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## **Kuwait Cabinet Hits Hard at 'Savage' London Blasts.**

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KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti government yesterday strongly condemned the "savage" attacks in London, last Thursday that killed and wounded hundreds of people. The government, chaired by the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, said in a statement the four blasts that rocked London were contradicting all religious values and human principles. The attacks, noted the statement, targeted lives of innocent civilians. The cabinet expressed deep sorrow for the "terrorist attacks" which left at least 50 dead and over 300 injured. It wished a speedy recovery for the wounded.

The Kuwaiti government called on the international community to show more solidarity against terrorism. It reaffirmed Kuwait's firm rejection of terrorism.

The government also condemned the "terrorist crimes" against the diplomats in Iraq that resulted in the assassination of Egyptian ambassador in Baghdad, Ihab El-Sharif.

The government said the killing was carried out by a group "straying" away from religious and human values.

The attacks against the diplomats in Iraq also caused injuries to the Bahraini charge d'affaires in Baghdad Hassan Al-Ansari, who escaped a life bid.

The Kuwaiti government expressed deep sorrow for these criminal actions, and extended sympathies for the government and people of Egypt, as well as the family of Al-Sharif.

The Cabinet discussed a host of issues including a letter sent to the Prime Minister from his Ukrainian counterpart Yuliya Tymoshenko on bilateral relations.

Sheikh Sabah then informed the Cabinet about the results of his official visit to the US and his meeting with President George W. Bush and other top US officials.

Sheikh Sabah said the meetings focused on methods of further developing bilateral relations in different fields, important regional issues, as well as partnership, peace in the Middle East, global terrorism and the issue of Kuwaiti detainees in Guantanamo Base.

The prime minister commended the welcome and appreciation accorded to his visit, noting that opinions were consistent between the two sides in the different issues that were discuss.

He affirmed that the leaderships of the two countries were keen on boosting and developing friendly ties and constructive cooperation for common interest, commending US efforts in sponsoring the Middle East peace process and bringing stability to the region.

Sheikh Sabah also spoke of his visit to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, saying that his health was improving steadily.

He delivered the greetings of His Highness the Amir to the Kuwaiti people and affirmed that he would be returning home soon, praying for his long life and good health.

The Cabinet then reviewed the recommendation of the ministerial committee for economic affairs number 14 for the year 2005, pertaining draft bills for the closing audits of the Public Authority for Housing Care, Central Bank of Kuwait and Credit and Savings Bank.

The Cabinet approved the audits and referred them to His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince in preparation for referring them to the National Assembly.

The Cabinet then listened to a briefing by Minister of Commerce and Industry Abdullah Abdul-Rahman Al-Taweel on the ministry's policy for placing industrial facilities in areas designated for services, vocations and trade.

The minister discussed extending the time limit for industrial facilities located in Shuwaikh, Al-Rai, East Ahmadi and Fahaheel until new industrial areas are provided, due to the need to provide suitable land plots.

He also noted that the Public Authority for Industry had just been received the Shudadiya industrial area from Kuwait Municipality and preparation operations are underway for its development in cooperation with the private sector.

The Cabinet approved extending the grace period for industrial facilities in the mentioned areas till the end of 2006.