

## Kuwait gov't discusses electricity, water consumption

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KUWAIT -- The council of ministers discussed Sunday short-term measures taken by Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) to facing emergency increase in electricity consumption, as well as rationalizing of electricity and water consumption in industrial and commercial sectors, government buildings and private residences.

The cabinet, meeting under chairmanship of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, was briefed by Minister of Electricity and Water Dr. Bader Al-Shuraiaan about MEW's measures to repairing and replacing power transformers in order to improve efficiency in a drive to provide steady electricity and water supplies to consumers.

Al-Shuraiaan also briefed the cabinet about MEW's plan to counter growing electricity consumption during summer and problems preventing the ministry from honoring needs of public, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Roudhan Al-Roudhan said in a statement after the cabinet meeting.

The cabinet, said Al-Roudhan, took note of a letter by the UN Human Rights Commissioner to His Highness the Amir in which she expressed relief for the measures and laws adopted by the State of Kuwait in favor of human rights.

It also took note of a letter by the Secretary General of the Muslim League to the Amir over the organization's efforts to backing Islamic World's causes.

On the other hand, Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs, Minister of state for Development and Minister of State for Housing Sheikh Ahmad Fahad Al-Sabah briefed the cabinet about entertainment and touristic projects nationwide.

Managing Director of the Touristic Enterprises Company Khaled Al-Ghanem and his aides briefed the cabinet about the development of Al-Khairan Resort, expansion and development of Yacht Club, Al-Aqeela Beach, Entertainment City and Dancing Fountain.

They also talked about the establishment of the indoor Sports complex, Al-Messila Beach, the development of the Green Island, Al-Mahboula Beach and Kuwait Towers.

The cabinet, said Al-Roudhan, approved the development plans and their timeframe.