

'Time to step into new era'

"THROUGHOUT the history of Kuwait, women have been distinguished by many achievements at all levels, and have played a leadership role in many areas, and even contributed to defending the homeland during the Iraqi occupation of the country," columnist **Sattam Al-Jarallah** wrote for *Al-Seyassah* daily.

"Many have laid down their lives, so when the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali took a decision for women to join the Kuwaiti armed forces is based on the fact that they have made great historical contributions and raised their status in this great national mission, unfortunately, this was not appreciated by some backward people who fear the participation of women in any national action, based on patriotism have nothing to do with true religion.

"These people employ everything for the benefit, forgetting that Kuwaiti women who contributed to education and medical care, to nation building and imparting knowledge on others.

"Therefore the best response to such people, is to enlist young women in the military. Take for example Asrar al-Qabandi, during the occupation she faced the invaders with courage and was an example of patriotism. Little did she think that a day would come that some backward people will say that a woman's place is in the house. These people forget that it is the Kuwaiti women who took to the streets to resist the occupation forces and worked from their homes and helped their brothers who formed the resistance force to consolidate the legendary steadfastness, and not one of them thought as the 'obscurantists' think.

"This blessed step taken by Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali expresses the confidence of the army, officers and soldiers, in the pioneering role of the daughters and sisters of Kuwait who do not shy away from their service to their country. It is also the confidence of the political leadership, which has given women all the attention and made them an essential part of the renaissance at all levels.

"The time has come for the retarded mentalities to do away their obsolete ideas, shun their backwardness who have until now 'under the cover of darkness' controlled the society through a series of unfair and backward legislation, the aim of which was to push the society into the dungeon of their backward ideas, but the decision of Minister Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali has poured cold water on such mentalities.

"There are many legislative errors committed in the past, and we hope that this bold and patriotic decision with distinction will be the beginning of a series of decisions and procedures to correct all backward legislations by backward people who once controlled the National Assembly, foremost of which is the abolition of the law that calls for segregation in schools and universities."

— Compiled by Zaki Taleb



Sattam Al-Jarallah

Why delay in projects?

SAB queries KPC top notch

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 18: The State Audit Bureau (SAB) has asked the Supreme Procurement Committee at Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), which is in charge of approving tenders and projects before submission to the Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT), to study reasons behind the delayed implementation of major projects in some oil companies and the consequences thereof; in addition to taking the necessary measures to avoid such delays, re-

ports Al-Rai daily.

In its report, SAB attributed the delay and the failure to benefit from these major projects to shortcomings and lack of integration in the preparation of studies. The bureau pointed out this led to several change orders, reluctance of some contractors to work on the projects, and many claims from contractors due to the weakness of oversight on the performance of contractors and failure to collect fines for the delay.

The bureau also cited the poor performance and lack of commitment of some main contractors and subcontractors, leading to many change orders as well.

The report revealed that Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) incurred losses amounting to \$12.83 million due to lower production in its refineries and gas liquefaction plant – about 93.345 metric tons in fiscal 2019/2020.

It added that KNPC did not achieve the refining target with a decrease of 5,407 tons or 12.7 percent, compared to the planned amount of crude oil for refining; in addition to an increase in products whose selling price is less than the average purchase price of crude oil despite the losses incurred by the company due to its lower production.

Obituary

It is with deep sorrow we inform you of the passing of our most beloved **(Mrs. Nafisa Moez Ali)** on Sunday, 17th October 2021.



This is an unbearable loss, and our deepest sympathies go out to her family and friends. She touched our lives with her grace, elegance, and strength in the most affectionate and endearing manner. She was truly a blessing in our lives and we will cherish her memories forever.

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Bid to fix manhole covers

Periodic closure of safety lanes eyed

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 18: The Public Authority for Roads and Land Transportation (PART) said in coordination with the General Traffic Department all safety lanes on highways which the motorists could use during rush hours will be closed for vehicular traffic, reports Al-Rai daily.

This is done to help the Ministry of Public Work employees to fix manhole covers to avoid accidents which killed a citizen last week.

The sources told the daily the closure of the lanes will be in phases, in order to avoid traffic confusing, especially during peak hours when highways are congested especially the Fahheel Road, Fifth Ring Road (Sheikh Zayed Road), King Fahd Road and the Sixth Ring Road (Jassem Al-Kharafi Road).

The sources pointed out the work will not be limited to fixing manhole covers, but will include manhole maintenance to ensure that the manhole covers are tightly fixed.

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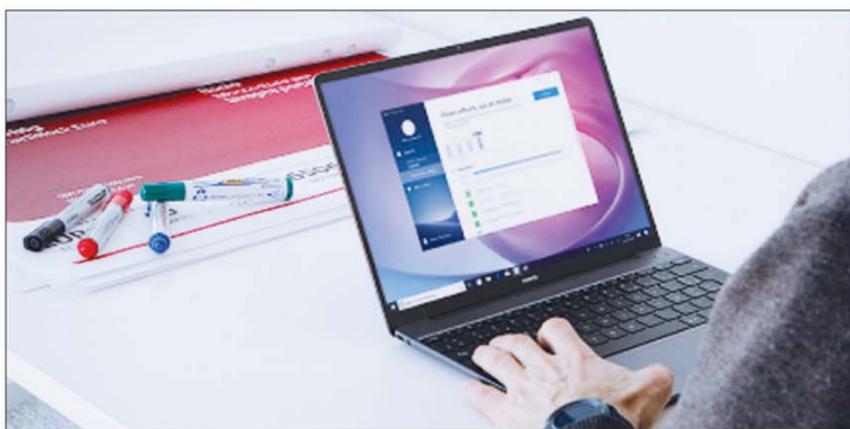


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Pick of the month: Best 13-inch 2021 laptop you can get today in (Name of Country) and why you should go for the HUAWEI MateBook 13



By Mohanad Merheb

The 13-inch laptop probably has a smaller screen size for more practicability but that doesn't mean they compromise on entertainment, gaming, or daily use be it in school or at your workplace, while still being slim and portable enough to carry anywhere with you. For those of us who prefer a smaller and easier to carry laptop, it is a good time to invest in a 13-inch laptop now in Kuwait.

However, the question is, which 13-inch laptop ticks all the boxes and most importantly doesn't break the bank? Huawei recently launched the HUAWEI MateBook 13, which continues to carry the MateBook generation's DNA. It houses a 2K eye-comfort FullView display for protective immersive viewing, 11th Generation Intel® Core™ processor to deliver vastly improved speeds. In addition to leveraging, the distributed capabilities of the Super Device to offer you a Smart Office experience. Below is why we think it is the best choice for an affordable mid-range laptop right now in Kuwait under KWD 349,900.

2K eye-comfort FullView display

HUAWEI MateBook 13 delivers premium display quality to

consumers. It features a 2K eye-comfort FullView display featuring multi-touch support and a high screen-to-body ratio of 88 percent. With a productivity-friendly aspect ratio of 3:2, the display brings a premium touch screen experience to mainstream laptops for a wider audience. Additionally, with a resolution of 2160x1440 pixel density that supports 100 percent sRGB colour gamut, incredibly high brightness of 300 nit, and has a high contrast ratio of up to 1000:1 as well as a PPI of 200.

A powerhouse supported by 11th Generation Intel® Core™ processor

The 11th Gen Intel® Core™ Processor powers the HUAWEI MateBook 13. The highest specification version is powered

by the i7-1165G7 processor (The HUAWEI MateBook 13 is also available in Intel® Core™ i5-1135G7 configuration). As a leading processor developed by Intel, the 11th Gen Intel® Core™ Processor manufactured with an advanced 10nm SuperFin process. It provides 33 percent more powerful performance than its predecessor, enabling users to run complicated calculations and handle multiple tasks with ease.

Super Device capabilities enabling a true smart office experience

The HUAWEI MateBook 13 falls under the range of Super Device Products Huawei recently launched. This laptop can connect wirelessly with compatible tablets like the all-new 12.6-inch HUAWEI MatePad Pro and with monitors like the HUAWEI

MateView via a USB-C cable providing you with futuristic multi-device collaboration and cross-device file sharing with simple drag and drop between the trio.

The new HUAWEI MateBook 13 Leverages the distributed capabilities of the Super Device to boost productivity and creativity. You can wirelessly project the 12.6-inch HUAWEI MatePad pro to the HUAWEI MateBook 13 to enjoy the new features of the Tablet-PC Multi-screen Collaboration that come with three modes; Mirror, Extend and Collaborate.

Based on Huawei's distributed technologies, Multi-screen Collaboration features help bridge the gap between Windows and Android operating systems at the ground level, enabling seamless cross-device collaboration, file sharing and multi-screen control. Under Multi-screen Collaboration, the recently launched HUAWEI nova 8 can be connected with the HUAWEI MateBook 13 to form a powerful Super Device. Once connected, the laptop can access mobile files, and open up to three folders while the smartphone can function as the PC's thumb device, making cross-device file management easier than ever. Moreover, you can connect

the laptop with the HUAWEI MateView via cable to have an extra screen providing you with an immersive viewing space while also wirelessly projecting the screen of the 12.6-inch HUAWEI MatePad Pro onto the HUAWEI MateBook 13. The benefits of having this trio set-up is the easy swapping of wireless and wired connections which lets you easily switch between work mode, and personal mode.

Large battery with supercharging capabilities

Battery life is also an essential part of the user experience. The 42Wh high capacity battery in HUAWEI MateBook 13 works together with Huawei's smart power management solution to maximise battery life, so users can focus their attention on what truly matters. The versatile in-box 65W USB Type-C power adaptor supports multiple power output standards for not only fast notebook charging, but also HUAWEI SuperCharge when connected to compatible Huawei smartphones.

More memory for easy and smooth multitasking

In addition to the processor and graphics card upgrade, the HUAWEI MateBook 13 has 16GB of dual-channel RAM and

512GB NVMe PCIe SSD, which means users don't need to worry about running out of storage. Reading, saving and compressing files becomes more efficient, and multitasking is also made easier and smoother.

HUAWEI Shark fin fan and dual heat pipes

New thermal design featuring HUAWEI Shark Fin Fans provides more effective cooling to enable the HUAWEI MateBook 13 to fully harness the 11th Gen Intel® Core™ processors and deliver smooth, sustained performance. The powerful thermal system featuring two fans with densely packed S-shaped fan blades and two heat pipes keeps the HUAWEI MateBook 13 cool and quiet, even under high loads.

Choosing a laptop can be daunting and a bit complicated. There are multiple aspects to consider, from screen size, resolution, processing power and speeds to multitasking features. The newly launched HUAWEI MateBook 13 ticks all the above boxes making it the most coveted and in-demand 13-inch 2021 laptop right now in Kuwait that doesn't break the bank.

