civil, organizational and service authorities in addition to 13 brotherly and friendly countries. —KUNA

