

Prayer Timings

Fajr	04:28	Asr	14:53
Sunrise ..	05:47	Maghrib ..	17:22
Zohr	11:35	Isha	18:39

Local

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

By Day: Hot and relatively humid over coastal areas with light to moderate variable wind to light south easterly wind with speeds of 08-28 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear.

Weather

By Night: Fair and relatively humid over coastal areas with light to moderate south easterly wind to variable wind with speeds of 06-26 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear.

Station
Kuwait City

Max Exp
38

Min Rec
27

Kuwait Airport	38	19
Abdaly	38	20
Jahra	39	25
Salmiyah	35	27
Ahmadi	36	29
Wafra	38	20
Salmiya	38	22
Jal Aliyah	38	22

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National Bank of Kuwait rallies 9 fils, Zain slips

Kuwait bourse chalks modest rebound after wobbly start



Officials and artists during a round checking the art depicted at the atelier.

Art galore as three-day atelier kicks off

A free art atelier kicked off in Kuwait on Tuesday where more than a dozen artists have come together to put their masterpieces on display to the delight of art enthusiasts on hand.

The artworks on display, most of which depict Kuwait's rich maritime tradition, tell a tale of nostalgia coupled with national pride,

National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters assistant chief Bader Al-Duweish told KUNA on the sidelines of the event.

Highlighting the "diversity" of the works on display, the event's organizer, Sara Khalaf, said that participating artists will be honored with certificates acknowledging their contribu-

tions to the local art scene. Kuwait's maritime tradition is well-chronicled and is a "major component" of the "national identity," said Ibtisam Al-Asfour, one of the participating artists, adding she was ecstatic to have art exhibits back after such events were held in abeyance because of COVID-19 restrictions. (KUNA)

By John Mathews

Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12: Kuwait stocks chalked a modest rebound Tuesday partly recouping last session's losses. The All Shares Index, after a wobbly start, climbed 25.29 points to 6,854.97 pts paced mostly by heavyweights even as the overall mood turned cautiously positive.

The Premier Market rallied 31.9 points to 7,442.73 pts paring the month's losses to 54 points while Main Market paced 12.40 pts. The BK Main 50 was up 11.08 points at 5,948.53 pts. The volume turnover meanwhile receded following Monday's moderate bounce. Over 336 million shares changed hands - down 10.5 pct from the day before.

The sectors closed mostly in green. Technology outshone the rest with 4.57 pct gain whereas Telecommunications fell 0.11 percent, the worst performer of the day. Volume wise, Financial Services topped with 125.4 million shares while Banking sector was ahead in value with KD 19.76 million.

Among the prime movers, sector bellwether National Bank of Kuwait rallied 9 fils to 948 fils on back of 2.7 million shares taking the year-to-date gains to 108 fils while Boubyan Bank paced 4 fils before ending at 765 fils. KIPCO and Al Intiaz Investment dialed up 2 fils each while Noor Financial Investment Co sprinted 10 fils to 370 fils.

Zain fell 2 fils to 598 fils after pushing over 2 million shares with 4.57 pct gain at 655 fils. stc inched 1 fil higher to 861 fils and logistics major Agility scaled 11 fils to close at 980 fils and is up 304 fils year-to-date. Boubyan Petrochemical Co soared 22 fils to 899 fils and YIACO jumped 22 fils with thin trading.

Mabaneq Co gave up 2 fils while National Investment Co took in 1 fil. Humansoft Holding stood pat at KD 3,288 whereas Mezzan Holding climbed 4 fils to 641 fils. Safat Investment slipped 6 fils to 122 fils whereas Tamdeen Investment gained 7 fils. Boursa Kuwait Securities dropped 12 fils.

National Industries Group took in 1 fil after moving 1.8 million shares and Gulf Cable followed suit. Qurain Petrochemical Co gave up 2 fils to close at 369 fils whereas Integrated Holding and Aznour paused at 374 fils and 233 fils respectively. Jazeera Airways climbed 14 fils to 852 fils whereas ALAFCO dialed down 2 fils. NAFESCO rose 5 fils to 795 fils.

The market opened firm and ticked up in early trade. The main index flipped and plumbed the day's lowest level of 6,854.97 points almost an hour into the session. It pivoted north thereafter amid fresh buying in some of the counters and closed with modest gains.

Top gainer of the day, Marakez rallied 13.79 pct to 99 fils and Equipment Holding sprinted 12.81 percent to stand next. First Takaful Insurance skidded 4.96 pct, the steepest decliner of the day and AAN topped with 50.4 million shares.

Reflecting the day's gains, the winners outnumbered the losers. 69 stocks advanced while 50 closed lower. Of the 139 counters active on Tuesday, 20 closed flat. 12,486

▲	US\$/KD 0.30175/85
▼	Euro/KD 0.3482
■	Yen/KD 0.0026
▼	British £/KD 0.4105
■	Indian Rs/KD 0.0040
■	Philippines Peso/KD 0.0059
▼	FTSE -16.62 pts at 18:50 Oct 12
▼	Nikkei -267.59 pts at closing Oct 12
▲	Gold \$1759.10 per oz (London)
▼	NYMEX crude \$80.54 per barrel
▼	Brent crude \$83.36 per barrel
■	LIBOR rate 0.12175%

deals worth KD 50.8 million were transacted during the session.

In the banking sector, Gulf Bank was unchanged at 236 fils after pushing over 1 million shares whereas Kuwait International Bank and Burgan Bank trimmed 1 fil each. Kuwait Finance House gave up 2 fils while Ahli United Bank BSC gained 4 fils on back of 13.9 million shares. Warba Bank eased 1 fil to 262 fils.

Kuwait Cement Co inched 1 fil up to 244 fils and Kuwait Portland Cement was down 3 fils at 945 fils. HEISC and Shuaiba Industrial were unchanged at 476 fils and 221 fils respectively whereas Kuwait Foundry Co paced 4 fils. ACICO Industries took in 2 fils and NICBM paused at 202 fils. Equipment Holding gained 6.7 fils.

Kuwait National Cinema Co slid 35 fils to 815 fils whereas Warba Capital scaled 4 fils. NCCI eroded 3 fils to 178 fils after moving 3.3 million shares and Educational Holding sprinted 9 fils to 723 fils. Independent Petroleum Group was unchanged at 614 fils whereas Sultan Centre and Arabi Group tripped 1 fil each. Kuwait and Gulf Links Transport Co inched 0.1 fil into red.

Automated Systems Co climbed 4.5 fils to 103 fils whereas KCPC erased 4 fils with thin trading. Burgan Company For Well Drilling took in 1 fil and IFA Hotels and Resorts added 1.2 fils. OSOS Holding Group paced 4 fils whereas United Projects Co and Soor Fuel Marketing Co stalled at 245 fils and 164 fils respectively. Oula Fuel Marketing clipped 1 fil.

Egypt Kuwait Holding rose 3 fils to 388 fils whereas Inovest BSC paused at 106 fils. Mubbarad Holding added 2 fils and Hayat Communications Co dialed up 2.9 fils IFA Hotels and Resorts closed 1.2 fils in green.

The market has been mixed so far through the week and has shed 29 points in last three sessions. It has climbed 60 points from start of the month and is up 1,308 points year-to-date.

Major pay hike for doctors

MoE 'old guard' termination list OK'd

Other Voices

It's a strange homeland

By Ahmad alsarraf

The fact that his doctorate certificate was fake and after this came to be known he disappeared from the scene and I think that people forgot this scandal.

A few days ago, he returned as a media representative of the ministry, and his fake scientific title was flashed on state television during major events which were held abroad recently.

What is the benefit of the doctorate title if it does not tally with his knowledge and morals? Why this fake love, and why are our people so conscious of the title 'D' to the extent it affects them?

He is a well-known cleric and a deputies 'maker'. He claimed to have obtained his Sharia Doctorate from the United States although he does not even understand its language.

This issue was swept under the carpet for a while perhaps in the belief people will forget about his scandal. He returned to his activity and his column a while ago, appending his name with the letters Dr to give his opinions without any respect for the minds of those who ask him because they often do not know what the letters PhD mean.

At the beginning of his life, he worked as a sorcerer to remove the jinn from the human bodies. One of his attempts caused the death of an innocent soul, when he tried to beat the jinn out of the victim.

He was sentenced to ten years in prison, and his relations with a religious party helped him, so the matter was covered up in his favor after which he obtained the Kuwaiti citizenship.

A newspaper and a TV channel made him famous, became a star and made a fortune, but the miserable protest movement caused the closure of the newspaper and the channel, which affected his situation.

He boldly, verbally attacked the leadership at that time, so his citizenship was revoked and he migrated to a Muslim European country to take care

of his real estate there.

Things developed, and a committee of similar thoughts and looks was formed, and it issued a recommendation to restore his citizenship.

For a while, he did not say a word thinking people will forget his history and crime but he recently returned with force to the arena to collect donations (money) in the name of other associations to increase his bank balance from charity funds for he knows that this way is the least expensive and effortless and the best money-earning method, especially since there are so many willing to believe him.

Our positions with Egypt are well known, and it is the country that receives the most aid from us and our relationship with Cairo for 70 years or more has always been fine, and therefore it was strange that a decision was taken some time ago that a Kuwaiti, and perhaps the rest of the Gulf citizens, must obtain a visa upon arrival after payment of \$25 fee. We hope to cancel this offensive fee, especially since it has not been applied to others.

The Qur'an Printing Authority was established ten years ago, during which it failed to print a single copy of the Holy Book. Tens of millions of dinars have been spent for nothing. After waiting for nearly 4,000 days, it announced the day before yesterday that a tender has been floated for the design and operation of its electronic Quran application. Will we wait another ten years to see the authority printing a Quran copy?

Note that the applications of the Qur'an are available on the Internet for free, and there is no need to float a tender at all. Can there be a bigger scandal than this?

Some praised the young Minister of Information, and I heard good words about him from trustworthy sources. I regret hearing the news that the Ministry has banned the circulation of the book of the Emirati professor 'Jamal Al-Suwaidi' on the history of the Muslim Brotherhood!

After finding out more about it, the news turned out to be incorrect. Thanks to His Excellency the Minister, and we hope that he will activate the activities of art, culture and literature.

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KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12: The Ministry of Health said Kuwaiti and expatriate doctors working in the intensive care units, anesthesia and emergency departments will get a 500 dinars raise in their salaries retrospectively as of July 1, 2021, reports Al-Anba daily.

Informed sources told the daily more than 1,000 doctors are expected to benefit from the decision.

The sources indicated this came after the Civil Service Commission approved a 'special' monthly increase of 500 dinars to Kuwaiti and expatriate doctors working in the three vital departments of the government hospitals.

Sackings approved: Minister of Education Dr Ali Al-Mudhaf has approved the list of workers who will be referred for retirement, including administrators and teachers with 34 years in service, reports Al-Anba daily quoting reliable sources from the educational sector.

Sources revealed the retirement referral decision covers those who completed 34 years in service as of Aug 31. Sources said the decision will take effect on the first of January, indicating the last working day for those included in the decision will be on Dec 31.

Sources added most of those referred for retirement are school principals, pointing out the decision does not include central administration directors for the first time as the specified number of years in service (34 years) is not yet applicable to them.

Face print devices: The Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy has started the experimental usage of face print devices for 150 employees to ensure their effectiveness in recording attendance at work, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources from the ministry.

According to the sources, the new device can identify the employee by simply standing in front of it to record the time of his arrival and departure.

Sources added this project aims to tighten control and monitoring on the attendance of employees - more than 25,000 employees assigned in and outside the ministry.

Sources explained the project is still in its experimental stage. If proven successful, it will be implemented in all work sites affiliated to the ministry, sources stated.

Sources affirmed "the face print attendance system prevents manipulation and forgery that are possible in finger or hand print devices. The ministry previously discovered cases of forgery and these cases were referred to the competent authorities for investigation."

Kuwaitis prefer houses: Kuwaitis who are accustomed to living in spacious houses still prefer to wait for their turn in the housing queue than to own an apartment in an investment area that does not exceed 200 square meters area, reports Al-Anba daily.

The ownership apartments sector in Kuwait remains a preferred and even the main option for many citizens, as it is a safe investment for many small investors with capitals ranging between 60 and 80,000 dinars, especially in terms of good returns.

The sources added that the experience of owning apartments began after 2000, when ownership buildings began to pop up in Mahboula and Hawalli, which subsequently spread to the rest of the area such as the Capital, Bneid Al-Qar, Khaitan, Farwaniya and other investment areas. The sources pointed the Kuwaiti citizen prefers to wait for his turn in the government housing queue, even if it means waiting a long time instead of going for apartments in already crowded areas which suffer from lack of parking and medical and social services in general.

Mol officers course: Saad Al-Abdullah College for Security Sciences at the Ministry of Interior has started the orientation meetings for high school certificate holders with the rank of sergeant major in preparation for their officer course, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources from the security sector.

Sources said the fifth and sixth batch of sergeants major -- the first high school certificate holder cadets (350 soldiers) -- will undergo a three-month military course; including scientific lectures, tests and sports. Sources added the course lasted for a year in the past, but the period was reduced to three months due to the Corona pandemic, indicating the required attendance is four hours per day (evening period).

Small-time businessman wins comp

By Jaber Al-Hamoud

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KUWAIT CITY, Oct 12: The Court of Appeals ordered a government company to pay \$89,000 to a small business owner for advertising work.

The Court of First Instance rejected the case on the grounds that the plaintiff did not present evidence, but his defense counsel Lawyer Sultan Al-Tawala appealed and submitted new documents. He also requested that the chairman of the board of directors of the defendant company take

an oath before the court that there is no contract between him and his client.

The court set a session for the chairman of the company's board of directors to take the oath, but the legal representative of the company was the one who attended. The court insisted that the oath must be taken by the chairman of the company's board of directors and not the legal representative.

Based on the chairman's failure to take the oath, the appeal judgment was issued to cancel the ruling of the Court of First Instance, and to judge again for the plaintiff with the amount he demanded.



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