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Crown Prince holds traditional consultations to form Cabinet



KUWAIT: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem, His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, as part of traditional consultations to form the Cabinet. — KUNA

Sheraton Kuwait Hotels extend gratitude to frontliners



KUWAIT: Mounir Amer, General Manager of Four Points Hotel Kuwait and Mazen Mhanna, the Deputy General Manager of Sheraton Kuwait Hotel present a certificate of appreciation to Dr Awatef Al Shammeri, Head of the Tuberculosis Control Unit.

KUWAIT: As part of the annual Marriott International Global Customer Appreciation Week 2021 "Spirit to Serve" initiative, the management and the team of Sheraton Kuwait and Four Points by Sheraton Kuwait organized a visit to the Tuberculosis Control Center. It came as a step to extend the gratitude to the frontliners for their unrelenting service to combat the pandemic and provide safety for the people of Kuwait. A nod to the dedication and sacrifice they showed to perform their duty to ensure the health and safety measures are carried out.

Mounir Amer, General Manager of Four Points Hotel Kuwait and Mazen Mhanna, the Deputy General Manager of Sheraton Kuwait Hotel were received by Dr Awatef Al Shammeri, Head of the Tuberculosis Control Unit. They discussed the challenges and achievements during the pandemic with real-time data on the infection rates, vaccination updates and their strategy to put an end to this pandemic. The management and team reiterated their gratitude and salute to all their efforts in making Kuwait a safe place.

Kuwait, FAO discuss food security

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Director General of the Public Authority of Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Mohammad Al-Yousef Al-Sabah discussed with a FAO delegation issues related to food security, proposed programs to boost it and ways to overcome obstacles hindering to attain it. This came in a press statement yesterday, after Sheikh Mohammad Al-Yousef received Assistant Director General and Regional Representative for the Near East and North Africa of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Dr Abdulhakeem Al-Waer and

his delegation. The meeting, attended by a team of senior officials of the authority, dealt with Kuwait's preparations for the success of the experts' tasks, as they'll make field visits inside Kuwait including plant and animal wealth farms during the coming period. They will also examine work sites to check the latest developments and provide the necessary data for the joint programs between the two parties, for the development of the agricultural, livestock and fisheries sector in the country. They also discussed and coordinated a memorandum of understanding regarding the organization's permanent office in Kuwait. The delegation praised Kuwait for its full support for the organization's programs, plans and policies, which primarily aim at sustainable agricultural development in all countries, especially Arab ones. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Director General of the Public Authority of Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Mohammad Al-Yousef Al-Sabah meets the FAO delegation, led by Dr Abdulhakeem Al-Waer. — KUNA

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Al-Salem Al-Sabah, senior military leaders and families of the martyrs. The ministers extended their solace to the martyrs' families, uttering prayers for the souls of the deceased - hailing the prisoners and the missing citizens who sacrificed themselves for Kuwait. Head of the prisoners and missing committee at the Foreign Ministry Rabie Al-Adsani affirmed that the remains of the 19 martyrs had been identified through DNA examinations by the

department of criminal evidence.

Names of the latest batch of the martyrs who have been just laid to rest are: Badr Mubarak Hamed Dhiab Al-Bra'isee, Saeed Awad Ayed Al-Rashidi, Saud Nayef Jazza' Al-Daihani, Mekhled Jbairan Sharid Al-Daihani, Walid Mekhled Hamed Dhiab Al-Bra'isee, Nayef Mehmel Dhaifallah Al-Mutairi, Fawaz Btaihah Dghaim Al-Mutairi, Moussa Sattar Jaber Khalaf Al-Enezi, Nayef Awad Ayed Al-Rashidi, Khaled Duaij Abdullah Khalifa Al-Khaldi, Saad Mansour Mohsen Al-Ajmi, Bader Met'eb Obaid Rashed Al-Mutairi, Fares Abdulrahman Fares Al-Mutairi, Nayef Khalaf Huwaider, Salah Hussein Sayed Al-Enezi, Mohammad Humoud Obaid Sulaiman Al-Hola, Mohammad Abdulatif Abdulaziz Al-Khraz, Fares Mohammad Deham Jahem Al-Enezi and Hussein Ali Jassem Al-Shemhari. — KUNA

Omdurman, as well as in the eastern state of Kassala, the restive eastern coastal city of Port Sudan and the northern city of Atbara, according to witnesses.

History of coups

The return of Hamdok, a British-educated economist who has worked for the United Nations and African organizations, has been a key demand of international community. "The agreement will be officially announced later today, after the signing of its terms and the accompanying political declaration," the statement said. Mediators said the deal was reached following talks among political factions, ex-rebel groups and military figures.

Sudan, which is mired in a dire economic crisis, has a long history of military coups, having enjoyed only rare interludes of democratic rule since independence in 1956. Burhan, who served under Bashir's three-decades long rule, become Sudan's de facto leader after the army ousted and jailed the president in 2019. The veteran general headed the Sovereign Council of military and civilian figures, with Hamdok as prime minister leading the cabinet.

But deepening splits and long-simmering tensions between the military and civilians marred the transition, and last month Burhan led the army takeover. Burhan has insisted that the military's move "was not a coup" but a step "to rectify the transition". Earlier this month, he announced a new ruling council in which he kept his position as head, along with a powerful paramilitary commander, three senior military figures, three ex-rebel leaders and one civilian. But the other four civilian members were replaced with lesser known figures. — AFP

Militant opens fire in Jerusalem; 2 die

JERUSALEM: A militant of the Palestinian Islamist Hamas movement opened fire yesterday in Jerusalem's Old City, killing one person and wounding three before he was shot dead, Zionist officials, police and medics said. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett ordered security to be boosted and called for people to be on "heightened alert" over the risk of further attacks.

The wounded, who included two civilians and two police officers, were rushed to Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital. One of them, a man in his 30s, died of his injuries, medical sources said without giving further details. "This morning there was a serious shooting attack in the Old City of Jerusalem," Bennett said in a statement. "At the moment we have one dead and three wounded. Two policewomen and one policeman quickly neutralized the terrorist."

Police said the attacker had fired a "Carlo-type weapon", a type of submachine gun. The Old City is in the Zionist-annexed eastern part of Jerusalem, which Palestinians claim as the capital of their future state. Zionists captured east Jerusalem in the 1967 Six-Day War and later annexed it, in a move not recognized by most of the international community. After the shooting, dozens of police officers deployed on the narrow streets of the historic

walled city, as workers hosed down large pools of blood from the cobblestones, said an AFP reporter. The body of the attacker, who died at scene, was carried away on a stretcher.

'Premeditated' attack

Zionist Public Security Minister Omer Bar-Lev said the attacker was a Palestinian living in the Shuafat neighborhood in east Jerusalem. "He was a member of Hamas, the political branch not the armed wing," Bar-Lev told Kan television channel, saying he had been wearing long robes to hide his weapon. "It appears he was wearing a large galabiya (robe) or that he had disguised himself as an Orthodox Jew," Bar-Lev said, adding the gunman's wife had travelled abroad three days ago, while his son was also out of the country.

"It seems that this attack is premeditated," Bar-Lev said. Hamas, in power in the Gaza Strip, congratulated the gunman and hailed the "continuation" of the fight to "liberate" Jerusalem, but without specifically claiming the attack. It comes six months to the day since the end of an 11-day war in Gaza with Zionists in May.

On Friday, Britain said it intended to follow the United States and European Union in placing an outright ban on Hamas as a terror group, saying it was not possible to distinguish between the Islamists' political and military wing. Attacks targeting security forces are common in the Old City as well as in the occupied West Bank. They are often carried out by individual young Palestinian men in so-called lone-wolf attacks. — AFP



JERUSALEM: Municipality workers hose-off blood from the scene of a shooting in the old city of Jerusalem yesterday. — AFP

Sudanese PM to return to...

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A group of Sudanese mediators including politicians, academics and journalists who have been locked in crisis talks in recent weeks, released a statement outlining the main points of the deal. It included the restoration of Hamdok as prime minister, the release of all detainees and what it said was the resumption of the constitutional, legal and political consensus governing the transitional period.

However, the main civilian bloc which spearheaded the anti-Bashir protests and signed a 2019 power-sharing deal with the military rejected yesterday's agreement. "We affirm our clear and previously declared position that there is no negotiation, no partnership, no legitimacy for the coup," said the mainstream faction of the Forces for Freedom and Change in a statement.

The deal announcement came as pro-democracy activists launched the latest in a wave of mass protests to denounce the coup and the ensuing crackdown, in which medics say 16 people were killed last Wednesday alone.

Police deny firing live ammunition and insist they have used "minimum force" to disperse the protests. They have recorded only one death, among demonstrators in North Khartoum. Yesterday, hundreds of protesters also gathered in Khartoum's twin city