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## Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: People swim in the Arabian Gulf waters as the Salmiya skyline is seen in the background. —Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh

## News in brief

## Kuwait livestock firm suffers \$7m losses

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's Livestock Transport and Trading Company (Al-Mawashi) incurred KD 2.1 million (around \$7million) in the first six months of 2021, in contrast to KD 1.8 million (\$6 million) profits posted in the corresponding period of 2020. Chairman Walid Al-Roumi, in a statement yesterday, attributed the losses to increase of operations' costs, livestock prices which are higher by 20 percent in the exporting countries, and increased costs of transportation, shipment and logistics due to rise of fuel prices. CEO Usama Boudai indicated that the losses were related to higher debts resulting from deductions of additional allotments estimated at KD 1.5 million (\$5 million) worth of government subsidies. The company had to stockpile on lamb during summer however it was surprised with demands for higher fees for freezers' rents. He mentioned other adverse factors, such as impact of the coronavirus and Australia's decision to stop exporting sheep during the summer. —KUNA

## Kuwait condemns Houthis attacks

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's Foreign Ministry on Friday strongly condemned the continued Houthi attempts to threaten security of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the latest of which was the foiled Houthi drone attack on the southern Saudi city of Khamis Mushaiat. The continuity and escalation of these hostile actions against the security of the Saudi Kingdom and the stability of the whole region are blatant violations of the international law and international humanitarian law, the foreign ministry said in a statement. It added that this behavior necessitates swift and firm actions from the international community to stop the attacks and hold perpetrators accountable. The foreign ministry reiterated Kuwait's full solidarity with Saudi Arabia and support to all the measures it takes to defend its security, stability and sovereignty. —KUNA

## Pakistan Embassy in Kuwait celebrates 75th Independence Day

**KUWAIT:** On the auspicious occasion of the "75th Independence Day of Pakistan", the Embassy of Pakistan organized a flag hoisting ceremony at the chancery. Adhering to restrictions on public gatherings owing to COVID-19, the occasion was restricted to members of the embassy.

Ambassador of Pakistan to Kuwait Syed Sajjad Haider paid tribute to the forefathers of the nation, "who played a formidable role in realizing the dream of independent state for the Muslims of sub-continent into reality." The ambassador also highlighted the sacrifices rendered by the forefathers to protect and safeguard the made for the creation of a separate homeland for the Muslims of the sub-continent.

Ambassador Sajjad extended felicitations to the community members and urged them to work diligently on the guiding principles of "unity, faith and discipline". He emphasized on the role played by overseas community members in various parts of the world. He also paid tribute to the frontline health-workers and professionals as well as to "those sons of soil who sacrificed their lives while protecting the ideological and geographical boundaries of the motherland."



Owing to COVID-19 related restrictions, various interactive activities were undertaken in collaboration with the Pakistani community members to celebrate the Independence Day. In this regard, the ambassador was invited as a chief guest in a blood donation drive organized at Adan Hospital as well as an Independence Day function organized by 'Urdu Language Congregation', a Pakistani Christian Community in Kuwait. The embassy also participated in Webinars and Poetic Symposium organized by Pakistani community members from various spheres of life participated.

While reaffirming their resolve to make Pakistan economically stronger and prosperous country render services for the unity and prosperity of Pakistan, the Pakistani community swore to make strenuous efforts in economic prosperity of Pakistan.



## 'The Suicide Squad' hits big screen exclusively for Ooredoo customers



**KUWAIT:** Ooredoo Telecom, the first to introduce innovative digital services in Kuwait, teamed up with VOX Cinemas, the Middle East's most innovative and customer-focused exhibitor, and the fastest growing cinema business in the MENA region, and rewarded its customers and employees who are fans of the fantasy world of movies by being one of the first to watch the highly anticipated movie 'The Suicide Squad' on MAX mega-screen.

Ooredoo Kuwait launched a series of exciting competitions on its social media pages which witnessed a huge interaction and engagement from the followers. Winners won complimentary cinema tickets to watch 'The Suicide Squad' at VOX Cinemas in the Avenues. 'The Suicide Squad' is produced by Warner Bros, directed by James Gunn, and the most prominent co-stars are: Margot Robbie, John Cena, Idris Elba, Sylvester Stallone, and Viola Davis. Hence, the film's premiere was on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

Fatima Dashti - Senior Manager, Public Relations, Internal Communications and Social

Responsibility, said: "The greatest value we can offer to our customers and employees is helping them in creating joyful meaningful moments. This step is in line with our values of communicating with the community and rewarding our customers with exclusive offerings."

"We feel that this step came at a time when people needed some good moments with their family and friends, outside their home especially after all the restrictions imposed by the government due to COVID-19," Dashti added.

Owned and operated by Majid Al-Futtaim, VOX Cinemas is the cinema arm of Majid Al-Futtaim, the leading shopping mall, retail and leisure pioneer across the Middle East and North Africa. VOX Cinemas is the Middle East's most innovative and customer-focused exhibitor, and the fastest growing cinema business in the MENA region. With more than 50 locations the region, including screens in the UAE, Lebanon, Oman, Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, VOX Cinemas is the Middle East's largest and most rapidly growing exhibitor in the entire region.



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