

FAMILIES OF ATTACK MARTYRS COMMEND VISIT

Amir visits Imam Al-Sadiq Mosque

Kuwaitis offer best examples of unity throughout their history: Al-Ghanim

KUWAIT CITY, June 14, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, accompanied by His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah visited the Imam Al-Sadiq Mosque in Al-Sawaber area on Tuesday.

His Highness the Amir was greeted by Minister of Justice and Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Yaqoub Al-Sami'a.

His Highness toured the mosque after the completion of renovations and repairs for all damage following the heinous terrorist attack last year. His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince signed in the guestbook.

His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince then met families of the martyrs who were killed by the heinous incident, stressing to them that "our national unity is the impregnable fence to maintain security, besides the national spirit manifested by the people of Kuwait, as well as love, dedication to their homeland and loyalty to it with God's help would fend off all criminal and terrorist acts".

His Highness asked Allah Almighty to bestow his mercy on the martyrs and keep Kuwait safe always.

His Highness the Crown Prince said that a year after this grave event, "we all thank Allah Almighty for the completion of renovation of the mosque in a record time", praising the return of life to normal and to prove unity of the nation in confronting deviant thoughts and ideologies, asking Allah Almighty to keep Kuwait safe from all evil thoughts.

Then, both His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince performed the prayer in the mosque.

His Highness the Amir was accompanied during the visit by His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

Imam Al-Sadiq Mosque attack martyrs' families touted His Highness the Amir's visit to the renovated mosque as reflecting unity between the ruler and the ruled.

In separate remarks to Kuwait TV and KUNA, they voiced thanks and appreciation to His Highness the Amir for his visit to the mosque which embodied the firm and historical bond between the leadership and people.

Ahmad Al-Refa'i, son of the martyr Abdulhameed Al-Refa'i, highly commended His Highness the Amir's initiative and the government's care, hailing His Highness the Amir as "the kind father" who always patronizes such occasions.

He recalled that the fact that His Highness the Amir went immediately to the site of the mosque blast was a "spontaneous behavior" that impressed everyone in the country.

His Highness the Amir's directives and initiatives following the mosque bombing, including the holding of the mourning service at the Grand Mosque, have boosted national unity and encouraged everyone in the country to condemn terrorism openly, he added.

Yusuf Al-Hader, son of the martyr Mohammad Al-Hader, believed that the coincidence of the reopening of the Imam Al-Sadiq Mosque with the first anniversary of the terrorist act undoubtedly reflects the heed and care the wise leadership gives to people.

Naif Al-Faili, the martyr Ali Al-Faili's son, said His Highness the Amir's visit to the renovated mosque is a significant day for the martyrs' families.

His Highness the Amir's immediate presence at the site of the mosque

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Amiri Diwan photos
His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah along with other officials pray at the Imam Al-Sadiq Mosque on June 14. (Inset): His Highness the Amir signs a guest book during his visit to the Imam Al-Sadiq Mosque in Al-Sawaber area. — See Also Page 5

Attacker claims IS allegiance

Police couple killed in France

MAGNANVILLE, France, June 14, (AFP): A convicted radical who killed a French police couple in an IS-inspired stabbing, was carrying a "hit list" of VIPs, police and journalists and urged followers to turn Euro 2016 into a "graveyard", officials said Tuesday.

Monday's assault in a small town northwest of Paris was the first deadly strike in France since the coordinated attacks in the capital by an Islamic State cell in November, which killed 130 people.

Larossi Abballa, 25, who was under surveillance after serving time for his links to jihadist networks, first stabbed the 42-year-old police officer outside his home before going inside and taking his partner and their three-year-old son hostage.

He then killed the 36-year-old mother, slitting her throat, before posting on Facebook a live

13-minute video of himself inside the house with the child in which he admits the murders and urges fellow jihadists to carry out more bloodshed.

He was later killed during a police raid which ended the standoff in the town of Magnanville.

The child escaped unharmed but in shock. Anti-terrorism prosecutor Francois Molins said Abballa, 25, who came from the nearby suburb of Mantes-la-Jolie, told police negotiators before his death that he had sworn fealty to IS three weeks earlier.

He told negotiators he was responding to a call by IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi to "kill infidels, at home, with their families."

IS claimed Monday's attack in a statement issued by the Amaq news agency, a regular conduit for IS announcements.

Molins said police had found a hit list in the house of VIPs and professions to be targeted, namely police, journalists and rappers.

They also found three knives, one of which was covered in blood.

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Abballa

Pen-gun found in Kuwait hunt for royal



In this June 14, 2016 photo released by the Kuwait Ministry of Interior, a Kalashnikov rifle, a handgun and ammunition plus a pen-gun found and presented after authorities raided the home of Sheikh Athbi Al-Fahad Al-Sabah the former head of Kuwait's National Security Office, in Kuwait. (AP)

KUWAIT CITY, June 14, (AP): The hunt for a renegade nephew of Kuwait's Amir has turned up a gun disguised as a pen in his home, adding yet another layer of mystery to a bizarre case involving two other ruling family members and others.

Police officers who raided the home of Sheikh Athbi Al-Fahad Al-Sabah found the James Bond-style weapon, with what appeared to be a trigger in the pump of the pen, the Interior Ministry said Monday.

The pen, found along with a Kalashnikov rifle, a handgun and ammunition, made the front page across Kuwait on Tuesday, with the prominent newspaper Al-Rai calling it an "assassination device." It's

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Possible motives emerge for Orlando club gunman

Saudi King condemns attack

ORLANDO, Florida, (Agencies): As thousands in Orlando turned out to mourn 49 people killed inside a gay nightclub, federal investigators examined possible motives for the gunman who committed the worst mass shooting in modern US history.

The White House and the FBI said 29-year-old Omar Mateen, an American-born Muslim, appears to be a "homegrown extremist" who had touted support not just for the Islamic State, but other radical groups that are its enemies.

"So far, we see no indication that this was a plot directed from outside the United States, and we see no indication that he was part of any kind of network," FBI Director James Comey said Monday. He said

Mateen was clearly "radicalized," at least in part via the internet.

Despite Mateen's pledge of support to the Islamic State, other possible explanations emerged. His ex-wife said he suffered from mental illness. His Afghan-immigrant father suggested he may have acted out of anti-gay hatred, and said his son got angry recently about seeing two men kiss. But questions also emerged over whether Mateen was conflicted about his own sexuality.

Jim Van Horn, 71, said Mateen was a "regular" at the popular Pulse nightclub where he'd later take hostages and leave 49 dead.

"He was trying to pick up people. Men," Van Horn told

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MPs amend Tenders Law

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KUWAIT CITY, June 14: The National Assembly approved the proposal to amend the Public Tenders Law in its second deliberation Tuesday.

According to the report of the Economic and Financial Affairs Committee, the law was enacted in 1964 and there have been many changes since then; hence, the need to amend the law.

The explanatory note of the bill states that it has become necessary to revise the law in line with the current administrative and technical requirements for the implementation of projects, in addition to the need for economic policies aimed at attracting foreign investors.

The amended law shall guarantee the protection of public funds while taking into account the reality that requires flexibility on the part of administrative authorities for them to overcome challenges and serve public interests.

Chairman of the Economic and Financial Affairs Committee MP Faisal Al-Shaye affirmed seven of the 11 articles of the law have been amended. He said the revised law exempts oil well drilling and extraction from its provisions.

The law also states that the Central Tenders Committee shall

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Photo courtesy of WJJC-Kuwait

After Iftar JU-JITSU

THAT GENTLE TOUCH ... JUST IN TIME

Sensei Abdulwahab M. Alburaidi (left), National Technical Director of World Ju-Jitsu Corporation Kuwait (WJJC-K) who has 17 years of extensive martial arts experience, demonstrates the right arm twist technique.

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DUBAI: A jailed Saudi human rights lawyer who alleged ill-treatment in prison has ended a five-day hunger strike after authorities met some of his demands, an activist group said on Tuesday.

Walid Abulkhair, 36, ended his action on Sunday, said the Gulf Centre for Human Rights, which has been monitoring his case.

Authorities at his prison in the Red Sea city of Jeddah "allowed him to have access to a hospital and promised that they will give him access to the prison library on a daily basis, allowing him to take books into his cell," the group said in a statement. (AFP)

DUBAI: A Bahraini court on Tuesday suspended the main opposition Al-Wefaq group pending a verdict on dissolving it altogether, the justice ministry said, accusing the Shiite bloc of breaking the law.

The court also ordered Al-Wefaq's offices closed and its funds frozen, a ministry statement published by the official Bahrain News Agency (BNA) said. (AFP)

OSLO: The war on extremism is a global one, and finding solutions requires "a lot of soul-searching here in Europe," Iran's foreign minister said Tuesday.

Mohammad Javad Zarif said the most important first step is to figure out why some are attracted to "perverted ideologies of demigods who are financed by people looking for short-term gain at the expense of others."

Speaking during the opening of a two-day conference on conflict mediation in the Norwegian capital, Zarif stressed that it was not only a problem for the Middle East. He said some of those "who are behaving innocent human beings in Syria and Iraq (...) speak French and English with a perfect accent." (AP)

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Ramadan Timings

IftarWednesday..... 18:49
Imsak.....Thursday..... 03:03

■	USD/KD 0.30135/45
▼	Euro/KD 0.338
■	Yen/KD 0.0028
▼	British £/KD 0.4259
▼	KSE -0.17 pts at closing June 14 See Page 35
▼	Dow -113.92 pts at 21:00 June 14 See Page 36
▼	Nasdaq -21.44 pts at 21:00 June 14
▼	FTSE -121.44 pts at closing June 14
▼	Nikkei -160.18 pts at closing June 14
▲	Gold \$1,287.15 per oz (London)
▼	NYMEX crude \$48.34 pb
▼	Brent crude \$49.70 pb
▼	3-month \$ LIBOR rate 0.65250%