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خلال اجتماع «رؤساء الإدارات» بمجلس التعاون

«المالية» ناقشت تطبيقات الضريبة الانتقائية والمضافة خليجياً



أسيل النبطي خلال مشاركتها في الاجتماع

كويتا - بدأ وفد كويتي يمثل وزارة المالية والخارجية والجماعات المقيمة الأولى من مباحثات اتفاقية الازدواج الضريبي بين الكويت وعموم سفير الكويت لدى جمهورية كوبا عادل الأرفع وتبحث سكرة الكويت في هافانا في بيان أن دولة المباحثات الأولى التي تستمر حتى يوم الجمعة المقبل تهدف إلى مناقشة بنود اتفاقية الازدواج الضريبي بين الكويت وكوبا مع مسؤولين في وزارة المالية الكويتية ومدى تطبيقها مع قوانين البلدين.

وأوضح السفير الأرفع لـ «كويتا» أن الكويت تعتبر من ضمن الدول القليلة التي حصلت على موافقة الحكومة الكويتية لمناقشة وإقرار مذكرة اتفاقية الازدواج الضريبي



أسيل النبطي خلال زيارة مباحث «الركبي»

بين البلدين لا للكويت من علاقات ودية مع كوبا وتسمى جامدة إلى تشييد العلاقات التجارية والاقتصادية والعلاقات الثنائية في مختلف المجالات. وأشار إلى أن الوفد الكويتي برئاسة رئيس قسم الاتفاقيات الضريبية في وزارة المالية بدر العبدالله يوضح في عهونه مع مسؤولي إيراهيم الأمير والسفير الكويتي في وزارة الخارجية أيارال الرشيد من الجانب الكويتي وفي بيان السفارة نائبة وزير المالية لوريس روبريغز وزير وعد من أعضاء وزارة المالية وممثلون عن وزارة الخارجية الكويتية. وأوضح البيان أن الوفد الكويتي

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الاستخدام المفرط للأجهزة الإلكترونية»

ومن جانبه، أكد رئيسة مبادرة «صغير صغير» الشريفة أسماء المحيني، أن المبادرات أصبحت تركز على الوالدين والمهاجرين التربوية في البحث عن الأنشطة التي تنمي مهارات الأطفال الاجتماعية والعقلية والحركية، إضافة إلى أن البرامج تهدف إلى توفير بيئة جاذبة ومحفزة للأطفال لتساعد على اكتشاف موهبته بعيداً عن الشاشات. وأضافت المحيني أن المبادرة تنظم البرنامج للجنة الخاصة في الكويتي انطلاقاً من إيمان «التجارية» بأهمية توفير تجارب جديدة وفعالة للأطفال لتستفيد من مميزات هواتفهم وعرضهم وتحتفظهم معهم.



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إحدى فروع بيت التمويل الذكية

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«الكويتية للاستثمار»: جني الأرباح يخفض سيولة البورصة أول 8 أشهر

في حين زادت القيمة السوقية لكل من قطاعي الاتصالات والتأمين بنحو 85 مليوناً كويتيماً.

3.99 تريليون دولار قيمة سوقية لبورصات الخليج

397 ملياراً سيولة أسواق المنطقة حتى أغسطس

أسواق الأسهم الخليجية خلال أغسطس 2026 مسجلة ارتفاعاً بنحو 32.6 مليار دولار لتصل إلى 3.99 تريليون دولار في نهاية الشهر إلى 3.99 تريليون دولار. وتحتفظ بورصة الكويت بأكبر حجم تداول بنحو 193.5 مليار دينار كويتي، تليها بورصة قطر بنحو 127 مليار دينار كويتي، وبنحو 930 مليار دينار كويتي بنحو 54.3 مليار دينار كويتي.

أسهم السوق الأول تمثل الربعة الرئيسية لبورصة الكويت، حيث بلغت قيمتها السوقية في نهاية أغسطس بنحو 44.35 مليار دينار كويتي، أي بنحو 11.2 في المئة من إجمالي القيمة السوقية.

ويشأن بورصة الكويت إشراك القطاعين في تراجع مستويات السيولة المتداولة أول 8 أشهر نتيجة عمليات جني الأرباح من قبل المستثمرين من القطاعين الجوسياسية والقطاع الجوسياسية.

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ضمن التزامها بدعم الدولة مالياً وتوفير الطائرات والموارد التشغيلية

"طيران الجزيرة" تسهم بمليوني دولار

لصالح صندوق الكويت للاستجابة الطارئة



وأدلى إلى جانب الكويت، على أنه الاعتماد للقيام بدورها ودعم جهود الاستجابة الوطنية بكل ما في وسعها".

وأما طيران الجزيرة عن خالص تقديرها لقيادة دولة الكويت والجهات الحكومية وخدمات الطوارئ والعاملين في الصفوف الأمامية على جهودهم المتواصلة في حماية الوطن ودعم أبنائه، وستواصل طيران الجزيرة دعم جهود الاستجابة الوطنية بالتنسيق الوثيق مع حكومة دولة الكويت والإدارة العامة للطيران المدني والجهات المعنية الأخرى، وتقديم الدعم التشغيلي والموالي كلما دعت الحاجة.

وظنا والوفوف إلى نائب قيادته وشعبه والاستعداد الدائم للقيام بدورنا متى احتاجت إليها الكويت، وتكسر مساهمتنا في صندوق الكويت للاستجابة الطارئة هذا الالتزام، وبالرغم من أنها هبة من نافعهم من خلال كوارثهم ودفعنا طائرا من التدفعية. فقد وضعتنا طائرا وفبرائنا ومواردنا في خدمة الكويت دولة الكويت، ولقد علمت الأفراد والمساعدات والمعدات والمواد الأساسية بكل تدعو الحاجة.

أضاف: «وقعت فريقا مرارا قدرته الاستثنائية على التعامل مع الظروف الصعبة بكل مرونة ومهنية وبرح إنسانية. وكما هو الحال دائما، فقد أشرفه فريق الجزيرة بكاملها صفا

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التجارية العقارية تختتم برنامجها الصيفي التفاعلي "بشاشة"



أختتمت الشركة التجارية
العقارية فعاليات برنامجها
الصفحي التفاعلي بشاشة...
بعيدا عن الشائنة، dedi
نظم بالتعاون مع مبادرة
صغيرك سفيرك الترويجية
على مدار أربعة أسابيع، من
خلال سلسلة من الأنشطة
والورش التفاعلية التي
أقيمت في عدد من مراكز
الشركة، شملت مجمع
بوليفارد، مجمع سيمفوني،
برج التجارية، ومجمع دوم.
وتناتي تنظيم البرنامج في
إطار التزام الشركة التجارية
بمسؤوليتها المجتمعية
وحرصها على دعم المبادرات
الهادفة إلى تنمية مهارات
الشباب.

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فصل جديد في الرحلة الرقمية

قالت الشركة في بيان نشرته عن إطلاق النسخة الجديدة من التطبيق "يمثل إطلاق النسخة الجديدة علامة فارقة في رحلة التحول الرقمي لشركة الاتصالات الكويتية، ويعكس كيفية تطوير أعمالنا في قطاعي الخدمات والتلفعات المتغيرة لعلنا. إن التحول الرقمي في جوهرة يدور حول خلق قيمة حقيقية، وهذا يتطلب منا إعادة النظر باستمرار في كيفية تفاعل العملاء مع stc، وكيف يمكن للتكنولوجيا أن تجعل هذه التفاعلات أبسط وأكثر فعالية".



يستخدمونها يومياً. كما يمكن لغير عملاء stc الوصول إلى التطبيق، مما يتيح لهم استكشاف أحدث باقات عروض الشركة.

تطبيق واحد للعميل

نُعم تطبيق KW mystic ليُجمل إدارة الحساب سهلة منذ لحظة تسجيل الدخول، ويوفر التطبيق عرضاً واضحاً للحساب، مما يَتيح الوصول السريع إلى المعلومات المطلوبة، كما يُمكن للعملاء الذين لديهم خطوط متعددة أو باقات عائلية إدارتها جميعاً من مكان واحد. كما يُسهّل متابعة الباقات المختلفة المرتبطة بالحساب دون الحاجة إلى إدارة كل خط على حدة.

أعلنت شركة الاتصالات الكويتية stc، الرائدة في تمكين التحول الرقمي وتقديم خدمات ومضامين مبتكرة للعملاء في الكويت، عن إطلاق النسخة الجديدة من تطبيق KW، الذي يوفر طريقة أكثر تخصيصاً لإدارة حسابات العملاء، والوصول إلى مجموعة واسعة من منتجات وخدمات stc. صممت النسخة الجديدة لتلبي الاحتياجات المتغيرة للعملاء، حيث يجمع بين الخدمات الأساسية وإمكانيات إدارة الحسابات في منصة واحدة سهلة الاستخدام، مما يمنح المستخدمين تحكماً أكبر في تجربة stc الخاصة بهم أينما كانوا.

خطوة بمسيرة التحول

ويعمل هذا الإطلاق خطوة هامة في مسيرة التحول الرقمي لشركة stc، ويعكس تركيز الشركة المستمر على تطوير خدماتها بما يتناسب مع الطريقة التي يفهمها العملاء للتفاعل وإدارة احتياجاتهم اليومية. مع تزايد إقبال العملاء على القنوات الرقمية مع توافرها مع راحة ومرونة أكبر، يُتيح تطبيق mystc تجربة stc بشكل مباشر على هواتفهم الذكية، مما يقلل الحاجة إلى زيارة الفروع أو التواصل مع خدمة العملاء للخدمات الروتينية.

يُركز تطبيق *KW mystic* على توفير تجربة عملاء موحدة، حيث يجمع مجموعة واسعة من الخدمات اليومية في مكان واحد، مما يُسهّل على المستخدمين إدارة حساباتهم وقضاياهم. يُشاورون. يُمكن للعملاء دفع الفواتير، مراقبة استهلاكهم، وتعديل باقاتهم بخطوات بسيطة فقط. كما توفر الميزة الخدمات الذاتية الإضافية وصولاً سرياً إلى خدمات الدعم والتجول مباشرة عبر التطبيق. وتتيح هذه التجربة للعملاء مرونة أكبر في إدارة خدماتهم في أي وقت يناسبهم، مما يُسهّل عليهم البقاء على اتصال دائم بالشبكة والخدمات التي تقدمها.

تجربة متكاملة وسلسلة للعملاء

من تجربة العملاء التي يوفرها التطبيق الجديد، "يقوّع العملاء بشكل متزايد إدارة ذواتهم في احتياجاتهم الخاصة، من القدرة على الوصول إلى ما يحتاجونه بسرعة ومن دون طواف غير ضروري. لذلك، صممنا تطبيق الاتصالات الجديد من هذا المنطلق، ليركّز التطبيق على كيفية جعل الاتصالات اليومية أكثر سهولة وبهنية، ومن منح العملاء من صنف مزايا من الشفافية والتحكم في حساباتهم."

وأضاف "سواء أراد العملاء التحدث مع مستشاريهم، أو استهلاك ما في أيديهم، أو تجهيز خدماتهم على السبق، أو ببساطة جعل حياتهم العملية أكثر سهولة، يجب أن يكون التجربة سهلة ومبهمة، كما يجب أن لا نأخذ في الاعتبار التخصيص عند الفصل أكثر

لكل مستخدم، بينما توفر إكمانبات الخدمة الذاتية للعملاء مرونة أكبر
 وحديد وقت وكيفية تفاعلهم مع شركة الاتصالات.
 النهاية، مع تطوير الجيد الجديد لتزويد العملاء بدرجة متكاملة وسلسة".
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 mystic KW الجديد كلياً على أجهزة Android و iOS
 ، يمكن للعملاء التالين تنزيل التطبيق أو البدء في استكشاف التجربة
 مباشرة، بينما يمكن للمهتمين بالإنضمام إلى شركة الاتصالات الاطلاع على
 باقات وعروض الشركة مباشرة من خلال التطبيق.

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National Guard adopts new structure based on competence, transparency

Al-Barjas: New National Guard structure to enhance efficiency, performance

KUWAIT: National Guard Undersecretary Lieutenant General Hamad Al-Barjas on Wednesday affirmed that the Guard's new organizational structure is founded on justice, transparency and equal opportunity, with appointments based on specialization, competence and the ability to perform assigned duties and responsibilities. He said the approach would help ensure that the right person is placed in the right position, improve performance and enhance the efficiency of the National Guard's work system.

Al-Barjas made the remarks during a meeting with senior commanders and officers held following the adoption of the National Guard's new organizational structure. The meeting was attended by Assistant Undersecretary for Financial Affairs and Resource Management Major General Riyadh Iwari. The meeting underscored the National Guard leadership's commitment to maintaining direct communication with commanders and officers and strengthening institutional work to meet the requirements of the next phase.

Al-Barjas explained that the development of the organizational structure forms part of a comprehensive vision aimed at strengthening institutional performance, improving coordination among various units and clearly defining their respective roles, special-



KUWAIT: National Guard Undersecretary Lieutenant General Hamad Al-Barjas meets with senior commanders and officers of the National Guard on the occasion of the adoption of the National Guard's organizational structure. — KUNA photos

izations and responsibilities. He stressed that competence, experience and specialization are fundamental criteria for assigning responsibilities and filling leadership positions. "The next phase requires continued teamwork and making the best use of the expertise and human resources within the National Guard, while encouraging qualified personnel to pursue con-

tinuous development and acquire further experience and skills," Al-Barjas said.

He emphasized that assuming leadership positions is both a responsibility and a trust that requires commitment, discipline and dedication to performing duties with the highest levels of efficiency and competence. Al-Barjas urged officers

to set an example in discipline, commitment and responsibility, and to place the interests of the National Guard and service to the nation above all else. He conveyed the National Guard leadership's congratulations to officers appointed to their new positions and wished them success in carrying out their responsibilities. — KUNA

Deputy Foreign Minister receives Tanzanian and Thai Ambassadors



KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Hamad Al-Mashaan on Wednesday received Ambassador of Tanzania Hussein Masuno and Ambassador of Thailand Songchai Chaiphatol, separately, on the occasion of the conclusion of their respective tenures as ambassadors to Ku-

wait. During the meetings, Al-Mashaan conveyed his appreciation for the ambassadors' efforts in strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between Kuwait and their respective countries, wishing them continued success in their future assignments. — KUNA



A Kuwaiti delegation representing the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance meet with the Governor of the Central Bank of Cuba in Havana. — KUNA

Kuwait, Cuba discuss double taxation deal

HAVANA: A Kuwaiti delegation from the Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs on Wednesday began the first round of negotiations on a double taxation agreement with Cuba, in the presence of Kuwait's Ambassador to Cuba Adel Al-Adgham. The Kuwaiti Embassy in Havana said in a statement that the talks, which will continue until Friday, focus on the provisions of the proposed agreement and their compatibility with the laws and regulations of both countries.

Speaking to KUNA, Al-Adgham said Kuwait is among a limited number of countries to

have received approval from the Cuban government to negotiate and conclude a double taxation agreement, describing the move as a reflection of the close relations between the two countries and Kuwait's commitment to strengthening trade, economic cooperation and bilateral ties across various sectors. The Kuwaiti delegation is headed by Bader Al-Abdullahi, Head of the Tax Agreements Department at the Ministry of Finance, and includes Ibrahim Al-Amir of the Agreements Department and Elaf Al-Rishi, Third Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The meetings were attended on the Cuban side by Deputy Minister of Finance Lourdes Rodriguez Ruiz, senior officials from the Ministry of Finance and representatives of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Kuwaiti

delegation also met with Cuban Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment Deborah Rivaz, who highlighted investment opportunities in Cuba and expressed appreciation for Kuwait's continued support and interest in developing economic partnerships with her country.

Rivaz praised the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) for its "exceptional" role in supporting infrastructure projects in Cuba, noting that it was the first development fund in the world to begin operations in the country. The Kuwaiti delegation also met with Central Bank of Cuba Governor Juana Lilia, who briefed the delegation on the latest developments in Cuba's economic and financial situation, as well as new legislation governing investment and the establishment of foreign banks. — KUNA

Sheikh Khaled participated in a session titled "Producers' Strategy for the Next Cycle: How a Major Supplier Deals with Changes in Supply Elasticity and Evolving Demand Dynamics."

Emad Al-Kandari, Deputy Managing Director for Global Marketing Contracts, took part in a session titled "Strengthening Partnerships with Customers in Petroleum Product Markets Amid Rapidly Changing Trade Dynamics," while Dr. Salah Al-Awadhi, Head of the Marketing Research Team, participated in a session titled "Assessing Fuel Oil Trends and Elasticity Levels in Marine Fuel Markets." The sessions addressed strategic issues related to global energy market developments, supply security and flexibility, as well as efforts to strengthen long-term commercial relationships with customers.

On the sidelines of the conference, the KPC delegation held a series of meetings with the corporation's customers and partners, as well as representatives of major international companies, to discuss cooperation and developments in global energy markets. KPC also hosted its annual reception, organized by its regional office in Singapore, which was attended by customers and partners, along with representatives of oil and energy companies from Asia and other parts of the world. The reception reflects KPC's continued efforts to build long-term relationships with customers and partners and strengthen direct communication and dialogue with key stakeholders in international energy markets. — KUNA

Aviation authority showcases sector expertise in Egypt

EL ALAMEIN, Egypt: The Public Authority of Civil Aviation (PACA), headed by Sheikh Hamoud Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, participated in the second edition of the Egypt International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition 2026, held in El Alamein from Sept 7-10. In a statement issued Wednesday, the PACA said its participation reflects Kuwait's commitment to strengthening its presence at international forums dedicated to the civil aviation and aerospace sectors. The authority said the exhibition provided an important platform for exchanging expertise and gaining insight into the latest technologies, innovations and global developments in aviation and aerospace.

The opening ceremony was attended by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, along with ministers, senior officials and representatives of governmental and international organizations, highlighting the exhibition's growing stature as a major international platform bringing together decision-makers and specialists from the aviation and aerospace industries. The second edition attracted representatives from 50 countries, 250 exhibitors, 100 aircraft, 50 air shows and around 12,000 visitors and participants from local, regional and inter-

national organizations and companies.

The PACA said the event brought together major global companies specializing in civil aviation, aerospace, technology, defense and related services, providing a valuable opportunity to exchange expertise and showcase the latest solutions and technologies. The authority said Kuwait's participation produced positive results, including strengthening communication with specialized international organizations, bodies and companies, exploring opportunities for cooperation and partnership, and learning about international best practices in various areas of civil aviation.

It added that the exhibition also offered an opportunity to review the latest developments in aviation safety and security, airport and infrastructure development, digital transformation, sustainability, innovation, modern technologies and air services. The PACA affirmed that its participation forms part of its broader commitment to strengthening international partnerships, exchanging knowledge and expertise, and keeping pace with global developments and standards in civil aviation.

It said these efforts would contribute to supporting Kuwait's development plans, improving aviation services and operations, and enhancing the country's competitiveness in the sector. The authority expressed its intention to build on the outcomes of its participation by expanding cooperation with regional and international partners in a manner that serves mutual interests, supports the sustainable growth and development of civil aviation, and strengthens Kuwait's presence at specialized international forums and events. — KUNA



KUWAIT: A seminar organized by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences in cooperation with the Kuwait Banking Association. — KUNA

Study highlights banks' role in supporting development goals

KUWAIT: The Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), in cooperation with the Kuwait Banking Association (KBA) and Marmore MENA Intelligence, a subsidiary of Kuwait Financial Centre (Markaz), held a seminar Wednesday to review the findings of a study on the role of Kuwait's banking sector in supporting the national development plan. The seminar, held at the Sheikh Abdullah Al-Saleem Cultural Centre and attended by a number of banking and economic leaders and specialists, reflects KFAS's efforts to support applied research addressing national priorities and challenges and provide evidence-based insights to inform policymaking and strengthen cooperation among key stakeholders.

The study examines how the banking sector can contribute to implementing national development projects and achieving the objectives of the "New Kuwait 2035" vision, particularly through financing major development projects and public-private partnerships. It also explores mechanisms to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), digital transformation and financial technology, as well as financing non-oil sectors and green and sustainable

projects. During the seminar, the KBA presented an overview of the current state of the Kuwaiti banking sector, drawing on relevant regional and international experiences. Discussions also examined key opportunities and challenges facing banks in their efforts to support economic development.

The KBA said the study provides a practical and comprehensive vision, supported by actionable recommendations aimed at developing the financing system and fostering innovation. It described the study as a model for cooperation between research institutions and the private sector and a valuable resource for informed decision-making. The study emphasized the importance of building on the strength and advanced financing capabilities of Kuwait's banking sector, supported by the prudent regulatory policies of the Central Bank of Kuwait, to reinforce financial stability.

Its recommendations include directing greater financing toward priority sectors, developing flexible financing solutions, strengthening partnerships with fintech companies, expanding green and sustainable finance, and enhancing governance frameworks. The KBA stressed that achieving Kuwait's development objectives requires coordinated efforts and diversified funding sources involving government entities, the banking sector and the private sector. Such cooperation, it said, would help mobilize resources, accelerate project implementation and support Kuwait's transition toward a more diversified and sustainable economy. — KUNA



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KUWAIT SLAMS IRAN ATTACKS ACROSS REGION Faster, fairer tenders ahead

Cabinet rejects threats to Gulf, Red Sea navigation

KUWAIT CITY, Sept. 9, (KUNA): Kuwait's Cabinet approved on Wednesday a draft decree-law amending certain provisions of Law No. 49 of 2016 on public tenders.

The amendment aims to simplify procedures, address difficulties and challenges arising from practical application, and enhance the flexibility of relevant authorities in dealing with actual circumstances that serve the public interest and ensure that public tender procedures are carried out with speed, efficiency, transparency and fairness.

This came during the Cabinet's weekly meeting chaired by Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Fahad Yousef Saud Al-Sabah.

Following the meeting, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Shereeda Al-Maousherji made the following statement:

The Cabinet strongly condemned and denounced the repeated Iranian attacks involving missiles and hostile drones that targeted several locations in Kuwait, including a residential complex last week, in a flagrant violation of Kuwait's sovereignty and a direct threat to its security, stability and the safety of its citizens and residents.



Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Fahad Yousef Saud Al-Sabah chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

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Jazeera Airways contributes \$2 million to Kuwait Emergency Response Fund



Marwan Boodai, Chairman of Jazeera Airways:

- Our responsibility to the State of Kuwait extends far beyond operating flights and connecting people and places
- Contributing to our country, standing alongside its leadership and people
- Always ready to step forward whenever Kuwait needs us
- We have made our aircraft, expertise and resources available to the Government of Kuwait
- The entire Jazeera Airways family stands united with Kuwait
- We are ready to play our part and support the national response in every way we can

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Day by Day

IF someone gives you harsh advice, don't interrupt them. Instead, benefit from their observations. Behind harshness lies great love, and that's how it should be. Don't break the alarm clock because it bothered you or woke you up.

Keep your eyes open, because everything has an explanation and a purpose. There is always a meaning behind sunrise and sunset. The punishment of the oppressor has an explanation.

Yet tomorrow is another day.

Zahed Matar

Palestinian statehood support reaffirmed

Kuwait backs 12-nation Israel curbs

KUWAIT CITY, Sept. 9, (KUNA): The Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed Tuesday an initiative by 12 nations to restrict trade in goods produced in illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories.

In an official statement, the Ministry highlighted that these concerted measures announced by Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the UK build upon growing international momentum to support Palestinian statehood under the two-state solution.

The Ministry emphasized the importance of

these trade restrictions in countering Israeli settlement policies, which directly violate international law and UN Security Council Resolution 2334. Kuwait called upon additional nations to adopt similar measures, reiterating its categorical rejection of any attempts to annex Palestinian lands or forcibly displace Palestinian citizens from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

The Ministry concluded by reaffirming Kuwait's steadfast support for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, foremost among them the establishment of an independent state along the June 4, 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.



Capital Governor and Acting Hawalli Governor Sheikh Abdullah Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah during an inspection tour of schools.

Tourism windfall eyed

Kuwait set to cash in on 'unified' Gulf visa

By Najeh Bilal
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Sept. 9: The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries are moving towards a pivotal stage in their financial and professional history, with international and regional anticipation surrounding the launch of the unified tourist visa, announced by GCC Secretary-General Jassem Al-Budaiwi.

Economic expert Ahmed Al-Khashnam described this step as a major strategic leap that will redraw the region's investment map and propel Kuwait and the Gulf states towards establishing a global tourism bloc capable of attracting massive foreign capital inflows and achieving comprehensive financial sustainability.

He explained that this step represents the primary driver for accelerating the shift away from the traditional oil-based economy and building the foundations of a sustainable, knowledge-based and service-oriented economy.

The project to launch the unified Gulf tourist visa will strengthen the GCC countries' position as an integrated and interconnected regional and global destination, unify marketing efforts, and attract substantial investment and tourism flows

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Kuwait schools tighten screws

KUWAIT CITY, Sept. 9, (Agencies): Capital Governor and Acting Hawalli Governor Sheikh Abdullah Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah stressed on Wednesday that completing school preparations is a priority to ensure a successful and stable start to the new academic year.

Al-Sabah said in a press statement during an inspection tour of several schools in the Capital and Hawalli governorates that the tour was part of field follow-up on the readiness of educational institutions and completion of requirements and services before classes begin.

He added that the tour examined the readiness of facilities, services and school equipment and identified any observations or needs requiring action, helping provide a safe, healthy and stimulating educational environment for students and teaching and administrative staff.

Al-Sabah congratulated students on the start of the new academic year, wishing them a year full of success

and excellence, and stressed that students are at the core of the educational process and a key pillar in building the country's future.

He praised the efforts of Ministry of Education leaders, officials and all personnel in the educational field in preparing for the academic year and providing an appropriate learning environment.

He stressed the importance of integrating efforts among relevant bodies, completing supporting technical services and equipment and addressing any observations immediately to ensure a stable start from the first day of classes.

Al-Sabah said the governorate would continue supporting and following up on all efforts aimed at advancing the educational process and related services, in cooperation and coordination with the Ministry of Education and relevant government bodies.

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HORIZON TALK

Ahmed Al-Jarallah

'The General Directorate for Water Jar Affairs' ... This is how Hussein Mounis summarized the story of corruption

The king passed by a village and found its people drinking directly from unclean canal water.

The chief minister ordered the purchase of a water jar and to place it on the canal bank.

Because the water jar was public property, it needed a guard.

Six guards and six water carriers were appointed to guard and fill the jar.

Technicians were needed to maintain the jar's stand, lid and cup.

A legal and accounting department was required to disburse salaries and solve problems.

A personnel department was established, and attendance and departure logs were created.

The king decided to visit the location of the water jar, only to see it empty and broken.

The father said, "If I die tomorrow, my son will squander this wealth in a few days."

"My son, God does not forget to provide for everyone, but I want you to be like the lion."

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Heat eases, grid gets its checkup

By Mohammad Ghanem
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Sept. 9: The Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy is preparing for the annual maintenance of the electricity and water network components, as temperatures have started to decline, which has a positive impact on consumption rates.

Sources from the ministry disclosed that the periodic maintenance of electricity generation and water desalination units will start in the middle of this month.

Sources said this move aims to prepare for the summer of 2027 and overcome challenges posed by high temperatures

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'Tagreed Rashed Mohammad Aldurraie' 2026's third millionaire: Al-Jawhara continues making customers' dreams a reality



Kuwait & Lonestar sign space-based data storage partnership



Business

Supporting Kuwait through aircraft capacity & operational resources

Jazeera Airways contributes \$2 mln to Kuwait Emergency Response Fund

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 9: Jazeera Airways has announced a financial contribution of US\$2 million to the Kuwait Emergency Response Fund, supporting the country's efforts to respond to the current regional crisis and assist affected communities. Alongside its financial contribution, Jazeera Airways had also placed its operational capabilities at the service of the Kuwait Government for carriage of cargo.

During the temporary closure of the Kuwait International Airport earlier this year, Jazeera introduced Mission Barakah an initiative to keep Kuwait connected. Under Mission Barakah, the airline operated over 1,500 flights, 200,000 passengers and over 500 tons of cargo via Qaisumah and Dammam. This included direct deployment of 14 aircraft, 500 team members and other resources to support the movement of citizens, essential personnel, humanitarian supplies and other critical goods, whenever required by the relevant authorities.

Flying from Kuwait for over two decades, Jazeera Airways has a strong record of supporting Kuwait during periods of national and regional crisis. The airline has previously mobilized its fleet, teams, airport infrastructure and logistics network to operate repatriation and humanitarian flights, transport essential supplies and maintain vital air connectivity under several challenging circumstances.

Jazeera Airways expressed its sincere appreciation to Kuwait's leadership, government authorities, emergency services and frontline personnel for their



tireless efforts in safeguarding the country and supporting its people.

Jazeera Airways will continue supporting the national response in close coordination with the Government of Kuwait, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and other relevant authorities to provide operational and humanitarian assistance as required.



Marwan Boodai, Chairman of Jazeera Airways, said:

"As a Kuwaiti company, Jazeera Airways is deeply proud of its roots and over 20 years of service to the country. Our responsibility to the State of Kuwait extends far beyond operating flights and connecting people and places. It means contributing to our country, standing alongside its leadership and people, and being ready to step forward whenever Kuwait needs us. Our contribution to the Kuwait Emergency Response Fund reflects our commitment. Equally important is what we contribute through our people and operational capabilities. We have made our aircraft, expertise and resources available to the Government of Kuwait to support the movement of people, humanitarian assistance and essential goods wherever they are needed. Time and again, our team has demonstrated exceptional resilience, professionalism and compassion in responding to challenging circumstances. As always, the entire Jazeera Airways family stands united with Kuwait, ready to play our part and support the national response in every way we can."



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T8 returns to T5

Targeting Gulf, Egypt expansion

Kuwait & Lonestar sign space-based data storage partnership

By Mohammad Ghanem
Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 9: Kuwait Innovation Center announced the partnership with Lonestar, an American company specializing in developing space-based data storage technologies. This is considered a crucial step towards strengthening the presence of Kuwait in the technology and space sectors.

In collaboration with Prima Security, the partnership opens new horizons for Kuwait and the region in one of the most promising technology sectors, especially since the center is an agent for Lonestar in the Gulf region and Egypt. Lonestar CEO Steven Euseli presented the vision of the company or the future of space-based data storage, affirming the importance of the partnership with the center.

He expressed happiness over the warm reception, high attendance level and excellent organization of the launching of the partnership.

In his speech at the event, he expressed his eagerness to return to Kuwait soon to move from the partnership announcement phase to commencing work and developing joint opportunities and projects.

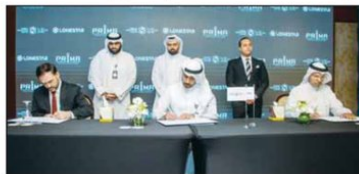
On the other hand, CEO of the center Mohammad Salah Al-Rifai said the center believes in the ability of Kuwait to play a greater role in the modern technology and investment sectors.

He pointed out that the partnership with Lonestar is a step towards transforming Kuwait into a launch pad for high-quality technologies and investments in the region.

He disclosed that the center is the exclusive agency for Lonestar in Kuwait, in addition to its partnership with Prima Security, which supports the development of an integrated system combining space technology, data security, infrastructure and investment.

Mahmoud Hanza Al-Hawari, Legal and Investment Director at the center, indicated that the center is working hard to establish high-quality partnerships and open channels of cooperation between international companies and the public, private and investment sectors.

He stated that the vision extends beyond the Kuwaiti market to include the



Part of the signing of the agreement in the presence of Mohammad Al-Rifai, Steven Euseli.



Close follow-up of the effectiveness.

Gulf, Egypt and Middle East markets, thus, strengthening Kuwait's position as a regional platform for technology, innovation and investment. He said the center regards the Kuwaiti market as the first step towards future initiatives that will establish branches of the company in the Gulf, Egypt and Middle East, hence, opening a unique and pioneering investment opportunity in Egypt and the Middle East.

He expects the next phase to be an expansion of the scope of cooperation, with the partnership nearing its launch in the Egyptian market from Kuwait, within a vision aimed at building cross-border partnerships, which combine advanced technology with capital and institutional expertise.

Fawaz Fouad Bugmaz, Executive Director for Artificial Intelligence at the center, confirmed that this strategic partnership with Lonestar will be the starting point for developing locally made artificial intelligence technologies,

which will later be tested in space. Bugmaz asserted that this collaboration opens a new dimension to the journey of research, development and innovation, and lays the foundation for creating unprecedented solutions that originate in Kuwait and will reach the whole world.

He stated that work on these technologies will commence in preparation for testing them in the launch scheduled for April 2027.

The event featured a special appearance by Lonestar Chairman Chris Stott, along with his wife, astronaut Nicole Stott who spoke about her experience and vision for the space sector. Nicole also presented the development related to launching spacecraft and future solutions for operating data storage technologies beyond Earth.

Her participation added a distinctive dimension to the event by linking practical experience in space with the commercial and investment opportunities provided by modern technologies.

In collaboration with KBA and Marmore

KFAS launches study on the banking sector's role in national development

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 9: The Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), in collaboration with the Kuwait Banking Association (KBA) and Marmore MENA Intelligence, the research arm of Kuwait Financial Centre "Markaz," organized a seminar to present the findings of a study on "The Impact of Kuwait's Banking Sector on the National Development Plan." The seminar was held at the Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Cultural Centre and attended by senior officials, specialists, representatives of the banking and financial sectors, and other relevant stakeholders.

In a press statement, KFAS stated that its funding of the study reflects the Foundation's role in supporting applied research that addresses national priorities and challenges. Such studies help provide evidence-based insights that can inform policy development and strengthen collaboration between government entities, the private sector, and financial institutions.

Prepared by Marmore, the study examines the role Kuwait's banking sector can play in supporting the implementation of National Development Plan projects and advancing the objectives of New Kuwait Vision 2035. It focuses on areas including the financing of major development projects, public-private partnerships, support for small and medium-sized enterprises, digital transformation and financial technology, as well as financing for non-oil sectors and green and sustainable projects.

The seminar presented the study's key findings and recommendations, along with the opportunities and challenges associated with strengthening the banking sector's contribution to financing national development priorities. Discussions also addressed ways to develop financing models and accelerate project implementation.

The Kuwait Banking Association noted that the study assessed the current state of Kuwait's economy and banking sector and reviewed relevant regional and international practices. It also identified key gaps related to policies, regulations, financing, and project implementation mechanisms.

The study highlighted the importance of directing greater financing toward priority sectors and develop-



Photo during the seminar.

ment projects, expanding banks' participation in public-private partnership projects, and developing more flexible financing solutions for small and medium-sized enterprises. It also emphasized strengthening partnerships with fintech companies and expanding green and sustainable finance. Among its key recommendations, the study called for stronger governance frameworks and greater institutional coordination among relevant stakeholders, improved mechanisms for monitoring project implementation, and wider use of public-private partnership models. It also recommended diversifying financing instruments through bank lending, capital markets, and syndicated financing, as well as de-

veloping credit guarantees and targeted incentives to support sectors and projects aligned with the objectives of the National Development Plan. KFAS and the Kuwait Banking Association emphasized that achieving Kuwait's national development objectives requires greater integration of efforts and financing sources across government entities, the banking sector, the private sector, and investment institutions. Such collaboration can help mobilize financial resources, accelerate the implementation of development projects, strengthen the contribution of non-oil sectors, and support Kuwait's transition toward a more diversified, sustainable, and knowledge-based economy.



BUSINESS

KPC takes part in APEC 2026 petroleum conf. in Singapore

KUWAIT CITY, Sept. 9 (KUNA): Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), led by its Deputy Managing Director for International Marketing Sheikh Khalid Ahmad Al-Sabah, participated in the 42nd annual Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conference (APPEC 2026) in Singapore.

In a press statement on Wednesday, KPC said its participation was significant, as its presence and discussions with international customers and partners reaffirmed Kuwait's firm commitment to its role as a reliable energy supplier.

The corporation noted that, despite current regional challenges, KPC and its subsidiaries continue to operate with high efficiency and flexibility to ensure business continuity and fulfill their commercial commitments to customers.

The statement said the conference, which began Monday and concludes Thursday, featured the participation of several KPC leaders in specialized sessions.

Sheikh Khalid Ahmad Al-Sabah participated in a session titled "Product Strategy for the Next Cycle: How a Major Supplier Navigates Changes in Supply Flexibility and Evolving Demand Dynamics."

KPC Deputy Managing Director for

Global Marketing Contracts Emad Al-Kandari participated in a session titled "Strengthening Customer Partnerships in Petroleum Product Markets Amid Rapidly Changing Trade Dynamics," while Head of Marketing Research Team Dr. Salah Al-Jawadi took part in a session titled "Assessing Fuel Oil Trends and Flexibility Levels in Marine Fuel Markets."

The sessions discussed several strategic issues related to the development of global energy markets, supply security and flexibility, and strengthening long-term commercial relations with customers.

The KPC delegation also held a series of meetings on the sidelines of the conference with the corporation's customers, partners and representatives of major international companies.

Separately, KPC held its annual reception under the supervision of its regional office in Singapore, attended by a number of the corporation's customers and partners and representatives of oil and energy companies from Asia and around the world.

The reception reflected KPC's approach to building long-term relationships with customers and partners and strengthening channels of communication and dialogue with them.

Oil volatility rises

Kuwait backs OPEC+ output hold at 2.67 mln bpd for Oct

By Najeh Bilal

Al-Seyassah/Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, Sept. 9: Kuwait plays a crucial role within the OPEC+ alliance, as its oil policy supports market stability and strengthens joint collective action.

This role is clearly demonstrated through its full commitment to the collective decisions of the alliance to maintain balance in the global energy market.

In an analysis of the recent OPEC+ decisions in the midst of the intensifying geopolitical conflict in the Middle East that led to a surge in energy prices, economic advisor Abdullah Al-Gharbi confirmed in a statement to the newspaper that the current rise in oil prices is due to the escalating tension between the United States and Israel on one side, and Iran on the other side. He pointed out that this led to the volatility of global energy markets, along with vigilance and cautious anticipation.

He cited as evidence the fact that the crude oil price reached almost \$100 per barrel, specifically \$98 over the past few days, compared to \$87.44 on Aug. 29.

He considers this rapid rise, by about \$11 within a short period, a reflection of the mounting pressure on the supply and demand system.

He predicted that oil price will continue its meteoric rise, reaching \$120 per barrel in the coming period, due to threats to strategic waterways, such as the Strait of Hormuz, and the resulting restrictions on logistical supply chains and global market supplies.

He pointed out that in contrast to these dramatic shifts, the position of Kuwait emerged as a stabilizing factor and a wise analysis of the complex landscape.

He praised the confirmation of Oil Minister Tariq Al-Roumi that Kuwait remains committed to the collective decisions of the OPEC+ alliance, including its decision to maintain oil production levels at the current level of 2.67 million barrels per day.

He emphasized that this step indicates the cautious and well-considered vision of Kuwait for addressing fluctuations and ensuring balance between supply and demand to prevent haphazard speculation in energy markets.

He asserted that such commitment by all parties protects the global energy system, while prioritizing price stability over engaging in fierce competition for individual market shares, which could lead to an unplanned deficit that harms the interests of both the producers and consumers.

On stabilizing production, he said maintaining production at September level affirms that the oil alliance is following a flexible and rational approach to adapt to the decline in global demand.

He asserted that maintaining the coalition is a strategic and wise decision, a useful weapon for protecting the public budgets of the Gulf states, including Kuwait, which has recorded a budget deficit resulting from fluctuating revenues and increasing government spending.

He pointed out that the oil policy of Kuwait is not based on quick profit calculations, but on a long-standing legacy of joint oil diplomacy, fully aware that any supply disruption could lead to global stagnation which harms everyone.

He added that Kuwait prefers compromise solutions to ensure the continuation of global energy flows and protect the market from the geopolitical storms surrounding the region.

Across different locations

KFH redefines branch banking with smart technology

KUWAIT CITY, Sept. 9: Driven by its commitment to meeting customer needs and adopting cutting-edge technology, Kuwait Finance House (KFH) provides a wide range of core banking services through its smart branches.

This delivers a comprehensive banking experience built around stronger security, greater efficiency, and faster, simpler transactions. By introducing innovative financial solutions, the bank continues to reinforce its leading role in digital transformation.

KFH is expanding the presence of its smart branches across Kuwait. Customers can currently access them at The Avenue, the co-operative societies in Ishbiliya, Jabriya, Mangaf, Sabah Al-Ahmad, Al-Salam, and Abu Fatir; Shuwaikh KFH Auto Showroom; Al-Khitan Mall; and Abdullah Al-Salem.

Given the strong response and accessibility, KFH plans to increase the number of smart branches that customers in more areas of Kuwait can benefit from them.

The bank is also strengthening its vision for the future, reflected in KFH's H2025 plan, which includes artificial intelligence, alongside other digital alternatives to traditional channels.

At its strategically located smart branches, customers enjoy fast, secure, and seamless access to a full suite of interactive self-service solutions. They can



arrange Murabah financing, apply for or instantly reprint credit and prepaid cards, and issue debit cards on the spot. The branches also support card-based and cashless cash withdrawals, cash deposits, and cheque deposits using a mobile number, Civil ID, or QR code.

Customers can check balances, view account statement summaries, make internal and local transfers, and request and print chequebooks immediately. They can open accounts and deposits, change or reset PINs, donate to charity,

transfer funds to credit cards, and activate bank cards. Personal details, KYC information, and Civil ID expiry dates can be updated on site using a physical Civil ID or the Kuwait Mobile ID app.

Dedicated funds are also available, including opening gold accounts, buying and selling gold, viewing statements, and receiving 10-gram gold bars. Customers can open savings accounts as well as Al-Hassad, Al-Rabeh, and Electron accounts, together with a broad range of banking and

financing solutions designed to raise the quality of the customer experience through advanced digital channels.

Reaffirming its leadership in digital innovation, KFH has completed a comprehensive upgrade of its ATM network and the KFHonline app, which now provides access to more than 200 banking services.

E-banking features include instant issuance of virtual prepaid cards; viewing PINs and details for credit and debit cards; and opening additional accounts in Kuwaiti dinars, GCC currencies, and other foreign currencies without visiting a branch. Customers can activate new cards, temporarily suspend cards, adjust usage limits, and customize card designs. They can also update phone numbers, set up term deposits, pay telecom bills, add beneficiaries, check balances, and request chequebooks. Further services include opening gold accounts, executing gold trading and gifting transactions, applying for financing, tracking financial obligations and installment schedules, viewing investment plans, obtaining account and deposit summaries, and managing children's accounts, among many other electronic services.

The 24/7 fully automated smart branches reflect the rapid evolution of retail banking, as customers increasingly turn to digital solutions for quick and efficient banking.

'DTA talks reflect close Kuwait-Cuba ties'

Kuwait, Cuba open talks on double taxation agreement

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (KUNA): A Kuwaiti delegation representing the Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs has begun the first round of talks on a double taxation agreement between Kuwait and Cuba, in the presence of Kuwait's Ambassador Adel Al-Adham.

The first round of talks which runs until Friday aims to discuss the provisions of the agreement between Kuwait and Cuba, with officials from the Cuban Ministry of Finance, and assess its compatibility with the laws of both countries. The Embassy of Kuwait in Havana said in a statement on Wednesday.

Speaking to KUNA, Ambassador Al-Adham said that Kuwait is among the few countries that obtained the Cuban government's approval to discuss and finalize a memorandum of understanding on a double taxation agreement between the two countries, given Kuwait's close ties with Cuba and its efforts to boost trade and economic relations across various fields.

The Kuwaiti delegation, headed by Rader Al-Abdullahi, head of the tax agreements section at the Ministry of Finance, and it includes Ibrahim Al-Amer from the section and Third Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign



Kuwaiti delegation representing the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance met with the Governor of the Central Bank of Cuba during its current visit to Havana.

Affairs Elaf Al-Rish, he noted.

The statement added that the Kuwaiti delegation met with Cuba's Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment Deborah Rivas who highlighted investment opportunities in her country.

The Cuban official thanked Kuwait for its continued support and interest in the economic partnership with Cuba. She extolled the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development's key role in supporting Cuba's infrastructure, noting it was the development fund in the world to

begin operations in the Republic of Cuba. The delegation also met with the Governor of Central Bank of Cuba Juana Lilia who briefed the Kuwaitis on the latest economic and financial status of Cuba and new laws of investment.

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stc unveils smarter, personalized mystic KW app

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options that better suit their individual needs, while real-time notifications and alerts keep them informed about their bills, data consumption and important account updates. Together, these features provide customers with a clearer picture of their account and help them stay informed throughout the month.

Customers also have greater flexibility in how they access support and make changes to their services, with out having to visit a branch or contact customer support. Users can raise support requests, adjust their settings and activate roaming when preparing to travel, while animated in-app content provides helpful guidance as they explore different features. The registration process has also been simplified, allowing users to quickly set up their account and start using the app, which is available in both Arabic and English and includes built-in accessibility settings to accommodate a wider range of users.

A new chapter in stc's digital customer journey

Commenting on the launch, the

Company release a statement that said, "The launch of our new app represents an important milestone in stc's digital transformation journey and reflects how we are evolving our business around the changing expectations of our customers. Digital transformation is ultimately about creating a valuable, and this requires us to continuously rethink how customers interact with stc and how technology can make those interactions simpler and more effective."

The statement added, "Our ambition extends beyond transferring traditional services to digital channels. We are building an increasingly connected experience that gives customers greater flexibility in how they engage with us and provides a strong foundation for the digital services we will continue to introduce. The new app is an important part of that journey and further builds on our commitment to investing in technologies that enhance the lifestyle choices of our customers while supporting our long-term digital strategy."

Highlighting the customer experi-

ence behind the new app, the Company's statement highlighted, "Customers increasingly expect to manage their services on their own terms, with the ability to access what they need quickly and without unnecessary steps. We approached the new app from that perspective, focusing on how we could make everyday interactions more intuitive while giving customers greater visibility and control over their accounts."

The statement added, "Whether a customer wants to check their usage, manage a family media platform, prepare their services before traveling or simply understand the options available to them, the experience should feel straightforward. Personalization also allows us to make the platform more relevant to each user, while the self-service capabilities provide customers with greater flexibility in deciding when and how they interact with stc. Ultimately, the new app has been developed to provide customers with an integrated and seamless overall experience."

The all-new mystic KW app is available on iOS, Android and Huawei devices, providing customers with access across major mobile platforms. Existing customers can download the app and begin exploring the new experience, while those interested in joining stc can discover the Company's latest plans and offerings directly through the app.

To find out more about stc's sponsorships, promotions, and events, follow stc's official social media platforms, visit one of stc's branches, download mystic KW mobile application, visit stc.com.kw or contact the customer service center by dialing 102 for around the clock assistance.

About stc Kuwait Telecommunications Company (stc) is a Kuwaiti shareholding company incorporated pursuant to Amiri Decree No. 187 on 22 July, 2008, to operate and manage the third GSM mobile network in Kuwait as per Law No. 2 of 2008. Accordingly, stc was launched in October 2008 and was listed on Boursa Kuwait in December 2014.

stc Kuwait is a world-class digital leader, providing innovative services and solutions to customers, both for individuals and enterprises, enabling the digital transformation in Kuwait, and is a subsidiary of stc Group. stc Kuwait has expanded its portfolio by acquiring companies such as Qualitec, a subsidiary of stc Group, and e-portal Holding Company and its subsidiaries.

US crude hits \$95.25

Brent jumps to \$100.72 on Gulf tanker, facility strikes

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (AP): The price of oil surpassed \$100 a barrel for the first time since July after attacks on oil facilities and ships in the Middle East threatened to debilitate an already weakened supply chain.

Brent crude, the international standard, jumped nearly 3% to \$100.72 early Wednesday.

U.S. benchmark crude gained 2.4% to \$95.25 a barrel, and U.S. gasoline prices rose sharply overnight.

The average price for a gallon of regular gasoline ticked up 7 cents overnight to hit \$4.22, now more than a dollar above what it cost at this point last year, according to AAA.

Diesel prices, which can have an outsized impact on consumers because it is used in shipping and production, hit an all-time high Friday and has continued to climb since. The average price for a gallon reached \$5.94 overnight and is now 9 cents higher than it was Friday.

Jet fuel has become so expensive that U.S. and international carriers have cut flights while raising fares and fees.

Markets reacted after the U.S. military reported striking five Iranian tankers in response to attempted missile attacks on a Navy warship and after attacks by an Iranian-backed Houthi rebel group ignited fires at oil facilities in Saudi Arabia.

Crude oil prices shot up after Israel and the United States initiated a war with Iran, and they have fluctuated considerably during the more than six months since then. The fighting has halted most shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow waterway through which a fifth of the world's oil supply passed before the war began.

Brent traded between about \$70 to \$100 a barrel for much of March, April and May. In July, prices swung between \$72 and \$102, reflecting rising and falling hopes that the U.S. and Iran would agree on a plan that would allow

stranded tankers to move oil safely out of the Persian Gulf.

"In our view, reaching a durable deal before the U.S. midterm elections is increasingly unlikely, and it could remain elusive even beyond that," Bank of America analysts said in a Tuesday research note.

The analysts increased their oil price forecast for the second half of the year to \$83 a barrel "in light of more persistent disruptions to Hormuz," but said they still expected shipping through the strait to gradually pick up. If attacks keep a chokehold on traffic, prices could reach \$95 to \$120 a barrel, while damage to major energy infrastructure could produce spikes of up to \$150 a barrel.

Negotiations over a preliminary deal between the U.S. and Iran to end the conflict broke down over control of the Strait of Hormuz. Iran insists it has the right to set the terms and charge fees for ships traveling through the waterway, and the U.S. wants passage to remain free and has used a Navy blockade to block Iran's ports and tankers.

Recent stepped-up attacks by Yemen's Houthis could constrain global oil supplies even more because they targeted an alternative shipping route that Saudi Arabia has relied on to transport oil during the war.

Higher energy costs have weighed on consumers, businesses and national economies this year, particularly outside of the U.S. Refinery outages in Russia, reduced refining activity elsewhere and sharply declining inventories have pushed diesel and gasoline prices sharply higher globally. Bank of America said this week.

Yet analysts say prices may have an outsized impact on the upcoming U.S. midterm elections, now just 8 weeks away.