KUWAIT: The government has started extensive communications with some labor organizations over a proposed electricity consumption price rise that could have been a major crisis if not handled properly. The consumer associations in the state also indicated that these communications were a critical situation between the government and the protesters over the subject. The consumer organizations claimed that the government must be more transparent in their communications so that they can receive the public's support if they approved the government's plan to introduce higher electricity prices. The consumer organizations threatened to present the matter to the parliament if the government did not respect their demands.

The government spokesperson, Deputy Speaker Mubarak Al-Khurainej, addressed the issue yesterday. He explained that the plans include utilities and tariffs that are vital for the control of water resources and freedom of movement. He said, "Our aim is to promote the collection of economic data and feedback in order to develop a national strategic plan."

"Our aim is to ensure that the overall plan complies with the national strategic plan and to attract more foreign direct investments."

The government spokesperson also addressed the issue of the proposed electricity consumption price rise. He said, "The government's decision was taken after extensive consultations with the various stakeholders, including consumer organizations, utilities companies, and the private sector."

KUWAIT: Qussai Al-Shatti, the Prime Minister, has defended the government's proposal to raise electricity consumption prices, saying that it is necessary to ensure the sustainability of the country's energy sector. Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Al-Shatti said that the proposal is aimed at promoting energy efficiency, reducing consumption, and improving the financial sustainability of the electricity sector.

"The government recognizes that the current electricity consumption prices are not able to cover the full costs of electricity generation and transmission," he said. "By raising the prices, we can ensure that the utility companies have a sustainable revenue stream to invest in new technologies and infrastructure."