



From left: HH the Amir receives Speaker Al-Ghanim, HH the PM Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak, Interior Minister Lt Gen Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh.



HH the Crown Prince receives Speaker Al-Ghanim.

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'Raise efficiency of internal financial depts'

Government stresses on the need to cut down spending

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 26: The government has stressed on the ministries and affiliated institutions the need to cut down waste in spending and the implementation of the general budget items through 10 specific and strict measures aimed at rationalizing spending and counter inflation of its administrative apparatus and stop the flow of promotions and high unjustified salaries, reports Annahar daily quoting sources.

The same sources said the government has directed all its affiliates to raise the efficiency of their internal financial departments, with the utmost importance to fully link with the Financial Supervisory Authority to ensure the implementation of the state budget in accordance with the law.

The directives issued by the government explained that it will not allow the non-cooperation of some government agencies

with the Audit Bureau when it comes to tapping financial gaps, as the government has stressed on the need to respond to all observations within a month from the date of reporting.

The government has reiterated the need for all ministries and their affiliates to restructure their high-level departments, with the separation of powers and defining the role and powers of each leader in coordination with the Civil Service Commission.

The directives pointed to the rapid action to avoid the inflation of the government apparatus to control the number of workers and curtail promotions in accordance with the provisions of the law, as well as control allowances and insurance benefits and bonuses and privileges granted to workers in the State.

Two types of petty cash

Deduct petty cash from the salary of concerned employee to settle issue

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 26: The Ministry of Finance recently issued a directive to immediately settle petty cash transactions by deducting the amount from the salary of the concerned employee as part of continuous efforts to address the issue, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

Sources explained there are two types of petty cash – one is temporary which is spent for a certain purpose, indicating this type of petty cash is settled as soon as the purpose is accomplished.

The second type is permanent which is intended for a range of public disbursements. This type of petty cash is refunded by the relevant financial unit once the concerned employee presents a report detailing the amount spent and reasons for spending the money.

Sources pointed out the ministry took this

step to address all the comments in the reports of monitoring authorities in a bid to settle petty cash transactions – whether temporary or permanent, which were not settled until the end of the last fiscal year.

The Planning and Development Sector in the Ministry of Social Affairs has achieved tangible advancement in the services automation project offered by various sectors, noting the rate of accomplishment increased by 90 percent – five percent more than the percentage recorded in June, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The daily obtained a copy of the development report on the automation project done by ministries. The project consists of 16 items, including the automated system in the Social Aids and Cooperative Sector.

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 26, (KUNA): The Cabinet Monday expressed great relief for the full recovery of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah following a recent health setback.

The Cabinet, in its weekly meeting chaired by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, expressed gratitude for citizens who inquired about health condition of His Highness the Amir which reflected the "distinguished relation between the Kuwaiti people and their leadership, and a genuine reflection of the love to His Highness the Amir" among Kuwaiti people.

The Cabinet also expressed gratitude for heads of state and senior officials in brotherly and friendly countries for their inquiry about the health condition of His Highness the Amir, Deputy Premier and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh said in a statement.

The Cabinet, meanwhile, congratulated His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for the advent of the new Hijra Year 1441.

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The government underlined the importance of this visit in strength-



Photos from PM's Diwan

Top and above: some photos from the weekly Cabinet meeting.

ening bilateral ties and expanding cooperation in a variety of domains, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh said in a statement.

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maintain schools and all educational facilities as well as printing and distributing textbooks.

After his presentation, the Cabinet expressed appreciation for the ministries' efforts to provide best educational services and create a suitable environment for study.

For his part, Chairman of Kuwait's Direct Investment Promotion Authority and of The Permanent Committee for Streamlining Business Environment and Enhancing Competitiveness Sheikh Meshal Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah made a presentation about the measures taken by the authority and the committee to upgrade business environment in government agencies.

The Cabinet thanked Sheikh Meshal and all members of Permanent Committee for their efforts to ameliorate Kuwait's ranking on in the international business environment indexes.

It noted the positive impact of any improvement to Kuwait's status on citizens who also benefit from upgraded state services.

The ministers pointed out that

these efforts aim to cut time, procedures, cost of doing business in Kuwait through simplifying procedures and transactions of all kinds, such as launching of new businesses, expanding existing ones, protecting of intellectual property, registering properties, obtaining planning permissions, joining electricity and water grids and issuing credit.

They will also contribute to settling commercial disputes, guaranteeing competitiveness, countering corruption, strengthening partnership with the private sector, empowering small and medium size enterprises, supporting entrepreneurship and encouraging innovation, which will stimulate investment and create productive economy that will generate more jobs, said the Cabinet.

The Cabinet reviewed the semi-annual report of the Supreme Council of Privatization (July 2019), which detailed the council's activities and achievements in the first half of the year and its future plans for privatizing North Shuaiba Power Plant, the Ministry of Electricity and Water's facilities and telecommunications sector.

'Freedom of bedoun...'

Social Watcher unveils risk factor citing Hashtags drive

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 26: The Social Intelligence website (Social Watcher), which specializes in monitoring and analyzing the Hashtags on Twitter, has unveiled a risk indicator as demonstrated by the Hashtag's campaign "freedom of bedoun detainees" launched on Twitter following the arrest of illegal residents, reports Al-Rai daily.

About crimes related to state security, the Hashtag witnessed a case of retweeting Twitter for certain posts unusually and recorded a remarkable percentage.

The report issued by the site on the monitoring and analysis of the content of the Hashtag 'Freedom for the Detainees' a copy of which the Al-Rai has obtained, found that 87% of the tweets is a retweet and the percentage on Tweeters did not exceed 13%.

Most of the posts in the Hashtag were from accounts outside Kuwait, and the most active in Twitter was automated "robots", such as an account titled "Mubarak bin Juwaid" which has published 483 tweets in the first week on the Hashtag, before the closure of the site by the Twitter management after monitoring the pattern of activity.

The Social Watcher report is the latest service to monitor, analyze, and analyze the content of social media sites across the GCC, by subjecting the targeted accounts and their content to comprehensive content analysis and screening, including follow-up mechanisms and patterns of publishing, sharing and interaction.

Reasons not known

KD 75 deducted from salaries

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 26: A number of expatriate teachers revealed that nearly KD 75 has been deducted from the salary of each teacher due to unknown reasons, reports Al-Rai daily.

They said the financial sector of Ministry of Education has asked the affected teachers to visit the salaries section in the main office of the ministry to find out the reason.

The teachers indicated that almost the same value has been deducted from the salaries of a number of expatriate teachers.

Meanwhile, an educational source reassured the teachers that the ministry would not randomly deduct such an amount from the salaries of the teachers without a reason, indicating that it could be a form of punishment or based on reports of absenteeism or by mistake.

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