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# Kuwait government quits 3 months after formation

## Assembly speaker says no session today



KUWAIT: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah reads a Cabinet resignation letter during a meeting with His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah at Bayan Palace on Tuesday.— KUNA

By B Izzak

KUWAIT: Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah yesterday submitted his government resignation to the Crown Prince. Assembly speaker Marzouk Al-Ghanem said he had been informed of the resignation which is now in the hands of the political leadership. He said a scheduled Assembly session to vote on a non-cooperation motion will not be held after the resignation.

The resignation came after three opposition MPs grilled the premier last week, accusing him of failing to check rife corruption. Sheikh Sabah categorically denied the allegations. Following the grilling debate, 10 opposition MPs filed a non-cooperation motion against the prime minister. As a result, the prime minister decided to resign along with the cabinet members. A decision on the resignation is expected to be issued soon by the Amir, Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

The Amir has two options under the law: either accepts the resignation and appoints a new prime minister to form the next cabinet, or, he can dissolve the National Assembly and call for snap polls. Sheikh Sabah quit after just over two years in office as head of the government. During his tenure, he formed four cabinets, reflecting ongoing political disputes between the assembly and the government. The last cabinet survived for just 100 days.

Ramadan Kareem

## Charity 'Sadaqah' in different forms

By Hassan T Bwambale

It is important to note that Sadaqah, or charity, is not related to money only. There are various types of Sadaqah. The term 'sadaqah' stems from the Arabic root word 'sidq,' which means sincerity, loyalty, faithfulness, truthfulness, righteousness, etc. By giving Sadaqah (voluntary charity) or Zakah (obligatory charity) from the wealth that you treasure, you are proving your sincere love and faith in the Provider, Allah. Sidq also means "to speak the truth," "to be sincere," and "to fulfill one's promise."

All of these aspects of honorable behavior indicate the link between generosity and a healthy society. Islam teaches us all beautiful and beneficial things through the Noble Quran and Sunnah (sayings, acts and approvals of Prophet - PBUH), and giving charity is one of them. Charity is one's way to show compassion towards the poor and the needy. It acts as a reminder to try fulfilling the needs of others for the sake of the Infinitely Generous, Allah.

The Almighty Allah says what can be translated as: "The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed (of grain) which grows into seven spikes; each spike bearing a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies (His reward) for whomever He wills. And Allah is All-Encompassing and Infinitely Knowing." (Al-Baqarah 2:261)

Note that the greater the sincerity, the efficacy with which you give charity, and the intensity of the intention to spend for Allah's sake, the greater will be your reward. It is not difficult at all for God, Who blesses a grain so that out of it seven hundred grains grow, to allow one's charity to grow in like manner so that the unit of money one spends will return seven hundred fold and even more. (Refer to www.quran7m.com)

Charity in Ramadan: The auspicious month of Ramadan is the month when Muslims give more charity and/or contribute to charity work and donations for the less fortunate expecting abundant rewards from the Infinitely Generous, Allah, sympathizing and empathizing with the poor and the needy, and facilitating the efforts of the less advantaged to worship their Creator.

Abdullah bin Abbas narrated that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was the most generous of all the people, and he used to be more generous in Ramadan when Arch-angel Gabriel met him. Arch-angel Gabriel used to meet him every night during Ramadan to rehearse the Noble Quran with him. Allah's Messenger (PBUH) was then more generous than the fast wind. (Al-Bukhari # 3, 554)

Angels supplicate for those who give charity: Abu Huraira (ra) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said what can be translated as: "Not a day comes when the people get up except that two angels descend. One says, 'O Allah, give compensation to he who spends.' The other one says, 'O Allah, give destruction to he who withholds.'" (Al-Bukhari # 1, 442 and Muslim # 1, 010)

There are various ways to give charity. Abu Musa Al-Ash'arey (ra) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said what can be translated as: "Every Muslim must give charity." It was said, "What if he cannot find (anything to give)?" He replied, "Let him work with his hands to benefit himself and give charity."

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## EU, allies expel 150 Russian diplomats

ROME: Italy, Spain and Denmark joined EU allies Tuesday in expelling Russian diplomats amid increasing outrage over the Ukraine conflict, with around 150 sent home in the last 48 hours. The expulsions—many for alleged spying—follow international condemnation of killings in the town of Bucha, near Kyiv, where dozens of bodies were discovered after Russian troops withdrew.

Moscow has rejected Western accusations that its forces were responsible, suggesting the images are fake or that the deaths occurred after they pulled out. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Tuesday that the mass expulsions of its diplomats was "a short-sighted move".

"Narrowing down opportunities for diplomatic communication in such an unprecedentedly difficult crisis environment is a short-sighted move that will further complicate our communication, which is necessary to find a solution," he said. "And this will inevitably lead to retaliatory steps," he added.

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MADRID: A man walks past the Russian embassy in Madrid. Spain's foreign minister said on April 5, 2022 his country will expel 'around' 25 Russian diplomats over the Russian aggression in Ukraine. — AFP

## Yemen warring parties trade accusations

DUBAI: Yemen's warring parties on Tuesday traded accusations of violating a ceasefire agreement, three days after it went into effect at the start of Ramadan. The internationally recognized government, supported by a Saudi-led military coalition, and the Iran-backed Houthi rebels have been locked in a violent power struggle since 2014, when the insurgents

seized the capital Sanaa. But a two-month truce that started on Saturday—the first day of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan—has offered a glimmer of hope in the conflict considered the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

Yemen's foreign minister, Ahmed bin Mubarak, in a Twitter post accused the Houthis of ceasefire violations. "The truce has been greatly welcomed, but it is threatened by Houthi's breaches including military deployments, mobilization of troops & vehicles, artillery and drone strikes," he wrote in English, without providing details.

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SANAA: Yemenis fill their jerrycans with drinking water from a donated tank amid acute shortage in the capital Sanaa.— AFP

## 10,000-page red alert on climate change

PARIS: Accelerating global warming is driving a rising tide of impacts that could cause profound human misery and ecological disaster, and there is only one way to avoid catastrophe: drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Spread across

10,000 pages, these are the main takeaways from a trio of UN reports on climate change published in August 2021, February 2022 and on Monday.

The three tomes—each with its own roster of hundreds of authors—focus on physical science, impacts and the need to adapt, and finally how to slash carbon pollution. This will be the sixth such trilogy since the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) delivered its first report in 1990 and positioned itself as the final word on the science behind global warming. Here are five key findings from the three reports:

Whatever climate sceptics might say, scientific

evidence has removed any lingering doubt that human activity is "unequivocally" responsible for global warming, which has seen the planet heat up an average of 1.1 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels. The atmospheric concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>—the main driver of warming, emitted mainly by burning fossil fuels—rose at least 10 times faster between 1900 and 2019 than any time in the last 800,000 years, and is at its highest in two million years.

The 2015 Paris Agreement calls for capping global warming "well below" 2C, and 1.5C if possible. A crescendo of deadly impacts already being

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