

Prayer Timings

Fajr	04:30	Asr	14:51
Sunrise ..	05:49	Maghrib ..	17:18
Zohr	11:34	Isha	18:35

Local

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:

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

By Night: Fair with light to moderate north westerly wind

Weather

with speeds of 12-32 km/h.

Station	Max Exp	Min Rec
Kuwait City	36	27
Kuwait Airport	40	22
Abdaly	41	21
Jahra	40	25
Salmiyah	34	27

Ahmadi	35	29
Wafra	39	23
Salmiya	40	25
Jal Aliyah	41	24
Managish	-	-

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

Tourism sector, food industries vital fields: Dr Al-Kharousi

'Kuwait interested in exploring new investment opportunities in Oman'

Kuwaitis 5th in buying Turkey land



KUNA photo
His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received the Venezuelan Foreign Minister Felix Plasencia in his office.

HH PM meets Venezuela FM

His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and the Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah received Thursday the Venezuelan Foreign Minister Felix Plasencia and his accompanying delegation.

The meeting was attended by the Head of His Highness the Prime Minister Diwan Abdulaziz Dakhil Al-Dakhlil and the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Americas Salah Suleiman Al-Haddad.

His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-

Sabah called on Wednesday Iraq's State of Law Coalition leader Nouri Al-Maliki and National Wisdom Movement leader Ammar Al-Hakim to convey the congratulations of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on the success of Iraq's recent parliamentary elections.

His Highness the prime minister went on to wish Iraqi MPs success in efforts to further the country's growth and prosperity and achieve the aspirations of the country and its people.

Kuwait made huge progress in women empowerment: official

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international treaties and agreements that prohibit human trafficking are ignored, and it is one of the reasons for the inclusion of Kuwait on the blacklist for years. This is because we are in "this Kuwait where nothing changes"... No one is held accountable for the terrible violations being committed.

In other countries, no decision or even a decree is issued until after thorough scrutiny. Its benefits and drawbacks are studied. However, in Kuwait, the government loosens its grip, prompting a director general to dare in offending the country, and violating the Constitution and the law without anyone confronting him because he perhaps sees himself as a pharaoh.

It is true that we appealed to the Minister of Commerce to refer this person who discredits Kuwait to the investigation. It will be better if he never returns to his position. But at the same time, we hope that the minister will issue an immediate decision to stop this farce, and to prevent anyone from taking up similar arguments in this regard.

It is better late than never, because continuing to bar the renewal of work permits for these people does not mean anything other than insisting on the violation. It would therefore mean that nothing has been done.

NEW YORK, Oct 14, (KUNA): The State of Kuwait stressed that it has made great progress in women empowerment during the years 2020/2021, as for the first time in Kuwait's history, 8 female judges were appointed in 2020.

This came during the speech of the State of Kuwait delivered by First Secretary Fahad Mohammad Hajji in the virtual dialogue of the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly with the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Mr. Diego Garcia Sian.

Hajji pointed out that this number has doubled to this day, and women have recently been appointed to leadership positions.

He also added that this step comes within the framework of the Kuwaiti women's empowerment agenda, based on Kuwait's full belief in the importance of supporting Kuwaiti women, enhancing their rights and increasing their participation in all fields.

Meanwhile, the performances in Kuwait's pavilion at the Expo 2020 Dubai are based on traditional values and heritage of the Kuwaiti people, said an official at Thursday.

Head of the Kuwaiti pavilion Dr. Bader Al-Enizi said in a press release that his country was eager to contribute to the success of Expo 2020 via partaking in various activities and events.

Kuwait's cultural contributions to the event came in musical performances by the Kuwaiti Television Troupe in addition to artists such as Abdullah Al-Ruwaisheed and others.

'Cyclists on Jaber Bridge'

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 14: The data issued by the Turkish Statistical Institution indicates Kuwaitis have bought 281 properties during September, ranking fifth overall, after the Iranians who topped the list by buying 1,323 properties, the Iraqis came in second place by buying 990 properties, the Russians with 540 properties third and the Germans with fourth with 298 properties, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The data indicated that the total number of real estate sales to foreigners in Turkey during September was 6,630 properties, an increase of 25.8 percent compared to the same month in 2020.

The sources added the Turkish city of Istanbul topped the list of the sale of properties to foreigners with 2,995 properties sold, followed by Antalya with 358, and the capital Ankara third, with 408 properties.

The sources stated a total 37,479 properties were sold to foreigners since the beginning of this year until the end of last September, an increase of 43.2 percent compared to the same period last year.

Plan to allow cyclists: The General Traffic Department (GTD) is currently studying the proposal of the Public Authority for Roads and Transportation (PART) to allow cyclists on Sheikh Jaber Bridge during Fridays only for two and a half hours - from 5:00 am to 7:00 am, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources from the security sector.

Sources pointed out that if the proposal is approved, a mechanism will be laid down to allow bicycles on Sheikh Jaber Bridge; particularly in Al-Aman neighborhood, in coordination with PART, Ministry of Public Works and Traffic Engineering Department.

While signboards informing motorists that cyclists are plying through the bridge at a specific time and day; foot and stationary patrols will be delegated to protect bikers from reckless drivers, in addition to medical emergency and ambulance teams in several locations, sources confirmed.

"If the concerned authorities agree on these arrangements, a circular will be issued allowing cyclists to practice their hobby on the bridge, coinciding with the beginning of the winter season," sources added.

Company under probe: The Public Authority for Roads and Land Transport (PART) said the Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology, Dr. Rana Abdullah Al-Fares has issued an urgent decision to refer company in charge of maintaining the King Abdulaziz Expressway to the Public Prosecution following the death of an unidentified Kuwaiti at dawn Wednesday in a road accident, reports Al-Rai daily.

These decision also resulted in the suspension from work the PART Director-General, as well as the suspension of the Director of the Highway Maintenance Department at the authority in what the statement called 'public interest' until completion of the investigations by the Public Investigations Department of the Ministry of Interior into death of the citizen.

Minister Al-Fares also ordered PART to form an impartial investigation committee in light of the tragic accident that happened due to a manhole cover on King Abdulaziz Expressway, according to preliminary investigations conducted by the Ministry of Interior.

Hearing on Nov 18: The Court of Appeals scheduled a session for Nov 18 to deliberate on the Public Prosecution's petition against the decision to acquit MP Hassan Jowhar of offending a Ministry of Health official when he talked about the 'imaginary masks contracts' in a television interview, reports Al-Seyssah daily.

On May 9, 2020 (before being elected member of the current National Assembly), Jowhar said in a television interview: "We have mask thieves in Kuwait. The concerned company signed a contract valued at KD5.5 million to supply medical masks. When one of the brothers contacted the company, it was found that the actual price of the masks is only KD100,000 including shipping cost."



Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Kuwait Dr. Saleh Al-Kharousi and Kuwait Investment Authority Acting Managing Director Bader Al-Ajeel at the gathering.

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 14: At the invitation of the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Kuwait, Dr. Saleh Al-Kharousi the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman, in cooperation with Reconnaissance Research, held the second discussion session in a series of special sessions to assess the reality of commercial relations between Oman and Kuwait, and to discuss ways to develop them.

Regarding the meeting, Ambassador Al Kharousi said: "I was pleased with the high level and caliber of the attendees, as my second meeting with a group of businessmen and financial experts in Kuwait from different sectors was a good opportunity to exchange views, in order to improve the current rates of trade exchange. I am happy with the high level of transparency that was characteristic of this discussion which enabled a clearer understanding."

Ambassador Al Kharousi added: "This meeting comes as part of a series of ongoing meetings, in coordination with Reconnaissance Research, from which we aim to:

1. Discuss the advantages and investment opportunities in Oman.
2. Listen to the challenges facing Kuwaiti investors from all aspects. And discuss the appropriate solutions to overcome these challenges and avoid them in the future.
3. Achieve a better understanding of their perception and suggestions on ways to enhance economic relations between the two countries.

Ambassador Al Kharousi added: "Oman has many unique elements that make it an attractive environment for investment in several sectors, perhaps the most prominent of which are the tourism sector, food industries, in addition to logistics services, as well as the energy and mining sector, medium and light industries and crafts. We also seek to form a joint working team. An Omani-Kuwaiti group that includes a group of experts in the public and private sectors to create sustainable support for Kuwaiti investments."

On the role of The Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), the Acting Managing Director and executive director of the

General Reserve at the KIA, Bader Al-Ajeel said: "Kuwait has a great interest in exploring the new investment opportunities in the Sultanate of Oman, and search for opportunities that contribute to the Authority's interest in attractive returns."

Al-Ajeel added: "We appreciate the serious efforts made by H.E. the Ambassador to discuss ways to attract Kuwaiti capital, and we thank him for this kind invitation, and encourage him to continue this important step by reaching out to know the ways to create an attractive environment for Kuwaitis in Oman. We are also keen to cooperate with H.E. the Ambassador to provide him with the required expertise and professional advice to help stimulate and revitalize new Kuwaiti investments in Oman in terms of quantity and quality. We attach great importance to our GCC partnerships, with the aim of creating a system of strategic security cooperation in important and vital sectors such as logistics and food security."

Regarding the role of Reconnaissance Research, the founder and CEO of the center, Abdulaziz Al-Anjeri, said: "Our role as a think-tank is to provide an effective platform for dialogue and build more bridges of communication with diplomatic missions. His Excellency the Omani ambassador has a keenness and sincere interest in maximizing commercial cooperation between the two countries, and the meeting today comes within the framework of activating the tools of in-depth and honest discussions with experts and seasoned businessmen, to help H.E. the Ambassador achieve the set goals, which are mostly common goals for the two brotherly countries.

The meeting was attended by:

- Bader Al-Ajeel
- Adnan Al-Bahar
- Muhammad Al Naqi
- Abdulla Al-Mulla
- Hossam Marafi
- Hisham Al-Oumi
- Ali Al-Zalzal
- Abdul Rahman Al-Yassin
- Abdullah bin Nasser
- Youssef Al-Ghusain
- Abdulaziz Al-Anjeri

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US\$/KD	0.30165/75
Euro/KD	0.3494
Yen/KD	0.0026
British £/KD	0.4125
Indian Rs/KD	0.0040
Philippines Peso/KD	0.0059
FTSE	+65.89 pts at 19:00 Oct 14
Nikkei	+410.65 pts at closing Oct 14
Gold	\$1797.15 per oz (London)
NYMEX crude	\$81.07 per barrel
Brent crude	\$83.79 per barrel
LIBOR rate	0.12375%

* For latest on Kuwait stocks log on to <https://www.boursakuwait.com.kw/en/>

Ban on Ghana, Czech poultry

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 14: The Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAR) has issued a decision to temporarily ban the import of all types of live birds, eggs and one-day-old chicks (for broiler chickens) from the Czech Republic and Ghana, citing the outbreak of the highly pathogenic avian influenza "H5N1", reports Al-Qabas daily.

PAAAR spokesman Talal Al-Daihani, said in a press statement, the decision stressed on the necessity to check all consignments, according to their type, and subject them to the conditions and controls issued by the authority's Animal Health Department, in accordance with the procedures laid down by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the procedures stipulated in the veterinary quarantine regulation in Kuwait and other GCC countries.

On the other hand, Al-Daihani stated PAAAR has issued a decision to lift the ban on the import of all types of live birds, eggs and day-old chicks from the United Kingdom.