

Prayer Timings

Fajr	03:13	Asr	15:23
Sunrise ..	04:48	Maghrib ..	18:50
Zohr	11:50	Isha	20:23

Local

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Day: Very hot with light to moderate freshening at times north westerly wind with speeds of 15-45 km/h with a chance for rising dust over open areas.

Weather

By Night: Hot to rather hot with light to moderate north westerly wind with speeds of 12-35 km/h.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	47	32
Kuwait Airport	48	32
Abdaly	47	26

Jahra	48	30
Salmiyah	42	31
Ahmadi	45	33
Nuwaisib	47	28
Wafra	47	28
Salmiyah	46	27
Jal Aliyah	47	27

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

Agility climbs 16 fils, Humansoft Holding dips

Kuwait stock market ekes out small gains, volume drops

Put all rewards in 'Police Fund'

KUWAIT CITY, June 21: The Minister of Interior, Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali, has ordered the Ministry's finance sector to refer all his previous and subsequent financial rewards to the Police Fund, reports Al-Rai daily.

A well-informed source at the ministry told the daily that "the dues include allowances for internal and external meetings and conferences, as well as any reward he receives monthly or annually," noting that the minister "has requested to deposit any money due to him other than his monthly salary to the Police Fund."

It is noteworthy that one of the most important services provided by the Fund is granting of good loans to officers.

Meanwhile, the Directorate-General of Fire Department (DGFD) announced after the department received a report on fire at a warehouse in the Amghara Scrapyard Friday afternoon, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The Public Relations and Media Department of the DGFD said in a statement after a report was received at exactly 1:37 pm fire engine from the Tahrir, Jahra, Ardiya, Al-Shuhada and Support centers rushed to the spot and put out the fire.



Refugees collect the aid provided to refugees in Lebanon.

KUNA photo

Lebanon thanks Kuwait for continuous support

Lebanese President Michel Aoun expressed on Monday his appreciation to Kuwait, namely Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS), for their continuous support towards Lebanon.

The Lebanese president, during a meeting with KRCS Chairman Dr. Hilal Al-Sayer and his accompanying delegation, praised the historic ties between Lebanon and Kuwait and the memorable support of the Kuwaiti people towards the Lebanese.

"His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah expressed in several occasions his love for Lebanon and the Lebanese people, and his keenness on helping them in the times of crisis," said the Lebanese President.

President Aoun recalled his friendship with late Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, who stood by Lebanon on several regional and international occasions for support.

He also wished Kuwait more progress and prosperi-

ty. On his part, the KRCS Chairman said that Kuwait offered aid to Lebanon when the incident of Beirut port occurred, by creating an aerial bridge of aid, consisting of 18 airplanes with more than 820 tons of relief and medical equipment.

At the end of the meeting, the two sides exchanged memorial shields.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Majdi Al-Dhefeeri on Monday met with Ambassador Ihab Fozi, the former assistant foreign minister of the Republic of Egypt.

Ambassador Fozi, also the deputy executive manager of the woman development organization -- affiliated to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation -- handed over to the deputy foreign minister a written message addressed to (Kuwait's) Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser al-Mohammad Al-Sabah from the Egyptian Foreign Minister. (KUNA)

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address reflected in their civil ID were unable to register for appointments at the co-ops or visit public clinics). This is not necessarily due to bad intentions on the part of the government, but instead, to the invisibility or dominating negative stereotypes of groups of people, particularly of "marginal" and low-income workers, or people of specific nationalities."

The interviews revealed some basic lapses that could have made life easier and bearable for many people if redressed. The common underlying theme is of invisibility and its implications on several communities living in Kuwait. "For example, when the government responded to the rising food insecurity and attempted to organise all charities under one platform so that people had easy access to food, they neglected to make the application forms and information about the campaign available in languages other than Arabic, rendering it inaccessible," explains Layan. "This aid was also made available only to families, neglecting the majority of people working in Kuwait, who cannot bring their families into the country because they do not meet the income requirement, and who are categorised as 'bachelors'. This invisibility was further demonstrated in the approach taken by organisers of aid who did not communicate with the communities they were delivering relief to and who operated in ad hoc ways, which meant that the most vulnerable people in need of food — who were single women or elderly or disabled — in the non-Arabic speaking community were the least likely to have access. This created a serious issue amongst large populations of people who were left unsupported and without food supplies."

En.v worked for months to gather the data. Going online during the pandemic allowed the team greater access to individuals and communities that were harder to engage before the pandemic. It also allowed them to collaborate with more regional and international partners, which enriched their work. "In a lot of ways even, the pandemic created a sense of urgency amongst the local community, and has brought into sharp focus the injustices and inequities faced by others outside of our individual experiences, which has helped to shift the narrative around social justice and the need for mutual aid," says Layan.

The Neighbourhood Tales is made up of 30 interviews. En.v continues to find ways to share and incorporate the stories through community interventions, listening circles and youth training, encouraging reflection and empathetic listening. The narratives evoke various reactions — anger at the apathy of authorities, sadness with the stories of hunger and helplessness, and hope at individual and collective action stories. "We can learn a lot from our narrators and their experiences," says Layan, "and hope that they help in influencing and informing our choices over how we want to emerge from this moment — stronger and more interconnected."

Oil sector on road to 'total' Kuwaitization

Expats number dwindles

KUWAIT CITY, June 21: The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) says the number of non-Kuwaiti (expatriates) employees in the oil sector is 2,671, according to the latest official statistic issued following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, reports Al-Anba daily.

It explained that the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) has the largest number of expatriate workers at the sector level with about 1,832 employees, followed by the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) with 657 expatriate employees, and then the Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (Quebec) with 76 expatriate employees.

The Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC) has about 23 expatriate workers, the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC) has 29 expatriate employees, the Gulf Oil Company has 11 expatriate employees, the Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC) has 39 expatriate employees, the Kuwait Petroleum International Company has three expatriate employees, and the KPC's administrative building has one expatriate employee.

It is a known fact that KPC and its subsidiaries are working on a plan to replace expatriate workers with national workers in order to reach the highest Kuwaitization rates based on the directives of the State and the National Assembly in this regard.

Regarding the number of expatriate petroleum engineers working in the oil sector, the KPC revealed

that there are 97 engineers in KPC, 89 expatriate engineers in KOC, and four expatriate engineers each in Gulf Oil Company and KUFPEC. Other companies in the sector do not have any petroleum engineers.

KPC affirmed that it applies the Kuwaitization policy in order to provide job opportunities for citizens and is replacing expatriate workers with Kuwaiti workers in various activities and technical fields in order to raise the proportion of Kuwaiti workers compared to expatriate workers in KPC and its subsidiaries.

According to responsible sources, KPC is applying the Kuwaitization policy with focus on a number of aspects such as commitment to expand the recruitment of Kuwaitis — as KPC and its subsidiaries appoint an average of 1,000 Kuwaiti workers annually particularly in the technical and engineering disciplines — and training and qualifying Kuwaiti employees, and transferring experiences and knowledge from non-Kuwaiti employees.

The sources stated that the percentage of Kuwaiti employees in the oil sector has increased in the past five years. From 86.5 percent in the 2014/2015 fiscal year, it reached 91 percent by the end of December 2020 in the 2020/2021 fiscal year after excluding the employment of the Ahmadi Hospital affiliated with an oil company.

They revealed that KPC and its oil companies are targeting to appoint approximately 4,500 Kuwaitis who hold university degrees and diplomas, fresh graduates and those experienced in administrative and engineering jobs, within the next five years — from 2021/2022 to 2025/2026.

It is worth mentioning that the oil sector relies heavily on oil contractors and contract workers for carrying out many activities within the oil companies.

Hard work needed: Dr Al-Essa

Ex-minister's strategy to enhance KU's rating

Call for help

Crisis at some co-ops

KUWAIT CITY, June 21: The Union of Consumer Cooperative Societies has called on the Minister of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy and the Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Community Development, Dr. Mishaan Al-Otaibi, to immediately intervene and solve the crisis that some cooperative societies are facing due to the intransigence of some board members and their reluctance to attend the formation of the board of directors, reports Al-Anba daily.

The union demanded the minister's immediate intervention to solve this crisis in order to stop the repercussions which would lead to a new crisis other than the crisis of non-payment of salaries for two months.

offers students with special needs.

Dr. Al-Essa revealed that at the end of 2016, he had asked the director of Kuwait University at that time to form a specialized committee to find out the reasons for the low educational rating of the university and figure out ways to improve it.

By John Mathews
Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, June 21: Kuwait stocks crept higher on Monday as it continued its winning streak to the 15th straight session. The All Shares Index rose 10.24 points to 6,418.85 points helped by some of the blue chips even as overall trading floor mood remained soggy.

The Premier Market climbed 8 points to 6,871 pts while Main Market paced 15.83 points to close at 5,343.24 pts. BK Main 50 was down 6.37 points at 5,580.40 pts. The volume turnover meanwhile saw small pull-back following last session's rise. Over 360 million shares changed hands — down 8 percent from the day before.

The sectors closed mixed. Insurance outshone the rest with 1.78 percent gain whereas Energy shed 0.98 pct, the worst performer of the day. Volume wise, Financial Services topped with 179.7 million shares and the sector also dominated in value with KD 21.17 million.

In the individual shares, sector bellwether National Bank of Kuwait took in 1 fil on back of 2.9 million shares and Kuwait Finance House extended last session's gains with 2 fils rise to 77 fils after pushing 6.8 million shares. KIPCO added 2 fils with a volume of 8.9 million whereas Mabaneec Co dropped 7 fils to 734 fils paring the month's gains to 24 fils. Gulf Insurance Group jumped 46 fils to 984 fils.

Zain fell 2 fils to 586 fils after moving 3.4 million shares while Ooredoo was down 8 fils at 639 fils. stc stood pat at 845 fils whereas logistics major Agility sprinted 16 fils to 942 fils. Mezzan Holding fell 3 fils to 651 fils and Boursa Kuwait Securities Co shed 8 fils. Humansoft Holding erased last session's gains with a 16 fils dip to KD 3.650.

National Industries Group fell 2 fils to 226 fils after pushing 17.6 million shares while Gulf Cable gave up 7 fils. Boubyan Petrochemical Co paced 4 fils whereas Al Qurain Petrochemical Co dialed down 1 fil before settling at 391 fils. Jazeera Airways stalled at 640 fils while ALAFCO eased 1 fil to 229 fils. Advanced Technology Co partly recouped last session's drop with a 37 fils jump to 529 fils.

Trade

The market opened firm and slipped into red in early trade. The main index plumbed the day's lowest level of 6,387 points and rebounded thereafter amid buying spurt in some of the counters. It peaked at 6,420 pts half way into the session and drifted listlessly before closing with small gains.

Top gainer of the day, Advanced Technology Co soared 7.52 percent to 529 fils and Fujairah Cement sprinted 7 pct to stand close behind. Sharjah Cement skidded 9.23 pct, the steepest decliner of the day and National Real Estate Co topped the volume with 39.2 million shares.

Despite the day's gains, the losers outnumbered the winners. 50 stocks advanced whereas 74 closed lower. Of the 139 counters active on Monday, 15 closed flat. 13,388 deals worth KD 65.86 million were transacted during the session.

In the banking sector, Gulf Bank took 1 fil on back of over 6 million shares whereas Kuwait International Bank inched 1 fil

▲	US\$/KD 0.30115/25
▲	Euro/KD 0.3589
■	Yen/KD 0.0027
▲	British £/KD 0.4192
▲	Indian Rs/KD 0.0041
■	Philippines Peso/KD 0.0062
▲	FTSE +6.28 pts at 18:50 hrs June 21
▼	Nikkei -953.15 pts at closing June 21
▼	Gold \$1782.45 per oz (London)
▲	NYMEX crude \$71.47 per barrel
▲	Brent crude \$73.51 per barrel
■	LIBOR rate 0%

lower. Borgan Bank slipped 7 fils to 228 fils and Boubyan Bank was up 3 fils at 716 fils.

Trading

Warba Bank tripped 1 fil whereas Ahli United Bank BSC inched 1 fil higher to 236 fils, with brisk trading. Commercial Bank crept 1 fil up to 501 fils and Ahli United Bank Kuwait followed suit. Al Ahli Bank dialed down 2 fils.

National Investment Co fell 3 fils to 171 fils after pushing over 2 million shares whereas Al Intiaz Investment added 1 fil. Kuwait

Investment Co paused at 194 fils and International Financial Advisors dialed up 1 fil on back of over 3 million shares. Arzan Financial Group added 2 fils and Kuwait Financial Centre (Markaz) scaled 6 fils.

Noor Financial Investment Co inched 1 fil to green whereas Gulf Investment House and Aayan Leasing clipped 1 fil each. Bayan Investment eased 0.2 fil to 54.8 fils and Osoul Investment gave up 2.9 fils.

Kuwait Cement Co fell 2 fils to 255 fils whereas Kuwait Portland Cement scaled 8 fils. HEISC added 2 fils while Shuaiba Industrial was down 5 fils at 168 fils. Metal and Recycling Co rose 3 fils to 175 fils with razor thin trading whereas Kuwait Foundry Co clipped 1 fil. NICBM dialed up 2 fils and Sultan Centre closed 2 fils in red. United Projects Co climbed 14 fils to 304 fils.

Kuwait and Gulf Links Transport Co eased 0.8 fil to 56.5 fils whereas Automated Systems Co and KCPC held ground at 117 fils and 558 fils respectively. Borgan Company For Well Drilling shed 10 fils and Combined Group Contracting Co shed 9 fils to close at 336 fils. OSOS Holding Group ticked 0.3 fil into red and Mashaer Holding dialed down 1.3 fils. YIACO Medical paced 4 fils whereas NAPESCO eased 1 fil to 914 fils.

The market has been on ascent so far during the week gaining 25 points in last two sessions. It has rallied 198 points from the start of the month and is up 868 points year-to-date.

'Exempted from work'

2,100 staff not eligible for rewards

KUWAIT CITY, June 21: The Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy announced the ministry's sectors have compiled the lists of names of the ministry's employees who were exempted from hours so that their names will not be included in the lists of employees who are entitled for "excellent work" rewards, reports Al-Rai daily.

The sources said "after listing the names, it was found that there are about 2,100 employees in the ministry who are exempted from work and are not eligible for rewards," noting that the ministry has decided to grant these employees the 'excellence' so as not to deprive them of their benefit.

The ministry sources explained those who are listed for excellence reward for 2020 include names of those who were exempted from work. The lists contains names of 17,000 employees out of 23,000 total employees working for the ministry,

which put the ministry in an unenviable position, especially since the financial item allocated to these rewards does not cover the existing number.

The sources pointed out the ministry had earlier written to the Ministry of Finance to increase the fund so that the reward for those who are entitled will not be reduced, and is awaiting a response, while necessary action is being taken.

On the other hand, the Ministry has extended the time frame for those who want to apply for supervisory jobs and for the position of Department Director and supervisor until June 24 instead of June 17.

The Insurance Regulatory Unit, in cooperation with the General Traffic Department (GTD) at the Ministry of Interior, has updated the list of companies authorized to issue insurance policy for civil liability to others arising from traffic accidents (compulsory insurance for vehicles), reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

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