

Prayer Timings

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| Fajr | 03:13 | Asr | 15:21 |
| Sunrise .. | 04:48 | Maghrib .. | 18:46 |
| Zohr | 11:47 | Isha | 20:18 |

Local

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Day: Hot with light to moderate freshening at times north westerly wind with speeds of 15-50 km/h with a chance for rising dust over open areas.

Weather

By Night: Hot to rather hot with light to moderate freshening at times north westerly wind and speeds of 12-40 km/h.

| Station | Max Exp | Min Rec |
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| Kuwait City | 44 | 32 |
| Kuwait Airport | 46 | 31 |

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| Abdaly | 45 | 26 |
| Jahra | 46 | 30 |
| Salmiyah | 39 | 31 |
| Ahmadi | 43 | 32 |
| Nuwaisib | 47 | 29 |
| Wafra | 44 | 27 |
| Salmiyah | 43 | 27 |

VACCINE REGISTRATION WEBSITE: https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD_19_Vaccine_Registration.aspx

Mezzan Holding scales 13 fils, Agility skids

Kuwait bourse extends its gaining trot, volume surges



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His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah receives the officials.

HH PM receives new FINA head

His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received on Wednesday Kuwait Olympic Committee (KOC) President Sheikh Fahad Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and

KOC Secretary General and Olympic Council of Asia Director General Hussain Al-Musallam, after he was elected President of the International Swimming Federation, (FINA).

The encounter was held in the attendance of Minister of Information and Culture and State Minister for Youth Affairs Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi. (KUNA)

Stranded expat teachers suffering abuse

KUWAIT CITY, June 9: Chairman of the Teaching Staff Association at Kuwait University Dr Ibrahim Al-Hamoud disclosed that the expatriate teachers stranded abroad are suffering from 'severe job-related abuse' considering they were in their countries when the corona crisis started and have been considered absent as they failed to return to the country due to unforeseen circumstances brought about by the crisis, reports Al-Jarida daily.

In a recent press statement, Al-Hamoud pointed out there have been deductions from the salaries and allowances of these teachers although they were asked to work online -- teaching, con-

ducting exams, correcting and holding discussion sessions regarding masters degree theses, meeting committees, and preparing promotion, technical and academic reports. "This is considered arbitrary use of authority, and a grave violation of rules governing public office," he asserted.

He went on to say that "during this period and with the fast approaching summer vacation, letters are being sent to the expatriate teachers stating they will be provided with tickets to travel to their home countries without guaranteeing their return or even promising to help them to return. This is in addition to threatening them that if they are late

in joining the university at the beginning of the first semester; they will be considered absent from work with the possibility of dismissal if they are absent for 15 consecutive days, considering their resignation in accordance with the law."

He pointed out that "one of the most important perceptions of the academic classification of the university is the presence of foreign faculty members. Foreign professors at the university are regarded as distinguished at the Arab and global levels. They have excellent research contributions that are among the added values of the university."

By John Mathews
Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, June 9: Kuwait stocks capped a lackluster session with small gains on Wednesday as it extended its ascent to seventh day on a trot. The All Shares Index gave up steeper early session gains to end 12.69 pts up at 6,302.94 points.

The Premier Market rose 9.23 points to 6,848.15 pts while Main Market scaled 21.23 points. The BK Main 50 was up 17.47 points at 5497.43 pts. The volume turnover meanwhile rebounded past the 400 million mark following last session's drop. Over 462 million shares changed hands -- a 145 pct surge from Tuesday.

The sectors closed mostly in green. Technology outpaced the rest with 1.89 percent gain whereas Utilities shed 0.83 pct, the worst performer of the day. Volume wise, Financial Services topped with 196.6 million shares while Banking sector continued to dominate in value with KD 35.34 million.

In the individual shares, sector bellwether National Bank of Kuwait was unchanged at 839 fils after trading 2.3 million shares and Kuwait Finance House too did not budge from its earlier close of 748 fils with a volume of 6.5 million. Boubyan Bank paced 4 fils before settling at 697 fils and Mabane Co gained 7 fils. Mezzan Holding rallied 13 fils to 650 fils.

Zain dialed up 2 fils on back of 2.6 million shares while Ooredoo erased 3 fils to close at 637 fils extending last session's downtick. stc sprinted 10 fils to 860 fils and logistics major Agility was down 6 fils at 925 fils after pushing 3.3 million shares. Humanoft Holding slipped 5 fils to KD 3.595 partly erasing Tuesday's gains and Boursa Kuwait Securities shed 14 fils. Advanced Technology Co jumped 27 fils to 442 fils.

National Industries Group was unchanged at 222 fils after moving 2.9 million shares whereas Gulf Cable paced 9 fils extending last session's robust gains. Boubyan Petrochemical Co slipped 4 fils to 908 fils and Al Quraib Petrochemical Co gave up 3 fils. Jazeera Airways added 3 fils to close at 646 fils and ALAFCO tripped 1 fil. Integrated Holding was up 6 fils at 452 fils whereas Yiac Medical slid 29 fils.

The market opened firm and moved sharply higher in early trading. The main index continued to rise amid buying in some of the counters and scaled the day's highest level of 6,322 pts half way into the session. It retreated sharply thereafter and bottomed at 6,298 pts in the final minutes before clawing back to close with small gains.

Top gainer of the day, REMAL soared 14 percent to 21.1 fils and Sultan Center darted 12 pct to stand next. First Takaful Insurance skidded 13.4 percent, the steepest decliner of the day and Bareeq Holding topped the volume with 69.9 million.

Reflecting the day's gains, the market spread was skewed towards the winners. 68 stocks advanced whereas 48 closed lower. Of the 138 counters active on Wednesday, 22 closed flat, 14,091 deals worth KD 73.64 million were transacted during the session.

Kuwait Cement Co eased 1 filsto 261 fils and Kuwait Portland Cement closed 3 fils in red. Shuaiba Industrial

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| US\$/KD | 0.30070/80 |
| Euro/KD | 0.3664 |
| Yen/KD | 0.0027 |
| British £/KD | 0.4246 |
| Indian Rs/KD | 0.0041 |
| Philippines Peso/KD | 0.0063 |
| FTSE | -14.08 pts at 19:10 hrs June 09 |
| Nikkei | -102.76 pts at closing June 09 |
| Gold | \$1890.45 per oz (London) |
| NYMEX crude | \$69.90 per barrel |
| Brent crude | \$72.19 per barrel |
| LIBOR rate | 0.12800% |

climbed 11 fils to 169 fils while Metal and Recycling Co took in 1 fil with razor thin trading. Kuwait Foundry Co rose 3 fils to 293 fils whereas ACICO Industries eased 1 fil. Equipment Holding Co dialed down 1.5 fils.

Kuwait and Gulf Links Transport Co and NAFESCO paused at 55 fils and 905 fils respectively whereas Automated Systems Co took in 2 fils. Combined Group Contracting Co slipped 4 fils to 345 fils whereas Borgan Company For Well Drilling dialed up 2 fils. PAPCO gave up 3.3 fils and United Projects Co added 2 fils. KCPC climbed 5 fils to 565 fils.

In the banking sector, Gulf Bank extended last session's gains pushing 3 fils up to tood pat at 220 fils with a volume of 16.3 million. Borgan Bank dialed up 2 fils.

Warba Bank inched 1 fil higher to 253 fils and Ahli United Bank BSC followed suit after trading a whopping 68.5 million shares. Commercial Bank and Al Ahli Bank were flat at 500 fils and 216 fils respectively whereas Ahli United Bank Kuwait added 2 fils.

KIPCO eased 1 fil to 155 fils whereas National Investment Co dialed up 1 fil on back of 2.3 million shares. Al Imtiaz Investment and Kuwait Investment Co paused at 126 fils and 182 fils respectively whereas International Financial Advisors paced 5 fils. Kuwait Financial Centre (Markaz) and KMEFIC tripped 1 fil each.

Noor Financial Investment was unchanged at 221 fils whereas Tamdeen Investment gave up 3 fils before ending at 238 fils. KAMCO added 1.4 fils and Al Deera Holding was up 9 fils at 200 fils.

The market has been upbeat so far during the week rallying 45 points in last three sessions. It has gained 83 points from start of the month and is up.

Major vaccination drive in offing; 'Astra' is safe

70,000 to get daily jobs

KUWAIT CITY, June 9: Amid reports that the test results of the latest shipment of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine is declared safe, the Ministry of Health is witnessing a wide alert at various levels in preparation for launching a major vaccination campaign, during which unprecedented rates are expected to be recorded in Kuwait, reaching the vaccination limit of 70,000 individuals per day, reports Al-Rai daily.

According to informed sources, the efficacy test results for the latest shipment of the Oxford COVID-19 vaccine were informally sent to the ministry, stating that the results are sound, and there should be no fears in using the vaccine. However, the ministry chose to wait for the documents to be officially received and approved before receiving the shipment, which was expected to happen during the course of this week.

As soon as the efficacy and safety of the shipment is confirmed, the ministry will launch a major campaign that will start within a few hours so that tens of thousands of citizens and residents who received the first dose of the Oxford vaccine will be vaccinated in a maximum of ten days, as announced by the Minister of Health Dr Basel Al-Sabah.

Regarding the details of this campaign, the sources revealed its most prominent features. Vaccination of individuals will happen on the weekends. The pace of vaccination in the 30 designated centers will be accelerated so that about 200,000 people are vaccinated within three days at a rate of about 70,000 per day.

Despite the rise in the stakes of the "great breakthrough" represented in giving the second Oxford dose to the estimated 350,000 people who received the first dose, the sources explained that the ministry is ready for all options, including any emergency in terms of the delay in receiving the shipment. A mechanism will

Nod to hike in stipends

Students vaccination rate climbs

KUWAIT CITY, June 9: With the increase in the pace of the vaccination of students who are studying abroad in order to facilitate their travel procedures to attend exams, Treasurer of the National Union of Kuwaiti Students (NUKS) - Egypt branch Dr. Nasser Al-Otaibi announced that more than 1,400 students from various countries were vaccinated through the Mosafer Clinic at the Islamic Medicine Center in Sabah Health Zone, reports Al-Jarida daily.

He indicated that the average vaccination rate of students is approximately 120 students per day, with the students studying in Egypt constituting the largest segment.

In a press statement, Dr. Al-Otaibi revealed details about the cooperation between the Egyptian Students' Union and those in charge of vaccination in the center for facilitating their procedures without any obstacles.

He explained that the students have to present proof that they are either on scholarship or studying at their own expense, their civil ID and passport, and the travel tickets.

If there is a student who was infected with COVID-19 and cannot be vaccinated until after 90 days,

then be announced to give the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine for those who wish to receive the first dose of the Oxford vaccine, a procedure that is in place in a number of countries.

The Health Requirements Committee announced Tuesday the registration of four reports of non-application of health requirements approved by the Council of Ministers to confront the spread of the COVID-19 in a commercial complex in Hawalli Governorate.

The head of the emergency team in Hawalli Governorate, Ibrahim Al-Sabaan, told Kuwait News Agency on the sidelines of a tour of a shopping mall in the governorate that the violations range from 500 to 1,000 Kuwaiti dinars (equivalent to 1,650 to 3,300 US dollars), in addition to some violations decided by the court. Al-Sabaan confirmed that field

the student must present an exception certificate from the Mosafer clinic with a document obtained from the Ministry of Health's "Shlo-nak" app about the end of his quarantine period, with the date of infection and the date of recovery.

Dr. Al-Otaibi said, "A student is excluded from travel starting from the second day after taking the dose. A certificate of the receipt of the first dose is issued through the "Immunity" app of the Ministry of Health without the need for two weeks to pass. A student who received two doses can travel without taking an exception certificate after two weeks from the date of vaccination."

He appreciated the efforts exerted by the Director of the Mosafer Clinic Dr. Samira Al-Qabandi and the employees of the clinic in overcoming the obstacles that students and restaurants face.

Meanwhile, Dr. Al-Otaibi thanked the Education Committee of the National Assembly for agreeing to increase the stipend of university students to KD 300, and that of married students to KD 350.

He affirmed that this law would pass through all official channels and will not be ignored.

tours to implement health requirements and adhere to cabinet decisions and campaigns are continuing, noting that teams make surprise tours to monitor violations of shops and complexes.

For his part, Deputy Head of Hawalli Governorate Emergency Team Abdullah Al-Qaoud said in a similar statement to KUNA that all the supervisory bodies in the Kuwait Municipality have intensified their rounds since the beginning of the pandemic to preserve the safety of citizens and residents.


Al-Qaoud explained that the inspectors of the Kuwait Municipality are constantly monitoring the implementation of these requirements to ensure their validity and the commitment of the shop owners and employees in them, which contributes to reducing the number of infections. (KUNA)


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