

## Prayer Timings

Fajr .....	04:55	Asr .....	14:31
Sunrise ..	06:18	Maghrib ..	16:50
Zohr .....	11:34	Isha .....	18:11

# Local

## Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

**By Day:** Mild with light to moderate north westerly wind with speeds of 12-35 km/h.

**By Night:** Rather cold with light to moderate north westerly wind

## Weather

to light variable wind with speeds of 08-30 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	25	20
Kuwait Airport	27	19
Abdaly	28	15

Jahra	27	18
Salmiyah	24	20
Ahmadi	25	21
Nuwaisib	27	19
Wafra	28	18
Salmy	27	13
Jal Aliyah	28	15

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## Jazeera Airways skids 54 fils, National Investment Co gains

# Boursa claws back from early slump, but ends in red turf

By John Mathews

Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 23: Kuwait stocks pivoted south Tuesday extending the decline to third straight session. The All Shares Index clawed back steper early session loss to close 25.41 points down at 7,177.23 pts weighed some of the blue chips and mid-caps.

The Premier Market dropped 24.74 points to 7,774.74 pts paring the month's gain to 82 points while Main Market gave up 27.96 pts. The BK Main 50n was down 33.02 pts at 6,209.03 points. The volume turnover meanwhile rebounded after hitting month's lowest level on Monday. Over 359 million shares changed hands - up 13 percent from the day before.

The sectors closed mostly in red. Energy outshone the rest with 0.20 percent gain whereas Technology shed 1.96 pct, the worst performer of the day. Volume wise, Financial Services topped with 174.2 million shares and Banking sector was ahead in value with KD 23.72 million.

Among the day's losers, sector bellwether National Bank of Kuwait slipped 5 fils to KD 1.020 after pushing 3.2 million shares while

Kuwait Finance House gave up 6 fils with a volume of 8.3 million and has scaled 164 fils year-to-date. KIPCO fell 3 fils to 150 fils partly reversing Monday's gain while Mabane extended last session's loss with 4 fils drop to 816 fils. Humansoft Holding slipped 9 fils to KD 3.291 and Boursa Kuwait Securities skidded 35 fils.

Zain ticked 1 fil higher to 594 fils on back of 2.3 million shares and Ooredoo followed suit to close at 669 fils. stc rose 2 fils to 862 fils whereas logistics major Agility stood pat at KD 1.016 after moving over 3 million shares. National Investment Co sprinted 8 fils to 243 fils on back of 3.7 million shares.

National Industries Group rose 2 fils to 280 fils with a volume of 8.4 million shares whereas Gulf Cable tripped 1 fil. Jazeera Airways skidded 54 fils to KD 1.156 paring the year-to-date gains to 326 fils and Gulf Cable eased 1 fil to 969 fils. Boubyan Petrochemical Co dropped 7 fils to 917 fils and Qurain Petrochemical Co closed 3 fils in red.

The market opened firm and fell sharply in early trade. The main index plumed the day's lowest level of 7,124 pts half and pivoted north. It continued to climb amid fresh buying in some of the counters and reached close to the starting

level past the mid-session. However it slipped back into red in the final minutes and closed with moderate loss.

Top gainer of the day, Tahssilat rallied 11.97 pct to 66.4 fils and Wethaq Takaful sprinted 6.97 percent to stand next. Dalqan Real Estate skidded 7.3 percent, the steepest decliner of the day and GFH topped the volume with 80.9 million shares.

Mirroring the day's drop, the losers outnumbered the winners. 51 stocks advanced whereas 78 closed lower. Of the 144 counters active on Tuesday, 15 closed flat. 14,113 deals worth KD 67.2 million were transacted during the session.

In the banking sector, Gulf Bank fell 4 fils to 256 fils after pushing 14.66 million while Burgan Bank and Boubyan dialed down 2 fils each. Kuwait International Bank tripped 1 fil whereas Ahli United Bank BSC added 2 fils on back of 21.6 million shares.

Kuwait Cement Co slipped 4 fils to 241 fils while Kuwait Portland shed 16 fils extending Monday's downtick. Kuwait Foundry Co dropped 9 fils to 365 fils and HEISC gave up 3 fils to close at 467 fils. Metal and Recycling Co dialed up 2 fils whereas ACICO Industries stood pat at 143 fils. Al Kout Industrial Project and NCCI took in 2 fils each while NCCI paced

3 fils.

Educational Holding slid 25 fils to 590 fils and Kuwait National Cinema Co scaled 10 fils. Warba Capital paused at 108 fils and Independent Petroleum Co climbed 7 fils to 612 fils. Sultan Centre added 2 fils while Arabi Group Holding was up 4 fils at 186 fils. Automated Systems Co fell 2 fils to 100 fils and KCPC skidded 28 fils. Kuwait and Gulf Links Transport Co inched 0.4 fil up to 73.4 fils.

Burgan Company For Well Drilling and Hayat Communications dialed up 2 fils whereas Combined Group Contracting Co gave up 3 fils. OSOS Holding Group was unchanged at 120 fils whereas United Projects closed 5 fils in red. IFA Hotels and Resorts trimmed 2.7 fils after pushing 3.2 million shares and Oula Fuel Marketing clipped 2 fils.

Egypt Kuwait Holding slipped 6 fils to 439 fils whereas Advanced Technology Co paused at 523 fils. Inovest BSC took in 1 fil while GFH Financial Group eased 7 fils with brisk trading. Dalqan Real Estate Co dropped 19 fils to 241 fils.

The market has been trending lower so far during the week, skidding 105 points in last three sessions. It has climbed 70 points so far during the month and is up 1,631 points year-to-date.

▲	US\$/KD 0.30280/90
▼	Euro/KD 0.3408
■	Yen/KD 0.0026
▼	British £/KD 0.4046
■	Indian Rs/KD 0.0040
▼	Philippines Peso/KD 0.0059
▲	FTSE +22.12 pts at 18:50 Nov 23
▲	Nikkei +28.24 pts at closing Nov 23
▼	Gold \$1797.30 per oz (London)
▲	NYMEX crude \$77.93 per barrel
▲	Brent crude \$80.97 per barrel
▲	LIBOR rate 0.16963%

# 'Remove hitch in study, work'

Govt blamed in real estate fraud

By Saeed Mahmoud Saleh

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KUWAIT CITY, Nov 23: MP Osama Al-Shaheen submitted a proposal to remove all administrative obstacles that citizens are facing in continuing their studies while working.

He pointed out that many court verdicts have been issued in the interest of citizens and in accordance with the Constitution, which guar-

antees their right to education. However, the concerned institutions including the Civil Service Commission (CSC), Ministry of Higher Education and Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) are insisting on not implementing such verdicts. These institutions have been causing a lot of problems for the citizens, prompting the latter to file individual lawsuits in order to obtain their rights, he asserted.

In another development, MPs Hamad Al-Matar and Ahmad Al-Hamad criticized the measures taken by the Ministry of Health, such as using a private school as quarantine center for domestic workers. They argued the school is not ready to accommodate the workers, indicating this is against the commitment of the ministry to use the Regency Hotel in Khaitan as quarantine center and obligate the sponsors to pay KD500.

Al-Hamad vowed to follow up the issue in a bid to stop such violation. Al-Matar inquired about Al-Dura Company for the recruitment of domestic workers.

Meanwhile, Al-Matar recently met the representatives of the victims of real estate fraud. He said the government should be held responsible for a large part of the issue; because the citizens signed with various companies during exhibitions organized in the presence of the minister of commerce and industry and after obtaining licenses from the relevant institutions.

He will submit a bill on this issue and he believes that it will be approved by all of his colleagues.

Moreover, Rapporteur of the parliamentary Housing Affairs Committee MP Saadoun Hammad disclosed that they recently discussed the issue regarding the plots in South Khaitan with the representatives of the Ministry of State for Housing Welfare and Ministry of Finance. He pointed out that the project is facing some problems in the variation order requested by the contractor tasked to remove the ruins in these plots, while the tender for the establishment of power plants have yet to be floated.

The lawmaker disclosed that since the issue is now in the hands of different ministries which claim the others are responsible, he will follow up the issue with His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid. He added the beneficiaries of the project suggested reducing the price of one plot from KD15,000 to KD4,000 and then they will remove the ruins on their own expense.

**MoE to launch e-services:** The Ministry of Education is preparing for the launching of six electronic services within the Sahel application soon, including service termination and bonuses, reports Al-Rai daily quoting an official source from the educational sector.

According to the source, the latest equipment has been installed for the electronic processing of various transactions like the termination of service and bonuses among the six online services that the Administrative Sector intends to launch this year, in coordination with the Information Systems Department.

He affirmed the ministry's plan to digitize all of its services as per a timetable that does not put pressure on the management of information systems. He said a large number of electronic services have been launched since the beginning of the Corona crisis, especially those related to transactions which require interaction with the public.

Meanwhile, on the external contracting mechanism with teachers, the source said: "We have not received any request to resume the service that has been suspended since the start of the Corona crisis. I do not expect the formation of external recruitment committees in the near future. Such committees are usually formed in February or March every year, but there has been no shortage of academic staff so far."

## Other Voices

# Their honor and our honor

By Ahmad alsarraf

Hassan said that he arrived in Britain in 1960. Everything was strange to him as an Arab and a Muslim and from a family from a village in the Levant.

It was not difficult for him to find work, but the cold was unbearable, and the quality of food was more difficult, and communication with the English, despite their gentleness, was not easy because of the language barrier, and the nature of conservative English society.

It seemed to him at the time that he was a classist, adhering to the origins and traditions; however he was respected by the residents of the small area in which he worked as an assistant to the store owner.

The residents of the neighborhood were always dependent on his services after the end of his duty hours in the store because of his multiple professional skills and knowledge of plumbing, watering plants, mowing weeds, cleaning roofs, and even repairing some simple electrical machines, and they were very generous to him.

Also, some housewives sometimes invited him to have a cup of tea with them, and that was an honor and a great concession from them and he sometimes fulfilled some strange requests from them.

After a while, he noticed a chill in the relationship with him, so that the morning greeting became all he heard from the ladies. As for the men, they completely ignored him. He was deeply saddened by their behavior, and he does not remember that something suspicious happened from him, this is in contrast to the effect of that on his monthly income which decreased sharply.

Hassan decided to approach a woman who was once more intimate and asked her about the secret behind the cold relationship. She hesitated before telling him that he should boycott Mrs. Richard because of her misbehavior and that his relationship with her bothers everyone.

Hassan was surprised by her words, as the woman in question was an old

woman, and she had never been beautiful, and he used to go to her house to help her in many matters as she had no husband or relatives.

He was often surprised when he remembered that none of the people of the neighborhood used to compliment her with a word or even a greeting, or visit her, but this did not draw his attention.

He asked again more about her, and why the people of the area refused to talk to her, however no one gave an answer. At the Sunday Church, which he used to attend, because of the psychological comfort he felt while inside, he met the priest in private and told him his story. He was surprised by the priest's answer, who confirmed that she is dishonorable.

Hassan asked: What honor while she is at the age of eighty. He then discovered that honor was not related to sexual issues, or her betrayal of her husband but because she was during the period of World War II (1939-1945) and during the German aerial attacks on British cities, she did not care about instructions and she deliberately lit candles in her home, in clear violation of the government's orders, which were calling for a complete blackout so that German planes would not identify residential areas.

Hassan was shocked to hear the true meaning of honor which is totally away from genitals. It showed him how different cultures are between peoples. Thousands of girls, the majority of whom are innocent, have paid with their lives during the past decades because of rumors surrounding their behavior.

The reputation of the family or tribe is more important than the life of a girl to discover later that she was an untouched virgin than to keep the confusion about her behavior going on forever.

This insistence of linking honor issues and issues with sexual matters does not make it easy to break free from captivity in light of the deterioration of the level of school curricula, and the leniency of provisions in legal texts in dealing with these issues, and the story of the Kuwaiti girl who was detained by her mother and brother at home, because they doubted her behavior until she died is a good example.

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US expert Dr Scott Crino

# Panel discusses threats from drones, means to fight them

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 23: Reconnaissance Research organized a private panel discussion with some attendees from diplomatic missions in Kuwait. The discussion focused on the issues of the drones' threats and technological means to combat them.

The panel was marked by the presence of the center's guest in Kuwait, International Expert Dr Scott Crino, current Advisor to the US Department of Defense.

The event was attended by Founder and CEO of Reconnaissance Research Abdulaziz Al-Anjeri, and Deputy CEO, Yousef Al-Ghusein.

The attendees addressed several topics, namely:

1. The Middle East as a focal point in the drone war.
2. The impact of drones on conventional warfare.
3. Impact of the countries' foreign policy in polarizing terrorist groups.
4. Weaknesses and strengths of the countries in the region in dealing with this kind of threat.

5. Counterintelligence and forensic mechanisms to track and disable drones.

Took part in this event, high-level representatives from the embassies of the United States of America, France, Canada, Japan, Turkey, Tunisia, India and Oman.

Regarding this visit, Al-Anjeri said: "My deputy and I have visited Dr Crino in his office in Washington DC in March 2020, and we had an eye-opening interview with him that got published in September 2020."

"Our event today is part of our belief in the necessity of providing modern knowledge from their sources on topics that have direct impact on the security of Kuwait and its neighboring countries", Al-Anjeri noted.

He added: "We planned to arrange additional number of closed-door discussions at the center that would gather US expert, Dr. Crino, with various other groups of specialists and stakeholders in Kuwait to help capitalize on his wealth of current knowledge."

'Performance below par'

# MoC's revenues for '20/'21 fiscal year lower: SAB

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 23: The State Audit Bureau's report for the 2020/2021 fiscal year revealed that the Ministry of Communication's revenues were lower than estimated, with a total of KD 33.7 million, while the savings compared to the approved budget was of KD 32.7 million, reports Al-Rai daily.

The report made several observations on the ministry's performance, most notably its lack of usual revision of fees for marine services for a period of 31 years.

The report stated that the companies' utilization of plots under the ministry's authority exceeded the space allocated for them and the extra space was not paid for, which led to a loss of KD 750,000.

It also highlighted the ministry's lack of seriousness in collecting debts amounting to one million dinars from the parties whose spaces have been vacated.

The report explained that spaces were used by some companies that are not included in the automated system for billing, and customer service, which resulted in the loss of annual revenues amounting to KD 14,000. The ministry also did not take any legal measures to implement a final ruling issued more than four years ago, which resulted in the deprivation of the ministry's revenues

by KD 1.8 million.

The ministry also failed to reconsider the increase in fees for various marine services issued more than 31 years ago, which led to a decrease in the value of the collected fees. The ministry also provides some marine services free of charge, which led to a loss of KD 390,000 of revenues for the ministry.

The ministry appointed seven employees in supervisory positions without obtaining the required approval from the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

In terms of security, the ministry failed to maintain and repair the surveillance camera in the warehouse administration building, which led to poor monitoring of the materials stored at the site and the movement of entry and exit of vehicles and individuals.

The report stressed that the State Audit Bureau is not satisfied with the actual revenues of the Ministry of Communications, by keeping the revenues of KD 9.6 million collected for the last fiscal year as a balance recorded for the aforementioned account.

It highlighted the ministry's immunization of its revenues by raising its proceeds from local bank deposits to the account of current liabilities, which led to an estimated amount of KD 7.7 million that was lost without settlement of revenues.

In addition, the report explained that there has been continued failure to conduct the debit settlement account such as the expense account, which amounted to KD 1.8 million, some of which date back to the past 15 years, and also the continuing inaction in collecting its revenues in return for the exploitation of leased areas by others, which led to a loss of KD 4.1 million.

Also, there has been continued failure to clarify the nature of the additional work assigned to employees, and the expansion of the issuance of recruitment decisions, which led to disbursement of bonuses worth KD 9,000 without the approval of CSC.

Allowances and bonuses of an engineering nature worth KD 15,000 were granted unjustifiably to a female employee, and career-level bonuses and incentive bonuses amounting to KD 18,000 were disbursed to employees occupying supportive financial and legal positions without the approval of CSC.

Also, salaries amounting to KD 47,000 were given to employees enjoying unduly vacations. In addition, the ministry ignored the installation of alarm and fire extinguishing systems in warehouses, which contradicts the foundations of maintaining stock safety.

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