

Prayer Timings

Fajr	04:29	Asr	14:52
Sunrise ..	05:48	Maghrib ..	17:20
Zohr	11:34	Isha	18:37

Local

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

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

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

Weather

By Night: Fair and relatively humid over coastal areas with light variable wind with speeds of 06-22 km/h.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	36	26
Kuwait Airport	39	20

Abdaly	39	20
Jahra	40	24
Salmiyah	33	27
Ahmadi	32	27
Wafra	38	20
Salmiya	39	23
Jal Aliyah	39	23

Youth survey

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Shift in the views on gender equality

This year's survey observes a notable shift in sentiment on gender equality. Last year, 64 per cent of female respondents said they had the same rights as men. However, this year, just over half (51 per cent) believe so. Young women in Lebanon appear particularly disadvantaged compared to men, with only 44 per cent saying they have the same rights as men, down from 60 per cent in 2020.



Sunil John

Female progress within the workplace has also stalled, with only 46 per cent of young Arab women saying they have the same professional opportunities as men, compared to 52 per cent last year.

Worryingly, 44 per cent of young females also said that men have better access to professional opportunities nowadays, up from just over a third (35 per cent) last year.

Fewer young Arabs now consider emigration

Lack of economic opportunity continues to be the main driver of emigration, with a third of young Arabs (33 per cent) saying they were either considering or had tried to leave their home country. However, this is a substantial drop from the 42 per cent of Arab youth who said they wanted to migrate in 2020. The desire to emigrate is lowest among Kuwaiti youth with just 8% saying they have considered moving out of their home-country.

Hope for the future

"As one of the region's largest communications consultancies, with a rich heritage stretching back 21 years, ASDA' A BCW has been committed to giving young Arab men and women in MENA a voice through our annual Arab Youth Survey," said Sunil John, President, MENA, BCW and Founder of ASDA' A BCW.

"That voice has become more emphatic as we have expanded our research over the years, from nine countries in 2008 when we launched the survey, to 17 Arab states and territories today, charting along the way youth insights in the wake of the global economic downturn, before and after the Arab Spring, and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Inevitably, this year's research has illustrated many of the pandemic's extremely damaging effects, as well as the work required to meet the future hopes of Arab youth. However, at the same time, it has shone new light on the deep reserves of optimism and pragmatism among our young people. Such positivity is hugely encouraging and a strong platform on which policymakers can build a better and prosperous future," John concluded.

To know more about the findings and to download the white paper on this year's ASDA' A BCW Arab Youth Survey log on to arabyouthsurvey.com

About the ASDA' A BCW Arab Youth Survey

The Annual ASDA' A BCW Arab Youth Survey, launched in 2008, is the largest survey of its kind of the Arab world's largest demographic — its over 200 million youth. The survey fills an important gap in the data and insights on this influential community. It informs governments, the private sector, multilateral institutions, and academia on policymaking and future strategy.

The 13th Annual ASDA' A BCW Arab Youth Survey 2021, conducted by the international research firm PSB Insights, explores the hopes, fears and aspirations of Arabs aged 18 to 24 across 50 cities and territories in 17 states in the Middle East and North Africa.

A total of 3,400 face-to-face interviews were carried out between June 6 and June 30, 2021, in both Arabic and English, with male and female citizens of each country. The cohort was split equally between men and women. The survey covers five Gulf Cooperation Council states (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE), North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia), the Levant region (Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Palestinian Territories, Syria) and Yemen.

About ASDA' A BCW

ASDA' A was founded in 2000 as an independent communications firm by Sunil John, who leads the agency in its 21st year. In 2008, WPP (NYSE: WPP) acquired a majority stake in ASDA' A and merged it with BCW (Burson Cohn & Wolfe), one of the world's top three communications firms.

The agency employs more than 160 professionals across eight wholly owned offices. The agency has a further nine affiliates covering 15 Middle East & North Africa (MENA) countries. The agency serves over 100 retained clients and is the leading PR consultancy in MENA.

About BCW

BCW is the global communications agency that moves people on behalf of clients. BCW partners with clients in the B2B, consumer, corporate, crisis management, healthcare, public affairs, purpose and technology sectors to set strategic direction for all communications and create powerful and unexpected ideas that earn attention. Through an "earned-plus" offer — earned media plus paid media, creative technology, data, AI and an expanding suite of innovative capabilities — BCW moves people with power and precision to move its clients forward. BCW is a part of WPP (NYSE: WPP), a creative transformation company.

About PSB

PSB is a full-service strategic consultancy. We offer custom research and analytics-based solutions including, fast-turn, quantitative and qualitative that are underpinned by innovation and our strong legacy of custom design and hard to reach audiences. We create insights that give global brands, local businesses, and world leaders the confidence to make informed decisions. We are collaborative and act as strategic partners to help clients tackle the most difficult brand, business and communications issues. We collect all of the useful nuggets from various sources to go deeper and address the most difficult challenges, and find the WHY behind the data. We help keep data and insights at the heart of every decision. PSB is a member of the BCW Group of companies, which is part of WPP (NYSE: WPP), a creative transformation company.

Boubyan Petrochemical soars 50 fils, Agility slips

Kuwait stocks extend gain, volume ticks higher

By John Mathews

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KUWAIT CITY, Oct 13: Kuwait stocks headed north on Wednesday extending last session's gain. The All Shares Index, after a cautious start, rose 19.47 points to 6,874.44 pts paced by some of the blue chips and mid-caps even as the trading floor sentiment turned buoyant.

The Premier Market climbed 16.63 points to 7,459.36 pts paring the month's losses to 37 points while Main Market scaled 26.69 pts. The BK Main 50 index was up 12.67 points at 5,961.20 pts. The volume turnover meanwhile saw a uptick following Tuesday's drop. Over 342 million shares changed hands — up 1.5 pct from the day before.

All sectors, barring one, closed in green turf. Basic Material outpaced the rest with 4.49 percent gain while Industries, the only loser, fell 1.09 pct. Volume wise, Financial Services topped with 114.55 million shares while Banking sector as ahead in value with over KD 15 million.

Among the notable movers, Boubyan Petrochemical Co soared 50 fils to 949 fils on back of 1.3 million shares and Al Qurain Petrochemical Co sprinted 16 fils to 385 fils. Tamdeen Investment Co extended last session's gain with a 26 fils jump to 383 fils while Tamdeen Real Estate paced 10 fils. Noor Financial Investment Co closed 5 fils in green and Kuwait National Cinema Co spiked 35 fils with thin trade.

Sector bellwether National Bank of Kuwait took in 1 fil on back of over 2 million shares whereas Kuwait Finance House gave up 2 fils before ending at 806 fils and the counter saw over 6 million shares change hands. National Investment Co paused at 196 fils whereas KIPCO and Al Intiaz Investment added 1 fil each. Mabane Co too inched 1 fil up to 760 fils and has gained 103 fils year-to-date.

Zain rose 2 fils to 600 fils on back of over 4 million shares whereas Ooredoo gave up 6 fils before settling at 649 fils. stc added 3 fils and logistics major Agility eroded 4 fils after pushing over 2 million shares. Humansoft Holding slipped 8 fils to KD 3.280.

The market opened firm and slipped into red in early trade. The main index plumed the day's lowest level of 6862 points and pivoted higher before sagging again. It headed north almost half way into the session amid buying spurt in some of the counters and peaked at 6881 points before whittling down some of the gains at close.

Top gainer of the day, AQAR sprinted 10.11 pct to 93.7 fils and Tamdeen Investment climbed 7.28 percent to stand next. Shuaiba Industrials skidded 4.9 percent, the steepest decliner of the day and AAN topped the volume with 32.8 million shares.

Mirroring the day's gains, the market spread was heavily skewed towards the winners. 86 stocks advanced while 33 closed lower. Of the 139 counters active on Wednesday, 20 closed flat. 12,659 deals worth KD 49.2 million were transacted during the session.

In the banking sector, Gulf Bank took



Photo by Mohammad Morsi
Editor-in-Chief of the Arab Times and Al-Seyassah newspapers, Ahmed Al-Jarallah, received in his office on Wednesday, Oct 13, at 'Dar Al-Seyassah' the Minister Plenipotentiary and Chargé d'Affaires at the Serbian Embassy Sanja Vidakovic. During the meeting they exchanged dialogue related to the media, regional and international developments.

'Seven projects to change Kuwait into financial hub'

PM assigns Al-Shaya to study plan

'Riyadh season' starts Oct 20

Low-cost flights for Kuwaitis

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 13: While the head of the Entertainment Authority in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Turki Al-Sheikh announced surprises for Kuwaitis during the Riyadh season, the activities of which are scheduled to start on October 20, an informed source at Kuwait International Airport revealed that coordination is currently underway to discuss the approval of a new Saudi airline carrier in Kuwait to organize daily trips for those wishing to attend the festivals of the Riyadh season, reports Al-Qabas daily.

According to the source, the Saudi airline Flyadeal, which is the low-cost airline affiliated to the Saudi Airlines, is in the process of organizing daily direct flights for travelers, especially

those wishing to attend the festivals of the Riyadh season, which is witnessing unprecedented celebrations at the level of the Arab region.

The new airline, which is a low-cost carrier, is awaiting the completion of procedures and the issuance of official approvals by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation in preparation for determining the daily flights departing and coming from Riyadh, which are expected to be two flights per day.

The source highlighted that there are ambitious plans that Saudi Arabia seeks to achieve in the next few years, the most important of which is making the capital of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, one of the most popular travel destinations in Asia.



KUNA photo
Kuwait Society for Fine Arts launches the (Ibrahim Al-Shatti) Award for Kuwaiti Heritage.

'Art depicts civilization'

Pledge to preserve heritage

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 13, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti Society for Fine Arts launched on Tuesday the works of the first session of the Ibrahim Al-Shatti Award for Kuwaiti Heritage.

In his speech during the award's launch ceremony, the association's Board Chairman, Abdul Rasool Salman, said that art is one of the most important components of any civilization, "there is no advancement of a state and the distinction of its role unless art has a place within its composition."

Salman added that the nation's heritage is in its cultural wealth and discussed ways to preserve and develop it, explaining that heritage is an important factor for reading the future.

He indicated that from this standpoint, the family of the deceased Ibrahim Al-Shatti took it upon themselves to sponsor and support this event in order to formulate a new vision that serves the plastic art in the country.

The Ibrahim Al-Shatti Award for Kuwaiti Heritage is an initiative of the family of the deceased and was hosted by the Kuwait Society for Fine Arts in honor of his memory, and more than 100 plastic works participated in it.

Regarding the award participants, Salman described their works as inspired by forms of heritage that enjoy an aesthetic vision stemming from an artistic

and cultural heritage, pointing out that the works participating in the award carry a contemporary creative vision that belongs to modern art schools, but it does not neglect the role of customs and traditions.

For his part, Qusai Al-Shatti, son of the late Ibrahim Al-Shatti, said in a similar speech during the ceremony that the award in its first season represents an extension of his father's keenness to preserve Kuwaiti heritage.

Al-Shatti stated that the deceased was a supporter of the fine arts march during his membership in the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, in addition to his participation in organizing many exhibitions of Kuwaiti plastic artists.

He noted the deceased's interest in young and promising national talents in several fields, recalling his contribution to consolidating the relationship of new generations with their heritage and ancient past.

He praised the role of the Kuwait Society for Fine Arts in embracing the award, praising at the same time the efforts made by all its members to work and cooperate in the upcoming seasons of the award.

During the ceremony, the winners of the award were announced. The ceremony included honoring the plastic artists, namely the artist Fatima Al-Shatti and the artist Mahmoud Al-Qattan.

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 13: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah has assigned Minister of State for Municipal Affairs and Minister of State for Housing and Urban Development Shaya Al-Shaya to study seven projects that will take Kuwait to a higher pedestal and transforming Kuwait into a financial and commercial center to attract investments, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The daily added, the assignment came based on a letter written to the Prime Minister by MP Bader Al-Hamidi.

The seven projects are -- a proposal for the reconstruction and investment of state-owned vacant lands, a proposal for the reconstruction and investment of Failaka Island, a proposal for the reconstruction and investment of Boubyan Island, a proposal to allocate plots of land to graduates of specialized colleges and institutes for agricultural and animal development projects to provide food security, and a proposal to allocate plots of land for graduates of specialized colleges to complete craft projects and productivity, a proposal for the urban rehabilitation of the Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh area, and a proposal to rehabilitate the Subbiya area for housing and investment projects.

He added in his letter, gigantic projects were put forward, such as the development of Failaka Island, Boubyan, the construction and development of Kuwait International Airport, and the modernization of sports clubs with the latest buildings to make Kuwait the pearl of the Gulf — the projects to be developed by the private sector without using public money, "if we had honest men who love their country, the people of Kuwait would now be proud of their accomplishments."

Road complaints: The Ministry of Public Works handled 2,944 reports about road and network productivity in September; indicating the total number of complaints addressed last month reached 2,761 and the number of working hours allotted for these complaints totaled 183, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In a recent press statement, the ministry revealed it is currently opening files in the automated system to follow up complaints and communications within its jurisdiction. Complaints are referred immediately to the emergency teams for quick action in coordination with the concerned authorities, the ministry added.

The ministry also affirmed its commitment to respond immediately to the complaints of citizens and expatriates as it does so round the clock through hotline number 150 or WhatsApp number for emergencies 93333150.

▲	US\$/KD 0.30175/85
▲	Euro/KD 0.3492
■	Yen/KD 0.0026
▲	British £/KD 0.4117
■	Indian Rs/KD 0.0040
■	Philippines Peso/KD 0.0059
▼	FTSE +15.43 pts at 18:50 Oct 13
▼	Nikkei -90.33 pts at closing Oct 13
▲	Gold \$1767.45 per oz (London)
▲	NYMEX crude \$80.61 per barrel
▼	Brent crude \$83.27 per barrel
	LIBOR rate 0.12675%

in 1 fil on back of over 9 million shares and Kuwait International Bank followed suit. Borgan Bank and Boubyan Bank added 2 fils each whereas Ahli United Bank BSC held ground at 286 fils with brisk trading. Warba Bank rose 4 fils to 266 fils whereas Commercial Bank and Al Ahli Bank closed flat at 500 fils and 226 fils respectively.

National Industries Group rose 3 fils to 242 fils and Gulf Cable followed suit to end at 844 fils. Jazeera Airways climbed 8 fils to 860 fils on back of 1.3 million shares and ALAFCO inched 1 fil up. Mezzan Holding was up 3 fils at 644 fils while Aznour and Boursa Kuwait Securities dialed up 1 fil each. Integrated Holding Co clipped 2 fils.

Kuwait Cement Co ticked 1 fil higher to 245 fils and Kuwait Portland Cemen paced 5 fils. Kuwait Foundry Co slid 16 fils to 370 fils whereas ACICO Industries took in 1 fil. Shuaiba Industrial gave up 11 fils and HEISC trimmed 1 fil before ending at 475 fils. Metal and Recycling Co fell 2 fils to 115 fils whereas Egypt Kuwait Holding gained 4 fils.

NICBM slipped 3 fils thro 199 fils whereas Equipment Holding added 2.1 fils on back of 2.7 million shares. NCCI and Warba Capital Holding tripped 1 fil each while Salbook Trading added 2.4 fils. Sultan Center crept 1 fil into green whereas Arabi Group Holding eased 1 fil to 160 fils. Kuwait and Gulf Links Transport Co ticked 0.7 fils into red.

United Group Holding and OSOS Holding Group paced 4 fils each whereas Combined Group Contracting Co gave up 5 fils. Borgan Company For Well Drilling took in 1 fil and Mashaer Holding added 1.2 fils. Oula Fuel Marketing Co stood pat at 165 fils while Soor Fuel Marketing dialed up 2 fils. Inoest BSC dialed up 1 fil on back of 1.7 million shares.

The market has been mixed so far during the week and has retreated 10 points in last four sessions. It has gained 80 points from start of the month and is up 1327 points year-to-date.

Airport electricity needs nears

'T2 power feed starts end of Oct'

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 13: The Assistant Undersecretary for Transportation Networks Affairs at the Ministry of Electricity and Water Mutlaq Al-Otaibi revealed that the first major station that feeds Terminal 2 (T2) at Kuwait International Airport will launch operations before the end of October, reports Aljarida daily.

In a press statement, Al-Otaibi said, "After operating it for two weeks, we will operate the second station as well as operating the airport."

By operating these two stations, we will have achieved what we committed to do with the Ministry of Public Works and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation to supply Kuwait International Airport's T2 with electrical power."

He highlighted that there are several

important projects currently being implemented by the Ministry of Electricity and Water for supplying various projects with electricity, such as the Boubyan Port project in which the ministry started building its main station and overhead lines to operate Mubarak Al-Kabeer Port.

Al-Otaibi added, "In the first quarter of 2023, we will operate the main station in the residential city of Mutlaa.

In the summer, we go out to remote areas to maintain the main stations, such as oil areas and others. In the winter, we enter the residential areas and increase the number of groups to maintain the largest possible number of these stations, and to ensure electrical power continues to reach everyone in the correct manner".

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