Banks cause concern

KUWAIT CITY, July 15. The Kuwait Stock Exchange reported se- veral bearish movements on Monday evening, with the benchmark index declining 44.42 points to close at 2,813.62 points, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The Premium Index fell 1.61 points, losing 108.3 points, and the Main Market Index fell 82.6 points, or 1.6 percent, to close at 5,094.22 points, reports Al- Shuwaikh daily. 

The temporary fall in the Main Market Index was due to the temporary halt of trading in the shares of companies in the banking sector. The number of shares traded was 101,884,590 shares with a total volume of 482,988,421 Kd.

The turnover on Monday was 1,122,882,200 Kd, down 10.5 percent from 1,250,388,800 Kd on Friday, reports KUNA.

The sources pointed out that stock trading in Kuwait is over 75 percent of the stocks listed in the Kuwait Exchange. The average daily number of shares traded is 108,000,000 shares.

The third sphere of academic activity will be on September 15, with the start of the new academic year, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

For its part, investor sources attri- bute the temporary fall in the index to many stocks. They stressed the need to reevaluate the future of many stocks in the market, especially in the banking sector.

Warrant out on Al-Duwailah

Parliamentarians, get rid of Muslim Brotherhood Group!

The sources pointed out that the re- cognition of the study for the health sector, which is standing with folded arms and is not ready to accept the decisions of modern and the simple traditions of the health sector, will prevent the implementation of our rational governments in the study of the state of health, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

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Other Voices

Ahmed Al-Fadl, presenter of the project, said the tranquil situation is a result of normalcy and the decrease in the cost of living. He also emphasized the impor- tance of cooperation and coordination between the various sectors in the country.

Moreover, MP Hamdan Al-Azmi said there is a need for the government to involve the people in the fight against coronavirus.

Source: Al-Shuwaikh daily.

Jamal Al-Jallal for the decision to exempt personal shipments valued at less than KD 100 from customs fees. 

He stressed the urgent need to avoid the loss of ship- ments and delayed deliveries. He also called on the government to engage in private sector projects to improve the quality of public postal services.

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Government floundering hits hard private business sector

MoCi receives dozens of requests to cancel commercial licenses

KUWAIT CITY, July 15: The General Administration of Customs has decided to refund to charging customs duty for import goods worth KD 1,000 or less, as reported by MoCi, in an attempt to mitigate the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The decision is based on the recommendation of a committee formed by the General Administration of Customs. Under the chairmanship of the undersecretary of the customs agency, the committee was formed to assess the impact of the pandemic on the economy, including the private sector, and to propose appropriate measures for the government to take in order to support the private sector.

The committee found that the impact of the pandemic on the private sector has been significant, with a decline in economic activity and a decrease in demand for goods and services. It recommended that customs duty for import goods worth KD 1,000 or less should be refunded to support the private sector and mitigate the economic effects of the pandemic.

The General Administration of Customs has instructed the General Administration of Customs in all governorates to implement the decision and refund the customs duty to importers who have paid it for goods worth KD 1,000 or less. The refund process will start from the date it is implemented and will continue for a period of one month. Those interested in obtaining the refund should contact the General Administration of Customs in the respective governorates.

The decision is expected to benefit many businesses, especially small and medium enterprises, as it will help them reduce their costs and continue operating. It is also expected to boost the economy and create job opportunities.

The government has been taking several measures to support the private sector during the pandemic, including providing financial support and subsidies, implementing tax reductions, and implementing a number of measures to support the tourism and hospitality sectors.

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"Need to cut costs, go spending'“How do we face future if oil prices collapse and we do not diversify?”

KUWAIT CITY, July 15: The Public Private Partnership Projects Authority recommended that the railway network project should not appoint consultant firms to start the launching procedures until the public "entities finishing providing complete technical requirements which are one of the basic components of the RFP document, as it is informed of these documents by all the concerned bodies and agencies," the source said.

The railway network project in Kuwait is the manifestation of Kuwait’s commitment to the GCC Economic Program; it is considered one of the basic components of the GCC economic action plan, which was planned and implemented as an integral part of these regional projects, and is one of the most important projects that has been allocated big financial privileges to implement it as a region’s project.

Kuwaiti Firm Ends Its Caretaker Role in Collaborative Rail Project

The Iraqi firm which has been taking care of the railway project in the Al-105 area of the capital has ended its caretaker role, the source said, adding that the Ministry of Transport and Communications will launch a new tender for this project within the coming days. The source added that the railway project in the Al-105 area is one of the most important projects that has been allocated big financial privileges to implement it as a national project.

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natriates — are aware the goods are still in, in addition to the aug-
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tualities by following the journey so that users can have the contin-
uous tools to continue to learn and grow.

The New Life Skills app has launched more than 1,100,000 users and over 400 teachers. Working with around 500 schools and colleges across the Middle East and North Africa, the pro-
gramme has provided classes, workshops and social action projects all centered around life skills education.

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PM's popularity drops in recent weeks

Protesting Israelis call on Bibi to resign

JERUSALEM, July 15, (AP): Thousands of Israelis on Tuesday demonstrated against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, calling on the embattled leader to resign as he faces a trial on corruption charges and grapples with a deepening coronavirus crisis. The new wave of protests comes as the country is trying to cope with the ongoing pandemic, which has left more than 1,500 people dead and over 200,000 infected. Netanyahu, who is on trial for fraud, bribery, and breach of trust, denies wrongdoing and has doggedly rejected calls for his resignation.

Lebanon looks to China as others refuse to help

Beirut cash-strapped gov't looking east

BEIRUT, July 15, (AP): Facing a worsening economic crisis and with little chance of Western or oil-rich Arab countries providing financial support, Lebanon has turned to China, hoping to secure assistance without subsidizing the country's domestic problems. China's overtures come at a time when Lebanon is in desperate need of foreign aid, with the country's currency further plummeting and the government facing a severe financial crisis.

Lebanon turning east “as if that’s the only answer”

Lebanon’s coast, according to the official, is an area of high interest to China and other allies in Lebanon. The group had proposed an IMF program to get Lebanon out of its crisis. China’s huge wealth might come with pressure on Lebanon to acknowledge China’s economic influence and accept its role in the region. China has suggested such a move could revive the faltering economy and help Lebanon in its quest for economic stability or fiscal viability, or, of course, its chance of Western or oil-related finances.

Lebanon's coast could bring revitalizing assistance without subsidizing domestic problems

China’s ambassador to Lebanon, Wang Kejian, who visited China several times in 2018 and 2019, said the talks with Beijing are aimed at covering the immediate fiscal needs of the country.

Lebanon's coast

China has been expanded in recent years and will include the construction of neighboring Syria, an economic ally of China and a potential strategic partner for Lebanon. The investments can be mutually beneficial. China can gain from close relations with Lebanon, which Washington and its Gulf Arab allies have been concerned about, with Beijing offering its economic and military muscle to bolster its influence in the region.

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Biden's Texas ad signals hope in GOP stronghold

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP) - Joe Biden targeted his first TV ad campaign in Texas late Wednesday night, as tensions increased between the two candidates for the White House.

It's the first ad of the general election campaign to focus on Texas, which is a key swing state in the presidential race.

"This virus is tough, but Texas is tougher," Biden says in the ad. "I want every single American to know, through the day, I will not abandon you. We're all in this together." The ad also features footage of people wearing masks and social distancing.

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Biden's campaign in Texas is only a few days old, but it's already been noticed by Republicans. The state has been a key battleground in recent elections, and Biden's campaign has focused on issues like healthcare and the economy.

"Joe Biden is a phony," said one Texas Republican. "He wants to be seen as a progressive, but he's really a moderate. His record in Washington is proof of that." 

Biden's team has also been criticized for its messaging, with some calling it too soft on issues like immigration and gun control.

"Biden's ad is a bit too soft on immigration," said another Texas Republican. "He needs to be more aggressive in appealing to the Hispanic vote." 

But Biden's team has defended its approach, saying it's focused on issues that matter to voters.

"We're not trying to win over Trump voters," said one Biden campaign official. "We're trying to win over middle America. And that means focusing on issues like healthcare, education and the economy." 

Biden's campaign in Texas is just one part of a broader effort to win the swing states. 

"The battle for Texas is the battle for the presidency," said one Democratic strategist. "And we're confident we can win it." 

But Republican strategist said he's not so sure.

"I don't think Biden can win Texas," he said. "He's going to have to focus on the Hispanic vote, and that's going to be a tough sell." 

The race in Texas is expected to be close, with both candidates expected to campaign heavily in the state. 

"We're going to fight hard in Texas," said one Democratic strategist. "But we're not going to take it for granted." 

For the full story, please read the article in the ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020.
### Workers, police scuffle in one of China's biggest cities

China's uniformed personnel and workers engaged in a minor scuffle in the central city of Shanghai on Sunday, according to a local police statement.

The incident occurred around noon at a gas station in the city's Xuhui district, where a group of uniformed personnel and a worker named Tang were involved in a dispute over a fuel issue.

According to the statement, Tang, who was seen arguing with the workers over the price of fuel, started a minor scuffle with the uniformed personnel. The video clip of the incident showed Tang holding a knife and swinging it towards the uniformed personnel.

The police then responded to the situation and controlled the two men. The injured worker was sent for medical examination, while Tang was put under investigation.

The police also emphasized that the incident was not a major public safety issue and that investigations were ongoing in the case. They urged the public to cooperate with police investigations and offer timely information.

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### Status of Black protester replaces toppled UK slave trader

A statue of a Black Lives Matter protester has replaced the statue of 17th century slave trader Edward Colston and was unveiled on the plinth of the toppled statue of a white coloniser.

The Black Lives Matter movement has been a significant global force, advocating for a more just world where Black lives matter. The movement has not only challenged systemic racism but has also highlighted the need for reparations and justice for the descendants of enslaved Africans across the Atlantic to the Western Hemisphere.

The act of replacing the statue is a symbolic gesture that reflects the growing momentum of the movement. Today, the movement's impact is not limited to the United Kingdom but has extended worldwide, with protests and discussions happening in various countries around the globe.

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### UK, France extend face covering rules

Britain and France have extended their face covering rules as the coronavirus pandemic continues to spread.

In Britain, the new requirement only applies to people at workplaces where it is hard to maintain social distancing, while in France, the measures apply to public places such as shops, supermarkets, and public transport.

The new rules are part of ongoing efforts to control the spread of the virus and protect the public's health. Both countries have seen a rise in cases in recent weeks, with some regions in both nations experiencing increased transmission rates.

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### Hong Kong

NY Times to move some staff

‘Localists’ and activists topple Hong Kong election

HONG KONG, July 13 (AP). Young activists and pro-democracy candidates dominated Hong Kong’s electoral council as the city’s government approved the results of the June 28 election. This is the first time in Hong Kong’s history that the pro-democracy camp has gained a majority on the council, which is also the first time the council was open to elections.

The pro-democracy candidates won 17 of the 27 seats on the council, which is responsible for electing the city’s leader. The council’s 27 seats are divided into six functional constituencies, each representing a specific sector of the economy.

The pro-democracy candidates won in all six functional constituencies, including the arts, culture, and sports sector; the education sector; the finance sector; the health care sector; the legal sector; and the financial sector.

The results were announced by the Hong Kong government on Monday. The pro-democracy candidates were led by pro-democracy lawmakers, including Joshua Wong and Jimmy Sham. They are expected to use their majority on the council to push for greater democracy and police accountability.

The pro-democracy victory is seen as a significant setback for the Hong Kong government, which has been trying to suppress political dissent in the city.

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Consumer and business credit cards and home mortgages helped Bank of America, Citigroup, JPMorgan, and Wells Fargo set aside $78 billion in the second quarter, up from $54 billion in the first quarter of 2020. Total reserve levels decreased about 1%, to $0.7 trillion, falling short of analysts’ expectations.

The pandemic has a grip on the US economy and it doesn’t look like it will loosen up just yet, according to analyst Michael Corbat, the CEO of Citigroup, in a call with investors. “Economists and Wall Street analysts are weighing on the financial health of America’s consumers and businesses. Bank shares were up about 4%, according to分析s with analysts and reporters, said they underestimated how long the pandemic would last and its impact on the overall economy.

New York, July 15, AP (With tens of millions of Americans out of work and many businesses shut down or operating under restrictions due to the coronavirus, the nation’s biggest banks set aside nearly $38 billion in the second quarter to cover potentially bad loans that were fine only a few months ago.

The results from JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo and Citigroup on Tuesday offer a peek at the broader economic recovery since the coronavirus shutdowns of March and April, and the pandemic’s impact on the US economy.

JPMorgan Chase net income hit hard by pandemic as consumers struggle

On Wednesday, JPMorgan Chase & Co. reported a $10.5 billion profit, or $1.16 per share, compared with a $6.8 billion loss, or $8.78 per share, a year ago.

The coronavirus pandemic and its economic ripple effects have put the banking industry on alert, as consumers and businesses cope with unprecedented demands and changes.

Apple wins EU court ‘case’ over $15b in claimed taxes

In this file photo, people wait in front of an Apple store in Munich, before the opening bell Wednesday. (AP)

The European Commission had ordered Apple to pay in 2016 that technology giant Apple does not have to pay $13 billion (117.5 billion euros) in back taxes to Ireland, at the EU’s highest courts.

“Decision on the basis that Ireland granted no state aid and the decision today from the Court supports that view,” the European Commissioner for Competition Margrethe Vestager said.

The European Union’s top court on Thursday rejected an appeal by Apple Inc that challenged a European Union ruling on billions of dollars that Ireland had illegally given tax breaks to the US company.

“Ireland has always been clear that there was no state aid and the decision today from the Court supports that view,” said Vestager.

Apple CEO Tim Cook has called the EU decision a “critical moment” for the tech industry and said the court’s ruling would give companies “certainty.”

“Today’s ruling removes the threat of billions of dollars in back taxes from the EU against Apple,” Cook said in a statement.

The ruling comes at a time when tax rates for US companies have been especially volatile, under the uncertainty of its multiple court cases. The EU is appealing to a final playing field among the 27 nations by making sure special deals treating multinational companies with lower tax rates with multinationals, like the US firm Apple, and neighboring Germany.

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The result of the case is seen as a victory for Apple and a defeat for the EU, which has been pushing for more transparency and inspections among countries.

The ruling means that Apple can continue to report its Europe-wide profits at effective tax rates below 1%, a practice that has been seen as unfair.

In its second-quarter results, JPMorgan Chase reported earnings of $7.12 per share, up 22% from $5.80 per share in the same period last year.

“JPMorgan prof hit hard by pandemic as consumers struggle...”

Business
KUWAIT CITY, July 15: Zain Group, a leading mobile innovator with operations in 14 countries across the Middle East and Africa, has announced its consolidated financial results for the first half of 2020. Total consolidated revenues of KD 787 million (USD 1.05 billion), a decrease year-on-year (Y-o-Y).

In the second quarter of 2020 (Q2), Zain Group generated consolidated revenue of KD 356 million (USD 475 million), a decrease of 14% Y-o-Y, driven by the impact of COVID-19 on the company’s operations and the impact of reductions in capex-related spend.
Airlines expected to furlough thousands of workers when federal aid runs out on Oct 1

‘Growth has stalled’ … surge in US infections hits Delta

By Sara Rathner

Airlines are expected to furlough thousands of workers when federal aid runs out on Oct 1 as US infections surge, with the latest state-by-state data showing a marked increase in COVID-19 cases in the South. Delta Air Lines, the world’s fourth-largest airline by revenue, said its adjusted loss worked out to $5.5 billion but hasn’t decided whether to tap into the $32 billion in federal aid for airlines that lingers on. Delta also raised $11 billion in debt ahead of planned $12 billion spending on fuel, as money from tickets is “not enough” to cover the airline’s expenses. Delta has signed an agreement with Experian to allow access to your check-in qualifications, and Delta has rented a SkyMiles credit card and loyalty club to customers

Business PLUS

Is it OK to never have a credit card?

By Tara Balter

Student loans are often the easiest options to qualify for, especially when you’re very young.

He added that “student loans are often the way that many students begin building their credit.”

No student loan is your name?”

A credit builder loan from a bank or credit union may be an option. With this loan, the lender deposits a pre-set amount into a savings account, and you make monthly payments until the deposit is repaid. Other tips that you pay on time each month: make a $1,000 monthly payment to your credit balances. This includes how long accounts have been open, the recency and frequency of balance transfers, and the evidence of consistent credit on hand and a history of positive account balances.

Be diligent about loan payments, even if it’s only a $5 minimum payment. You must maintain impeccable credit scores, as a public-relations ploy. Report financial results for the week, and you will want to be under the guidance of the Federal Reserve. Avoid opening new accounts or closing existing accounts with a credit utilization rate of more than 30%.

Be careful about the credit limit, because it may become too high for your budget. A good and legitimate credit history and credit scores are key to access new cards to the secured credit card market. (AP)
**Asia mostly upbeat on COVID vaccine hopes**

Investors await BoJ statement, China data

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**TOKYO, July 15 (AP):** Shares were mostly higher in Asia on Wednesday as hopes rose that an experimental coronavirus vaccine could be developed by the end of the year, while the Australian dollar climbed above two-month highs after auctions of government bonds a day earlier were a surprise success.

The gain in the Australian dollar came after the country’s central bank said it would hold its benchmark interest rate at the record low of 0.1% for at least another six months and would continue to buy bonds until early 2024.

The Reserve Bank of Australia’s decision was seen as a sign that the central bank is not in a rush to raise its rates, even as growth accelerates in the country following a more rapid reopening of its economy.

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**Cleveland, July 15 (AP):** South Korea’s small-firm prospective petrochemical project in Ohio is closer to reality after the Korean company signed a deal to build a $1.2 billion petrochemical plant on the site of a former coal-fired power plant in the state.

The agreement between South Korean chemical major SK Chemical and Ohio-based TowerCorp was announced today, kicking off a series of planned construction projects over the next five years.

The plants will produce a range of petrochemical products, including ethylene, propylene, and other derivatives.

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**Agility dips 17 fils, NBK up**

By John Mathews

Arab Times Staff

**KUWAIT CITY, July 15:** Kuwait stock exchange indices jumped higher on Wednesday, outpacing the region’s gains for the session’s close. The All Share Index rose 3.43% to close at 105.66 fils, while the All Equity Index jumped 3.4% to close at 105.66 fils.

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Rivera said he misses the energy and the feedback they can be too quiet or hard to read. The upside, he said, is that those who watch their dance can speak to each other about their favorite roles. He often personalized experience for the audience.

Dixie Chicks records: rapper and singer in the store.
No parades

Close-ups with Mickey out

ORLANDO, Fla., July 15, (AP): Forget about up-close "fist bumps" with Mickey out.
Atalanta dominate Brescia

Bergamo, Italy, July 15, (AP): Mario Pašalić netted his first hat trick as Atalanta defeated Brescia 6-2 to move second in the Serie A season in the Champions League as another top-four finish and a second league title are in sight.

"We want to get the best position in the table possible," Gasperini said. "We want to try to win the title on Thursday."

"It's the first time, it's not bad to cure the team's 34th league title," Pašalić said of his first hat trick as Atalanta dominated Brescia in Serie A after a derby with 10 minutes in the first half - grossa had canceled out Pašalić's goal. Atalanta pressed fast into the second phase of the season, erupting in late February. The province of Bergamo, which is also home to Atalanta's Gewiss Stadium, continues to be ground zero of the coronavirus pandemic, with one of the highest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the world.

Atalanta and Brescia have historically faced off at various points in their histories, and Brescia's president reported that the two clubs had been close to agreeing to cancel the fixture due to the pandemic - a threat that was likely influenced by the decision to cancel the Champions League. The match was held in the Gewiss Stadium, but the crowd was reduced to just 1,000 fans due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Pašalić, however, converted a through ball for the former sent to the bottom left corner. Pašalić completed the 6-2 scoreline by doubling his tally in the second half.
**SPORTS**

**USA Swimming adds meets to California pro series**

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At least seven weeks at Disney this

The Europe Swing in 2020 had three events before the PGA Tour put its COVID-19

The CJ Cup in South Korea is scheduled for the week after Las Vegas, leading to speculation the PGA Tour might try to

The people spoke to The Athletic and Press on condition of anonymity because the discussions are in the early stages, and other sites are under confidentiality agreements for the title.

The Asia Swing last year had quite a few of them because of the current hotbed of COVID-19

The 10th season of Australia's domestic T20 season set to start in December

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HSBC Champions have little interest in moving to Europe

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LAKES BUENA VISTA, Florida, July 15. Forbidding a place to get a team ready for the rest of the PGA season's tour or in the top 50 in the FedEx Cup standings.

Spending an extended stretch away from home

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LONDON, July 15, (AP) — Pity Guadiola may have seen his day for what he claimed had been a “whispering” campaign against Manchester City after describing the decision to outline the two-year ban from European competition as a “great day for football.”

The City manager gave a robust defence of the club following an appeal against the ban by an independent CAS panel on Monday, when sport’s highest court upheld an appeal against FIFA’s decision to freeze financial fair play charges against Manchester City.

Guadiola attacked his rivals for what he claimed had been a “whispering” campaign against City, and said his family relied on free school meals.

“I would say to this kind of people, OK, look in our eyes and say something to us. I want to talk. I want to talk with you. I want to know what is going on. I do not feel like we have been attacked because we did something wrong. I believe in the truth. We are being attacked.”

Guadiola said his family received free meals when he played for Barcelona. He said his family relied on free meals until he was 18.

“We accepted the ban, we accepted our ban for the European competition. If we think that we are not guilty, we have to prove it. And that is wrong, because we did not do anything wrong.”

The former president of the Spanish soccer federation, the Royal Spanish Football Federation, and of LaLiga, who said CAS was “not up to speed.”

LONDON, July 15, (AP) — Olivier Giroud sinks Norwich to keep Chelsea’s Champions League hopes alive.

Giroud’s late strike in the FA Cup final secured a 1-0 win over Manchester City and another ticket for the European tournament.

“Because we were in the final,” Giroud said. “I didn’t play in the final, but it’s the same. It was a great match, a great moment.”

“Chelsea were always the better team and we deserved to win. Manchester City played well, but we were the better team.”

The match was delayed for nearly an hour due to a power cut at the stadium.

“I’m happy for the team and for all the fans,” Giroud said. “We worked hard all season to reach this final.”

Chelsea’s win means they have qualified for the Champions League for the first time since 2012.