

Prayer Timings

Fajr	04:12	Asr	15:23
Sunrise ..	05:32	Maghrib ..	18:09
Zohr	11:51	Isha	19:28

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National Investment Co rallies 6 fils, Zain ticks down

Kuwait bourse resumes ascent, volume hits 50-day high



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His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Tuesday at Bayan Palace, His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Audiences of HH the Crown Prince

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, received Tuesday at Bayan Palace, His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

His Highness the Crown Prince also received, Minister of Information, Culture and the Minister

of State for Youth Affairs Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi, Head of the Voluntary Work Center Sheikhha Amthal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Rawan Yarub Al-Fawzan and Mohammad Nasser Al-Atwan, where they presented to His Highness, an explanation on the national strategy for volunteer

work prepared by youth cadres, aims to organize and support volunteer work in the country.

His Highness during the meeting praised the efforts of Kuwait youth in spreading the culture of humanitarian initiatives around the world, as he stressed the political leadership attention to vol-

untary charitable work, calling to show the world the bright image of Kuwait that enjoys a human culture stemming from the values of the Islamic religion.

His Highness also received the Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK), Dr. Mohammad Youssef Al-Hashel. (KUNA)

By John Mathews Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, April 6: Kuwait stocks resumed its ascent on Tuesday following last session's retreat. The All Shares Index, after an early pullback, climbed 29.25 points to 5,850.34 pts helped by fresh buying in some of the blue chips and other counters.

The Premier Market sprinted 36.26 pts to 6,410.19 points taking the month's gains to 86 pts while Main Market scaled 13.82 pts. The BK Main 50 was up 12.51 pts at 4,922.62 points. The volume turnover, meanwhile, hit a 50-day high as it extending its rise to sixth straight session. Over 364 million shares changed hands - a 32 pct jump from the day before.

The sectors closed mostly in green territory. Technology outshone the rest with 5.63 percent gain whereas Telecommunications sector eased 0.15 percent, the biggest loser of the day. Volume wise, Financial Services topped with 200.8 million shares and Banking Sector dominated in value with KD 52.41 million.

Among the prime movers, Kuwait Finance House climbed 6 fils to 713 fils on back of over 15 million shares and Boubyan Bank paced 5 fils to close at 750 fils. National Investment Co rallied 6 fils after pushing 6.5 million shares while Boubyan Petrochemical Co soared 37 fils to 871 fils. YIACO Medical galloped 46 fils to KD 1.450 partly recouping Monday's slide. Zain eased 1 fil to 601 fils and is little changed year-to-date while Ooredoo climbed 8 fils to 644 fils, stc shed 10 fils whereas logistics major Agility took in 1 fil on back of 2.52 million share taking the month's gains to 10 fils. Humansoft Holding stood pat at KD 3.800 and Mezzan Holding dialed up 2 fils. Mabanee Co was unchanged at 700 fils.

National Industries Group was flat at 187 fils after moving 1.8 million shares whereas Gulf Cable gave up 2 fils. Qurain Petrochemical Co clipped 2 fils and Integrated Holding Co inched 1 fil to red. Jazeera Airways continued to stall at 710 fils after shedding 20 fils year-to-date and ALAFCO too did not budge from its previous close of 210 fils. Aznour added 2 fils on back of 2.3 million shares.

The market opened slightly gap up and slipped into red in early trade. The main index plumbed the day's lowest level of 5,814 pts and rebounded amid buying spurt in some of the counters. It dipped again before clawing back to peak at 5,853 points past the mid-session and moved sideways to close with modest gains.

Top gainer of the day, Bayan Investment rallied 10.8 pct to 35.9 fils while Al Aqaria paced 9.96 percent to stand close behind. Al Rai Media Group skidded 11.93 pct, the steepest decliner of the day and ALOLA topped the volume with 32.7 million shares.

Mirroring the day's gains the market spread was skewed towards the winners. 77 stocks advanced whereas 38 closed lower.

US\$/KD	0.30195/05
Euro/KD	0.3570
Yen/KD	0.0027
British £/KD	0.4186
Indian Rs/KD	0.0041
Philippines Peso/KD	0.0062
FTSE	+78.31 pts at 12:50 hr, April 06
Nikkei	-392.62 pts at closing April 06
Gold	1715.85 per oz (London)
NYMEX crude	\$59.93 per barrel
Brent crude	\$63.40 per barrel
LIBOR rate	0.19975%

Of the 133 counters active on Tuesday, 18 closed flat. 12,875 deals worth KD 50.03 million were transacted during the session.

In the Banking Sector, National Bank of Kuwait was unchanged at 811 fils after pushing 2.6 million shares and Gulf Bank followed suit to end at 219 fils with brisk trading. Kuwait International Bank took in 1 fil whereas Burgan Bank held ground at 221 fils.

Ahli United Bank BSC climbed 5 fils to 210 fils on back of 15.3 million shares and Warba Bank inched 1 fil into green. Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait dialed up 1 fil and Ahli United Bank Kuwait added 2 fils with a volume of 4.3 million.

KIPCO was unchanged at 164 fils whereas Intiaz Investment and Kuwait Real Estate Co edged 1 fil higher to end at 116 fils and 139 fils respectively. Kuwait Investment Co took in 1 fil whereas International Financial Advisors gave up 2 fils after pushing over 3 million shares.

Kuwait Financial Centre (Markaz) was flat at 86 fils whereas KMEFIC and Aayan Leasing slipped 3 fils each. KFCL rose 2.5 fils to 73.5 fils on back of over 3 million shares and KAMCO closed 0.7 fils in green. Osoul Investment was down 3.5 fils at 73.5 fils whereas First Investment and Bayan Investment scaled 3.5 fils each.

Noor Financial Investment dialed up 1 fil and Tamdeen Investment paused at 218 fils. Kuwait Insurance Co gained 5 fils and Al Ahleia Insurance Co dialed 13 fils to 518 fils. Salhia Real Estate Co clipped 2 fils whereas Tamdeen Real Estate stalled at 240 fils.

The market has been largely upbeat during the week gaining 37 points in last three sessions. It has rallied 74 points from start of the month and is up 278 points year-to-date.

No to bribery, power abuse

Whistle-blowers will be protected: Nazaha



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Blankets, used clothes and other items seized during the campaign.

Raids on vice dens begin

Campaign to root out Jleeb ills

KUWAIT CITY, April 6: The Assistant Undersecretary for Public Security Affairs at the Ministry of Interior, Major-General Faraj Al-Zoubi has embarked on a plan to end all abuses inside Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh and surrounding areas such as Al-Hassawi and Abbasiya, including suspicious activities and practices, illegal storage of furniture and other abuses, reports Al-Anba daily.

Al-Zoubi pointed out the campaigns in the area will continue unabated until the goals of the plan are achieved.

The source added the campaign will uproot all abuses happening in that area over the years or rather decades. The source added, the task cannot be accomplished overnight, but it will take time given the complex situation.

Al-Zoubi pointed out the public security sector campaign is carried out in cooperation with the Municipality inspectors and workers to remove waste following the 'go-ahead' from the Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali and the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior Lieutenant-General Essam Al-Naham.

He pointed out these campaigns will be extended and periodical at different times. During the campaign large quantities of electrical items, furniture, used accessories and sponges were lifted which will be destroyed in due course especially since these items were stored in a dangerous manner which could cause fire and destroy properties of others.

Regarding suspicious practices inside the region, the source said, the authorities are not oblivious to these activities, and in due special teams will be deployed inside this region and suspicious houses will be raided.

Al-Zoubi called on the citizens and residents to support Ministry of Interior agencies and report any practices that harm the safety, health and security of society.

The Ministry of Education, in coordination with the Civil Defense Department

Written exams 300 halls ready

KUWAIT CITY, April 6: The Undersecretary of the Educational Facilities and Planning Sector at the Ministry of Education, Eng Yassin Al-Yaseen, said the engineers working in the sector continue to maintain and equip 300 schools, which are designated to hold written exams for Grade 12 students, reports Al-Jarida daily.

Al-Yaseen told the daily that work is underway in full swing in order to expedite the completion of work at these schools in accordance with the requirements of the health authorities.

The sources pointing out the necessary maintenance is being done to ensure the safety of air-conditioning, lighting and other requirements for the work of schools, in addition to preparation for the exams, theaters and physical education halls, which will be ready in sufficient time before the start of the exams.

and Ministry of Health, will facilitate the participation of 300 teachers in training courses on precautionary measures related to the rapid intervention process in schools as part of ongoing preparations for the paper examinations slated for May 30, reports Al-Anba daily quoting reliable sources.

In a related development, acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Faisal Al-Maqsid asked Assistant Undersecretary for Public Education Affairs Osama Al-Sultan to nominate one teacher and a member of the Examination Committee in each school to participate in the training course, which will be conducted online through the Microsoft Teams program.

KUWAIT CITY, April 6: Director of Cases and Investigations Department at Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha) Abdul Hamid Al-Hamr stressed the need to take more measures to protect State agencies from bribery and abuse of power, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In a statement to the daily, Al-Hamr affirmed the authority is keen on exerting tremendous efforts to conduct field studies through the liaison officers who are coordinating with government agencies to prevent abuse of power just to get personal benefits and to prevent mediation and favoritism in line with Article Four of the law on the establishment of the authority.

He said: "We are preparing databases and information systems, as well as exchanging information with the authorities and organizations concerned with corruption issues at home and abroad. This is in accordance with the prevailing legislation. We request competent authorities to investigate financial and administrative corruption, uncover violations and abuses, and collect evidence."

He reiterated that Nazaha is keen on protecting whistle-blowers; reinforcing the principle of cooperation and participation with State, regional and international organizations; activating the role of civil society institutions and organizations in combating corruption; educating members of society about the dangers of corruption; and expanding knowledge on the means and methods of preventing corruption.

He clarified that Nazaha has the right to ask the competent authorities to take the necessary legal measures to terminate any contract in which the State is a party or to withdraw a concession or sever ties if proven that the laws or contracts have been violated. He said the authority does all these in coordination with the competent authorities as per Article Five of the law on its establishment.

He added Nazaha continues to refer reports to the Public Prosecution after completing investigations in a bid to prevent corruption, prosecute perpetrators, seize and recover embezzled funds, and fulfill Kuwait's obligations as per the United Nations anti-corruption conventions.

'21,000 shots every day'

KUWAIT CITY, April 6: The government's target is to increase registration for Covid-19 vaccine and give the vaccine to 1.5 million citizens and residents out of 2.5 million people targeted before the last ten days of Ramadan, given the fact the vaccination is the only way to reduce infections with the coronavirus, reports Al-Anba daily.

The health sources said the reports are encouraging and that the 650,000 people from now until April 22, when the implementation of partial curfew will be looked into corresponding to the 10th of Ramadan, the Ministry of Health will have completed vaccinating one million people at the rate of vaccinating 21,000 people every day.

The sources went on to say during the next ten days, you will have reached the vaccination of one and a half million out of the total number of targeted people, which is 2.5 million, and a higher number may have been achieved under the plan to administer the vaccine in clinics.

The sources added that, in normal circumstances, the vaccination rate of 60% of the population will have been achieved, which is the initial percentage required to achieve community immunity and return to normal life, which will entail the abolition of the ban.

The Director of Graduate Affairs Department at the Dean-ship of Admission and Registration at Kuwait University Fatima Al-Amiri announced 2,053 students have graduated during the first semester of 2020/2021/2020, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

She said the distribution of graduation certificates will continue until next week. Al-Amiri explained in a press note, the lists of graduates have been sent to the Civil Service Commission, and that coordination has been established to extend the registration period at the CSC.

DGCA jobs on hold

Airlines violating rules fined

By Muhammad Ghanem Al-Seyassah Staff

KUWAIT CITY, April 6: The Complaints and Arbitration Committee at the General Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) discussed the violations committed by airlines operating at the Kuwait International Airport in terms of non-compliance with health requirements.

During the meeting the committee is said to have listed 160 violations and approved the fines slapped against these airlines.

The Director of the Air Transport Department, Chairman of the Complaints and Arbitration Committee, Abdullah Al-Rajhi, also looked into the passengers' complaints and violations committed by travel and tourism offices and airlines in the presence of all members of the committee - representatives of several government agencies.

During the meeting, the committee reviewed all the violations of airlines operating at Kuwait International Airport and examined the complaints referred to it and sought opinions on the complaints, during which it also discussed 14 complaints

regarding violations of laws and circulars issued by the DGCA related to the air transport market, and the committee issued decisions to fine these companies and initiated legal measures against them.

The head of the committee stressed the need for the implementation of all laws and circulars issued by the DGCA to regulate the work of the air transport market in Kuwait, stressing that this matter should not be tolerated and the rights of the state and travelers should be preserved.

A reliable source told the Al-Qabas daily that the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has told the Civil Service Commission (CSC) not to approve requests sent by DGCA departments for appointment for now.

The source said that the DGCA has stopped all letters issued regarding a request for work in civil aviation saying no requests will be approved as of Monday.

The source attributed the reason for stopping the appointment due to 'over employment' during the previous phase and high salaries of administrators compared to other government agencies, as well as the possibility of them obtaining a shift allowance of up to 220 dinars.

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