

## Prayer Timings

Fajr .....	05:03	Asr .....	14:30
Sunrise ..	06:27	Maghrib ..	16:49
Zohr .....	11:38	Isha .....	18:11

# Local

## Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

**By Day:** Mild and partly cloudy with light variable wind to light to moderate south easterly wind with speeds of 08-30 km/h.  
**By Night:** Cold and partly

## Weather

cloudy with light to moderate south easterly wind with speeds of 15-38 km/h.  
**Station** **Max Exp** **Min Rec**  
 Kuwait City 22 13  
 Kuwait Airport 22 06  
 Abdaly 22 06

Jahra	22	09
Salmyyah	21	14
Ahmadi	21	12
Nuwaisib	23	10
Wafra	22	09
Salmiyah	19	05
Jal Aliyah	20	13

**VACCINE REGISTRATION WEBSITE:** [https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD\\_19\\_Vaccine\\_Registration.aspx](https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD_19_Vaccine_Registration.aspx)

## Sadu House

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extension of SADL. We invite one artist to partake in a residency at Sadu House and hold a solo exhibition at the end of the program.

**AT:** How long was the struggle to get Sadu officially recognised by UNESCO?

**Nour Al Nashi:** The inclusion of the Sadu weaving file on the representative list of the intangible cultural heritage of UNESCO in partnership with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a great achievement for Sadu House. It will enrich cultural development and creative expression in the country, especially among the younger generations. Al-Sadu Society also affirms its continual effort to honour the living traditions of weaving and spread the knowledge and techniques related to it and other traditional crafts.

The first main objective is to support all efforts to safeguard and honour AlSadu art of weaving and its related skills and techniques and carry them forward to future generations. The second main objective is to encourage collaborative programs related to the above at the national, regional, and international levels.

**AT:** How did you become involved?

**Noura Al Nashi:** As the exhibition/events coordinator at Sadu House, becoming involved with Sadu House was ideal for me due to two facts; my love for culture and textiles and my passion for education through creative outlets. Being a creative and visual learner, I discovered a new fascination with learning about the small details of Al-Sadu. Each weaver has her own signature patterns and styles, but there is a whole collection of recurring themes and motifs. For example, I found it very interesting learning about the inclusion of new technology into Sadu pieces, showcasing cars, petrol stations and aeroplanes into their weave. Being involved with Sadu House allows me to exist at the hub of information and become excited about the new adaptations of AlSadu through our contemporary art exhibitions.

**AT:** How important is it to involve young Kuwaitis in its journey of re-viving and keeping alive a traditional craft?

**Noura Al Nashi:** AlSadu is a historic craft in our part of the world, started by the Bedouin people who lived a nomadic and simple life in the desert. With the rapid change in culture due to technology and globalisation, the craft almost got lost. Sadu House is the primary source of learning about AlSadu, preserving AlSadu and archiving it. Archiving allows us to maintain this creative part of history and use it as an educational outlet by creating a museum from archived pieces. Learning to weave has skipped a few generations as the country transformed from the desert to the sea and eventually city life. One of the main goals of Sadu House is to teach the new generation of Kuwaitis about the intricacies of AlSadu.

Through our artist in residence programs, we keep the traditions and themes of AlSadu alive by allowing creative minds to reinterpret AlSadu for themselves in various artistic mediums, reaching more and more people through a contemporary lens.

**AT:** How hopeful are you about the future journey of Sadu House?

**Noura Al Nashi:** Personally, the success of our artist in residence programs and various other programs and workshops makes me very hopeful for the future of AlSadu as I am witnessing new people explore and learn about the traditional craft on a daily basis.

**AT:** Sheikha Altaf has spoken of Sadu House becoming a centre of research and documentation — how far has that objective been achieved?

**Noura Al Nashi:** Coinciding with our 30th-anniversary event, we are launching the physical and digital library. AlSadu library research facility is a space dedicated to helping scholars and researchers. It includes a variety of documents, books, publications, and periodicals on plentiful of subjects, along with art-related studies.

## Food self-sufficiency poor, says AB report

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: The latest report of the Audit Bureau shows the food self-sufficiency rates as listed below, reports Al-Rai daily.

Red meat: 17 percent; fresh vegetables: 43 percent; milk: 19 percent; poultry meat: 31 percent; eggs: consumption covered and increased by 113 percent; fish: 8 percent and shrimp: 10 percent

The report, which covered 2017, 2018, and 2019 compared to 2016, warned of poor food self-sufficiency, in spite of the fact that the total number of agricultural holdings distributed by the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs for 2017-2018 has increased by 300% compared to the previous year, and the number of agricultural holdings increased from 8,033 to 32,165.

Meanwhile, the members who were appointed to the Supreme Petroleum Council (SPC) have reportedly requested the council not to renew their term of office when it expires in January 2022, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily quoting reliable sources said some members have submitted a written request while others have informed the head of the SPC verbally, including Abdulhadi Al-Awwad, Mustafa Al-Shamali, Essam Al-Marzouq, Abdul-Mohsen Al-Hanaif, Hind Al-Sabeeh, and Essam Al-Bahr.



Artists in residence from a recently held SADI exhibition.



KUNA photo

The Kuwait Red Crescent Society supports all humanitarian efforts for the needy and the physically challenged children. Gifts are distributed to little girls.

## 'Kuwait keen to help special needs people'

The Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) affirmed the great interest that the State of Kuwait attaches to people with special needs, and made it its highest goal to take care of them and preserve and protect their rights.

On the sidelines of distributing gifts and aid to people with special needs on the occasion of their International Day, which falls on Friday, Maryam Al-Adsani, Director of the Local Aid Department at the Society, told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that the Red Crescent supports all humanitarian efforts for the needy and affected and does not hesitate to provide assistance to people with special needs inside and outside the country.

Al-Adsani added that this celebration and the

distribution of gifts to people with special needs confirms the association's keenness to support and rehabilitate this group and bring joy to their hearts, pointing to the participation of the association's volunteers in such events as an expression of their humanitarian solidarity with this precious group and providing the necessary support and assistance to them, especially psychologically.

The third of December every year marks the International Day of People with Special Needs, which has been designated by the United Nations since 1992 to support people with special needs, increase understanding of disability issues, and guarantee the rights of people with special needs. (KUNA)

## Kuwaiti citizens burden rises

### Hiring Filipino domestic workers cost up

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: The cost for the recruitment of domestic workers has risen significantly, thereby increasing the burden for Kuwaiti citizens, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The regulatory measures taken by the concerned state authorities following the COVID-19 pandemic did not bear fruit in the labor market, thus leading to an increase in the number of complaints from citizens and recruitment bureaus alike.

Citizens highlighted the fact that the recent measures did not succeed in addressing the growing shortage, as they suffer in obtaining a domestic worker due to the high prices as well as the increase in demand versus the decrease in supply.

The complaints of citizens and recruitment bureaus were mainly concerning the cost of bringing in workers from the Philippines, as the value of contract for each of them ranges between KD 1,700 and KD 2,000. The offices are no longer able to sign new contracts except with the Philippines and India - the two countries with which Kuwait signed two effective agreements, - from where workers are recruited regularly. Domestic workers are being recruited to a limited extent from Sri Lanka.

Owners of domestic labor recruitment bureaus indicated that there are no organizing agreements to recruit from Nepal, Indonesia, and Ethiopia, the latter of which has been disrupted due to the unrest in Addis Ababa.

They stressed that Kuwait is no longer an attractive country for domestic workers due to several reasons. The agencies in the Philippines and other countries prefer contracting with offices in Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates because they offer higher financial privileges and controls to preserve labor rights compared to Kuwait.

The office owners said, "There are other global markets that recruit domestic workers from the Philippines such as Singapore, Japan, Canada, and the United States. The monthly salaries for domestic workers in these countries are higher than the salary set in Kuwait by more than \$ 400 per month.

The domestic labor market is witnessing an increase in demand in exchange for a sharp decrease in the supply of new contracts, given the limited countries from which labor is recruited to work in Kuwait, which led to a rise in recruitment prices.

The reasons for this are lack of organizing agreements with the countries exporting domestic labor to the country, except for the Philippines and India. The rest of the countries such as Nepal, Indonesia, and Ethiopia had previously requested the signing of organizing

### Recovering expenses

## KPC, Finance at odds

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: A new controversy has surfaced between the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and the Ministry of Finance about recovering the expenses the oil sector has incurred in the face of "Corona", including the construction of quarantine facilities which cost the oil sector 16.5 million dinars, reports Al-Rai daily.

The oil sources said the Finance Ministry has estimated or rather acknowledged about 7.3 million dinars expenses, explaining that the Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC) has incurred unrecovered sums of money and was unable to recover 8.176 million spent in response to the pandemic.

The Audit Bureau has indicated that KIPIC has disbursed without specifying a financial ceiling by the bureau that regulates the expenses charged to the emergency account to implement the requirements of the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Health to establish health quarantine centers in Al-Zour, including the KIPIC health center, as well as equipping the field hospital in the West Mishref region at the Fairgrounds.

The sources expect KIPIC to bear more costs in the event the pandemic continues, and the Ministry of Health requests to continue to use the quarantine facilities.

agreements to start exporting their labor to Kuwait.

The Ethiopian agreement was on the cusp of signing, but the political crisis that took place in that country led to its delay. The Kuwait Domestic Workers Union, the Public Authority for Manpower and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs exerted extensive efforts to complete the process of that agreement, but it ended up being stalled.

In terms of the limited entry of domestic workers and the reluctance of workers coming from the Philippines to work in Kuwait, the problem is not internal in Kuwait. Instead, there are wide offers for this type of labor in neighboring countries and other countries. Contracts are offered to agencies in the Philippines by Saudi Arabia and UAE at better prices.

# MPs air views as road to amnesty hits snag

Keep nation first: Al-Turaiji

By Saeed Mahmoud Saleh  
Arab Times Staff

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: A number of MPs have commented on the suspension of the meetings of the committee tasked to lay down rules and conditions for granting the Amiri amnesty until further notice.**

It has been reported that the committee decided to suspend its meetings due to the speeches delivered by some political figures last week, when they mentioned His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in their speeches.

MP Thamer Al-Suwait said the amnesty should not become a toy in the hands of those keen on taking advantage of it; while asserting that it is rude to suspend the committee's meetings and such move is aimed at gaining certain privileges and creating new tools for the 'amnesty game'. He affirmed the citizens are fully aware of such games.

MP Abdullah Al-Turaiji expressed concern over the escalating tension, calling on all parties to reconsider their positions and to put the interest of the nation above all else for the amnesty train to continue moving on the fruitful track.

MP Marzouq Al-Khalifa posted on his Twitter account that there is no solution unless the leaders of the executive and legislative

authorities are dismissed. He was referring to His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid and National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim. He stressed the need to ratify his bill on general amnesty in order to cut the way toward quid pro quo.

MP Shuaib Al-Muwaizri pointed out the suspension of the committee's meetings will hinder the return of many citizens involved in opinion cases. He underscored the need to submit a bill on general amnesty and it should be included in the agenda of the next parliamentary session.

MP Abdulkareem Al-Kandari asserted the three-member committee must be dismissed for insulting the Amiri initiative on granting amnesty to those convicted in opinion cases. He claimed the committee is taking advantage of the initiative to serve the interests of the heads of the executive and legislative authorities. He urged his colleagues to vote in favor of the bill on general amnesty in case the special amnesty is suspended.

MP Al-Saifi Mubarak Al-Saifi accused HH the Prime Minister and the Assembly speaker of 'utilizing' the suffering of families to remain in their respective positions. He argued that linking the amnesty to certain political speeches is a clear indication that the premier and the Speaker are not up to their jobs.

MP Fares Al-Otaibi added the ratification of the bill on general amnesty has become a national necessity in order to end the abusive manner that the premier and Speaker is handling the issue. He warned such an attitude will drag the country into political crisis.

## CSC nods new list of frontliners

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 4: The Civil Service Commission (CSC) approved for the second time the list of Health Ministry employees eligible for the frontliners' bonus with a total cost of KD174 million, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The CSC took this decision after amending the initial list as per the instruction of the Corona Emergency Committee to approve the incentive for the medical, technical and administrative workers in the ministry un-

der the first category of beneficiaries.

The CSC then forwarded the amended list to the Ministry of Finance, confirming the list has been reviewed according to the mechanism for calculating the frontliners' bonus. In its letter to the Ministry of Finance, the CSC clarified that the Health Ministry is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the list of beneficiaries and the calculation of the incentive; in accordance with Law No. 4/2021 on the frontliners' bonus.

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