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ARM halts work with Huawei

British chip designer ARM has halted relations with Huawei in order to comply with a United States blockade of the company, potentially crippling the Chinese company's ability to make new chips for its future smartphones. Huawei, in common with Apple and chipmakers such as Qualcomm, uses ARM blueprints to design the processors that power its smartphones. It also licenses graphics technology from the Cambridge-based company.

"ARM is complying with all of the latest regulations set forth by the US government," an ARM spokesman said in a statement. "No further comment at this time." Huawei said it valued its close relationships with its partners, but it recognised the pressure some of them are under "as a result of politically motivated decisions." "We are confident this regrettable situation can be resolved and our priority remains to continue to deliver world-class technology and

products to our customers around the world," a spokesman said. The United States blocked Huawei from buying US goods last week, jeopardising lies with Google, which provides the Android operating system and services like Gmail and Google Maps, as well as hardware partners such as ARM. It temporarily eased restrictions on Huawei on Tuesday, granting it a licence to buy US goods until Aug 19, meaning that updates of Google apps can continue until then. (RTRS)

Kuwaiti equities edge higher in mixed trade

Zain climbs 7 fils, NBK slips

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KUWAIT CITY, May 22: Kuwait stocks edged higher on Wednesday following a modest rebound in the previous session. The All Shares Index pared back steeper gains to close 5.84 pts higher at 5,604.56 points even as the broader sentiment remained fickle.

The Premier Market added 5.07 pts to close at 6,063.41 points while Main Market climbed 7.51 points to 4,716.05 pts. The volume turnover meanwhile slipped below the 100 million mark following Tuesday's surge. Over 97 million shares changed hands - down 17 pct from the day before.

In the individual shares, National Bank of Kuwait fell 4 fils to 962 fils after trading 4.2 million shares and Kuwait International Bank followed suit to close at 260 fils with a volume of 3.3 million shares. Mabaneh Co sprinted 6 fils to 668 fils extending Tuesday's gains.

Zain climbed 7 fils to 490 fils on back of 2.2 million shares and Ooredoo stood pat at 670 fils. Kuwait Telecommunications Co (VIVA) was unchanged at 800 fils and Agility clipped 3 fils to wind up at 709 fils after trading 1.8 million shares.

The market opened firm and edged higher in early trade. The main index scaled the day's highest level of 5,636 pts almost half an hour into the session and retreated thereafter. It continued to erode in the second half and bottomed at 5,597 pts in the final minutes before clawing back into green turf at close.

Top gainer of the day, Argan rallied 13.6 pct to 150 fils and Remal climbed 10 pct to stand next. Taameer skidded 16.2 pct, the steepest decliner of the day and Gulf Bank continued to top the volume with 11.8 million shares.

National Industries Group slipped 7 fils to 210 fils after trading over 2 million shares and Mezzan Holding stood pat at 530 fils. Boubyan Petrochemical Co sprinted 14 fils to 939 fils and Al Qurain Petrochemical Co ticked 1 fil higher.

Jazeera Airways rallied 10 fils to 890 fils ALAFCO added 4 fils before closing at 246 fils. Masher Holding tripped 0.4 fil and Soor Fuel stood pat at 119 fils. Al Rai Media Group gave up 3.8 fils to close at 40 fils and Jiyad closed 2.9 fils in red.

Kuwait Cement Co climbed 5 fils to 300 fils with thin trading and Hilal Cement gained 11 fils. Heavy Engineering Industries and Shipbuilding Co inched 1 fil higher and AAN edged 0.4 fil higher. Integrated Holding Co was down 6 fils at 544 fils.

Equipment Holding dialed up 1.4 fils and Warbacap gave up 4 fils to end at 81 fils. Al Manar eased 1 fil to 38 fils and Safat Energy edged 0.7 fil up to 22.2 fils. Combined Group Contracting Co skidded 19 fils to 205 fils and KGL Logistics took in 0.1 fil.

Gulf Cable slipped 6 fils to 366 fils and NICBM fell 3 fils KPCP trimmed 8 fils to 218 fils and KPCC sprinted 1.3 fils to wind up at 55.7 fils. OSOS eased 1 fil to 100 fils and Gulf Petroleum Investment Co dialed up 1.6 fils.

Most of Gulf markets up

Financials, property lift Dubai

DUBAI, May 22, (RTRS): Dubai's stock market rose sharply on Wednesday, buoyed by financial and real estate shares, to lead gains in most major Gulf bourses.

Dubai's index closed 1.8% higher with all its real estate shares gaining. Blue-chip developer Emaar Properties added 2.6% and market heavyweight lender Emirates NBD was up 2.8%.

Locals and foreigners bought selectively on the Dubai Financial Market, especially in the real estate and construction space, said Harsh Oza, vice-president for research at Shuaa Capital.

"The sector has underperformed the broader market over the past one month. The newly announced residency visa initiative by UAE seems to be the factor behind the real estate stock rally," he added.

The United Arab Emirates said on Tuesday that it will grant 6,800 foreign investors permanent residency under a new "Golden Card" system after they invested a combined 100 billion dirhams (\$27.23 billion) in the Gulf state.

Arabtec Holding continued rebounding and jumped 5.6% after on Tuesday it snapped four straight sessions of losses on weak first-quarter earnings. Saudi's index increased 0.5%.

Dar Al Arkan Real Estate Development soared 7.9% and Sahara International Petrochemical surged 5.6%, extending its gains from Tuesday when it completed the merger of equals with Sahara Petrochemical, which delisted on May 20.

However, Saudi Arabian mall operator Arabian Centres fell 3.9% to 25 riyals from its initial public offer price of 26 riyals. Arabian Centres' share sale, which raised 2.47 billion riyals (\$658.65 million), was the kingdom's third biggest since Saudi lender National Commercial Bank raised \$6 billion in 2014, according to Refinitiv data. Qatar's index gained 0.6% with blue-chip petrochemical maker Industries Qatar trading 1.4% higher. Gulf International Services hiked

In the banking sector, Gulf Bank was unchanged at 301 fils after trading 11.8 million shares and Burgan Bank tripped 1 fil before winding up at 307 fils. Boubyan Bank and Ahli United Bank clipped 1 fil each to close at 550 fils and 244 fils respectively. Kuwait Finance House inched 1 fil up on back of 9.9 million shares and Warba Bank added 3 fils before closing at 229 fils. Commercial Bank and Ahli Bank were not traded during the session.

KIPCO was flat at 210 fils and Gulf Finance House took in 1.9 fils to end at 69.9 fils. FACIL added 3 fils to close at 211 fils and Kuwait Investment Co gave up 4 fils. National Investment Co and KMEFIC stood pat at 111 fils and 35 fils respectively whereas ALOLA ticked 0.1 fil up.

KAMCO sprinted 6.2 fils to 71.9 fils and KFC erased 3.4 fils to end at 33.6 fils. Securities House dialed up 1.8 fils and Coast Investment trimmed 0.9 fil to end at 34 fils. GIH took in 1 fil and Aayan paused at 41 fils.

Bayan Investment dialed up 2.1 fils and Kuwait Financial Centre (Markaz) fell 4 fils to 86 fils. Arzan clipped 0.8

5.1% after its unit Al Koot Insurance And Reinsurance signed a two-year deal with Qatar Airways to provide health care services.

The Abu Dhabi index slipped 0.7% led by a 1.7% drop in First Abu Dhabi Bank, the country's largest lender. The lender has mostly fallen in recent sessions after MSCI decided to maintain its foreign inclusion factor at 25%, despite a recent foreign ownership limit increase to 40% from 25%. Egypt's blue-chip index inched up 0.4% as Egypt Kuwait Holding rose 3.9%.

Last week, the firm reported a higher first-quarter profit. El Sewedy Electric hiked 2.4% after saying on Tuesday it had partnered with General Authority For Suez Canal Economic Zone to establish a new company with issued capital of 1 billion Egyptian pounds (\$59.17 million), in which the firm will own 49%.

Saudi Arabia

■ The index rose 0.5% to 8,656 points

Abu Dhabi

■ The index fell 0.7% to 4,750 points

Dubai

■ The index added 1.8% to 2,584 points

Qatar

■ The index gained 0.6% to 9,758 points

Egypt

■ The index was up 0.4% at 13,664 points

Bahrain

■ The index edged up 0.1% to 1,411 points

Oman

■ The index closed 0.5% higher to 3,861 points

Kuwait

■ The index increased 0.1% to 6,063 points

fils and Unicap added 0.5 fil. Madar Finance fell 2 fils to 151 fils and Al Deera Holding inched 1.1 fils higher to 13.4 fils. NIH closed 2.9 fils in green.

KFC fell 3.4 fils to 33.6 fils and Al Deera Holding took in 1.1 fils. Osoul Investment gained 5.8 fils and Al Mal Investment Co added 0.4 fil before settling at 17.3 fils. Al Madina ticked 0.3 fil up to 18 fils and KSHC closed 3 fils up.

Noor Financial Investment Co rose 1.3 fils to 87.4 fils and Asiya tripped 1.1 fils to end at 34.4 fils. Al Imtiaz Investment was up 3 fils at 128 fils and Ahleia Insurance rallied 13 fils to 425 fils.

National Real Estate took in 1 fil and United Real Estate Co edged 0.4 fil up to 70.7 fils. Saliha Real Estate slipped 5.5 fils and AREEC was down 13 fils at 131 fils. Argan dropped 18 fils and Mazaya Holding dialed up 0.5 fil.

The bourse was mixed so far during the week shedding 56 pts in last four sessions. It has dropped 31 pts from start of the month and is trading 280 pts higher year-to-date. Boursa Kuwait, with 176 listed stocks, is the second largest market in the region.

Losses caused over 737 MAX grounding

China's big airlines seek Boeing compensation

BEIJING, May 22, (RTRS): China's three biggest airlines have asked US planemaker Boeing Co to compensate them for losses caused by the grounding and delayed deliveries of 737 MAX jets, just as regulators gather to discuss design changes for the troubled aircraft.

The triple compensation requests come at a sensitive time in Sino-US relations, with a string of tit-for-tat import tariffs culminating in Washington accusing Beijing of backtracking on almost all aspects of a proposed trade deal.

The US administration's latest tariff increase on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports - and hints of more - has prompted fear that China could retaliate against US companies.

On Wednesday, Air China Ltd and China Southern Airlines Co Ltd told Reuters the pair have added their voices to a compensation request from China Eastern Airlines Corp Ltd announced a day earlier.

The latest requests were first reported by Chinese state TV.

China was the first country to ground the 737 MAX two months ago after a crash in Ethiopia killed 157 people in March, in the second such incident for Boeing's newest

aircraft.

"China has grounded 96 aircraft, which is about 4 percent of its airplanes. The grounding causes huge losses for Chinese airlines," China aviation expert Li Xiaojin told Reuters.

Daily losses are likely to be at least 100,000 yuan (\$14,469.90) per aircraft for each airline, Li estimated.

"The potential costs are huge too. Slower growth in passenger volume across China's major airports for March and April was largely due to the grounding of 737 MAX jets, according to my calculations," Li said.

China's state-asset regulator put the number of 737 MAX jets operated by the three biggest Chinese carriers at 53.

Outside of China, carriers that have requested compensation include Turkish Airlines, United Airlines, Ryanair and Flydubai.

Bloomberg last week reported the big Chinese airlines were considering teaming up to seek compensation. On Tuesday, state newspaper People's Daily said China Eastern had not communicated with the other carriers on the topic before making its request. China Eastern

confirmed the content of that report to Reuters.

On Wednesday, however, widely read tabloid Global Times reported that the action appeared to be a "concerted effort".

"China seems to be ready now to put more pressure on Boeing as the company happens to have a genuine safety issue, and the trade friction between the US and China started to go into a downward spiral," Global Times quoted Shen Yuxin, a partner at law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, as saying.

The latest compensation requests also came a day before the US Federal Aviation Administration hosts global regulators in Dallas to review 737 MAX software and training proposals from Boeing before regulators decide whether to end the grounding.

China and the European Union each have their own aerospace industries and so are likely to determine their own conditions for allowing 737 MAX flights to resume, analysts said.

The International Air Transport Association has also convened a meeting of airlines with grounded 737 MAX jets on Thursday in Montreal.

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Index Returns & Market Capitalization	Value	Daily Point Change	Percentage Change			Trading Indicators	Value	Daily Point Change	Daily Percent Change	YTD Daily Average	Value (000 KWD)			YTD Daily Average
			DTD	MTD	YTD						Volume (000 shares)	Value (000 KWD)	Trades	
Premier Market Index	6,063.4	5.07	0.08%	0.27%	15.11%	97,171	-23,009	-19.15%	159,242	25,093	-3,332	-11.72%	31,174	
Main Market Index	4,716.1	7.51	0.16%	-2.34%	-0.48%	5,419	601	12.47%	5,735	5,604.6	5.84	0.10%	-0.45%	10,344
All Share Market Index	5,604.6	5.84	0.10%	-0.45%	10.34%									
Market Cap (KWD Million)	32,351.0	16.69	0.05%	-0.06%	11.50%									
	Close	Vol Traded (000's)	Trades	Traded KWD (000)	Change in Price	Beta	Dividend Yield	P/E	P/BV	52 Week High (KWD)	52 Week Low (KWD)	YTD Daily Volume (000 shares)	YTD Daily Average	
	KWD				YTD (%)									
ENERGY	0.922	89	4	1.9	0.70	-27.9%	1.42	0.00%	NM	3.00	0.037	0.021	66.1	
IPSC	0.424	0	0	0.0	0.00	5.7%	0.31	5.43%	13.0	0.84	4.50	0.373	41.0	
NAPESCO	0.973	0	0	0.0	0.00	5.8%	0.19	6.98%	8.3	2.69	1.170	0.730	6.0	
ENERGYH	0.027	175	4	4.3	0.00	-25.6%	0.93	0.00%	NM	0.86	0.051	0.025	163.4	
GPI	0.024	1,551	40	35.0	1.60	-20.0%	1.24	0.00%	NM	0.25	0.033	0.021	5,162.6	
ABAR	0.090	0	0	0.0	0.00	-5.3%	NA	0.00%	8.0	0.34	0.123	0.078	10.3	
Oil & Gas		1,815	48	41.2		3.0%		4.75%	13.4	0.85			5,454	
KFOUC	0.250	0	0	0.0	0.00	30.9%	0.43	12.00%	33.4	0.91	0.289	0.175	199.6	
BPPC	0.939	70	57	65.2	14.00	-3.7%	0.75	4.66%	NM	1.73	1.090	0.780	254.5	
ALKOUT	0.840	0	0	0.0	0.00	0.0%	0.05	5.95%	13.5	2.72	0.840	0.362	0.0	
ALQURAIN	0.389	837	36	325.6	1.00	8.1%	0.69	3.89%	9.4	0.98	0.415	0.321	410.0	
Basic Materials		907	93	390.8		2.1%		4.72%	18.1	1.32			864	
SPEC	0.070	349	9	24.4	2.80	2.5%	0.36	0.00%	7.0	0.38	0.082	0.057	192.1	
KCEM	0.300	0	1	0.1	0.10	-20.8%	0.46	0.88%	27.7	1.14	0.435	0.327	21.4	
CABLE	0.366	256	47	131.2	-6.00	-4.3%	1.02	7.38%	9.1	1.20	0.420	0.346	135.0	
SHIP	0.382	22	10	8.2	1.00	-11.6%	0.48	7.85%	7.1	1.23	0.538	0.307	323.5	
PCEM	1.254	0	0	0.0	0.00	10.2%	0.51	7.97%	12.2	1.84	1.459	0.149	60.7	
PAPER	0.165	0	0	0.0	0.00	-12.2%	0.17	5.97%	16.6	0.90	0.249	0.012	1.9	
MRC	0.088	0	0	0.0	0.00	39.7%	0.06	0.00%	NM	0.66	0.089	0.012	1.1	
ACICO	0.139	61	7	8.1	3.00	-16.8%	0.43	3.58%	19.5	0.44	0.245	0.150	118.5	
HCC	0.122	0	1	0.0	11.00	8.9%	0.13	0.00%	NM	0.90	0.146	0.067	7.3	
NICBM	0.182	11	3	2.0	-3.00	-9.0%	0.17	5.29%	16.5	0.78	0.202	0.160	13.0	
EQUIPMENT	0.023	1	2	0.0	1.40	-16.3%	1.38	0.00%	NM	0.47	0.034	0.025	268.7	
NCCI	0.030	0	0	0.0	0.00	-31.8%	NA	0.00%	NM	0.33	0.084	0.035	3.4	
SALBOOKH	0.046	0	0	0.0	0.00	15.3%	0.78	0.00%	NM	0.52	0.052	0.036	318.8	
AGLTY	0.709	1,838	292	1,313.3	-3.00	-1.7%	1.49	1.74%	15.4	1.23	0.843	0.315	1,149.7	
EDU	0.315	0	0	0.0	0.00	1.6%	0.17	4.78%	NM	1.99	0.340	0.057	13.1	
CLEANING	0.067	0	0	0.0	0.00	15.9%	0.95	7.30%	11.4	0.46	0.072	0.047	131.0	
KGL	0.082	0	0	0.0	0.00	-13.9%	0.94	5.77%	6.6	0.35	0.128	0.090	367.4	
KKPC	0.218	0	1	0.0	8.00	-5.2%	0.34	8.87%	5.2	0.91	0.260	0.159	18.0	
HUMANSOFT	3.470	78	17	268.6	70.00	5.8%	0.41	5.31%	13.5	6.33	3.800	2.996	151.5	
GFC	0.059	0	0	0.0	0.00	-15.7%	NA	0.00%	NM	0.68	0.250	0.012	0.0	
SHOOTING	0.013	0	1	0.0	0.10	-18.8%	1.79	0.00%	NM	0.19	0.021	0.015	299.3	
CGC	0.205	82	41	16.9	-19.00	-35.9%	0.00	9.73%	6.5	0.72	0.457	0.295	113.4	
UPAC	0.430	0	1	0.0	20.00	-32.3%	0.06	3.77%	7.3	1.35	0.890	0.241	6.9	
ALAFCO	0.246	65	9	15.9	4.00	-29.5%	0.39	4.07%	7.1	0.75	0.372	0.058	160.1	
MUBARRAD	0.059	0	2	0.0	0.20	0.0%	0.87	6.33%	5.8	0.49	0.360	0.040	53.9	
LOGISTICS	0.041	99	14	16.2	0.10	0.2%	0.81	0.						