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Kuwaiti oil price down 93 cents to \$64.84 pb

KUWAIT: The price of Kuwaiti oil went down by 93 cents to \$64.84 per barrel Friday after being at 65.77 pb the day before, said the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. At the international level, the price of the Brent crude went down by \$2.03 to \$61.50 per barrel, the same case with the West Texas Intermediate, which went down by 75 cents to \$66.13 pb.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's crude oil exports to Japan in January fell 55.0 percent from a year earlier to 4.45 million barrels, or 143,000 barrels per day (bpd), for the 10th straight month of decline, government data showed Friday. As Japan's fourth-biggest oil provider, Kuwait supplied 5.6 percent of the Asian nation's total crude imports, the Japanese Natural Resources and Energy Agency said in a preliminary report. Japan's overall imports of crude oil shrank 12.5 percent year-on-year to 2.58 million bpd, down for the 13th month in a row.

Shipments from the Middle East accounted for 93.5 percent of the total, up 0.1 percentage points from the year before. Saudi Arabia remained in the top spot, with imports from the kingdom jumping 10.0 percent from a year earlier to 1.18 million bpd, followed by the United Arab Emirates with 782,000 bpd, down 17.0 percent. Qatar ranked fourth with 200,000 bpd and Russia fifth with 74,000 bpd, respectively. Japan is the world's-third biggest oil consumer after China and the US. — KUNA

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: Kuwaiti men ride horses with a national flag during celebrations marking the Gulf state's 60th Independence Day and the 30th anniversary of the end of the Gulf war with the liberation of Kuwait from Iraqi occupation, in Kuwait City on February 25, 2021. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Kuwait Embassies mark 60th National, 30th Liberation days

NEW DELHI/ROME/RABAT: Kuwait's Embassy in New Delhi celebrated the 60th National Day and the 30th Liberation Day late Friday. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the participation was limited to few officials from the Indian External Affairs Ministry led by Secretary Sanjay Bhattacharyya and several ambassadors from Arab Muslim and other countries in New Delhi. Kuwaiti Ambassador to India Jassem Al-Najim extended his heartfelt greetings to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti government and people. Najim added that the current year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Kuwait and India, and that the relations between the two friendly countries are progressing at a good pace in political, economic and cultural fields.

He also recalled efforts made to eradicate the pandemic and Indian support to Kuwait by sending medical teams in order to combat the coronavirus.

The Ambassador added that the embassy received several congratulatory messages from various Indian government agencies and members of the diplomatic corps in New Delhi on the occasion. President of India Ram Nath Kovind had sent a cable of congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Nawaf on the occasion of the National Day, and the Indian Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar, also sent a similar message to Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Source of peace

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Italy Sheikh Azzam Mubarak Al-Sabah said, "Kuwait is the source of brotherhood and peace." The ambassador congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the Kuwaiti people on the Kuwaiti 60th National Day and 30th Anniversary of Liberation. In a statement to the press, Sheikh Azzam affirmed, "This precious occasion for all of us represents a major milestone in the consolidation of national values of love, loyalty and giving to our homeland."

In the meantime, Kuwait's Ambassador to Morocco Abdulatif Al-Yahya on Friday congratulated the Kuwaiti leadership and the people on the advent of the country's national celebrations. Ambassador Yahya stressed the importance of this occasion in the



NEW DELHI: Kuwaiti Ambassador Jassem Al-Najim with Secretary Sanjay Bhattacharyya. —KUNA

hearts of the loyal Kuwaiti citizens, as it is a "defining foundational moment" in the history of Kuwait. Yahya underlined the responsibility entrusted to the young Kuwaiti generations in preserving the foundations of unity and solidarity to achieve growth and prosperity in all fields. He thanked Moroccans for participating in the Kuwaiti national holidays, noting, "if the circumstances of the pandemic prevented the Kuwaiti embassy in Rabat from organizing the national celebrations, this did not prevent dozens of Moroccan officials and citizens from congratulating us on national holidays." — KUNA

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Student Art Competition 2021



It is our pleasure to welcome each and every youngster to our Student Art Competition. We hope that everyone is ready to create beautiful artworks and show support for our heroes of Kuwait! We're searching for great art – so get your paintbrushes, color pencils, crayons and markers ready. Let your talent flow and start painting. Good luck to our young artists!

- The competition is open to students aged 6-18 years with categories (6 - 8 years) (9 - 11 years) (12 - 14 years) (15 - 18 years) and special abilities students.
- The competition is open to all schools in Kuwait (government and private).
- Submissions are open from February 14, 2021 till March 31, 2021.
- 5 winners from each category will receive valuable prizes.
- All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation.
- All schools and individuals interested in participating in this competition are welcome.
- Participants in the ages 6 - 8 years may use marker colors only.
- You can use any drawing sheet, but of A3 size.
- All artwork must be hand drawn and not computer generated.
- All paintings should be submitted by email at painting@kuwaittimes.net in PDF format ONLY.
- Participant must include on the bottom of the artwork the following: name, age, email address, phone number and school in legible font.

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NBK's song 'Al-Sidra' attracts more than two million views

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) hosted a unique online event at its Headquarters and streamed it online via NBK social media channels to celebrate the occasion of Kuwait's Anniversary of Independence and the Anniversary of Liberation. During this event, NBK launched a special musical work presented as a commemorative gift to Kuwait, titled "Al-Sidra." The song attracted more than two million views on NBK YouTube channel since its launch. NBK has teamed up with youth Kuwaiti singers and musicians to produce this special event. Also, as part of the National Celebrations, NBK sponsored a photography competition organized by "Belmokhba" on social media channels for young talents. NBK will reward the winner a virtual learning course from the New York Academy of Filmmaking. Professional in the New York Academy of Filmmaking. Basma Al-Hasan, NBK Advertising Manager said, "This time has been exceptional for

everyone, and so it was our duty to celebrate our National days together in an exceptional and unique manner."

"NBK is committed to reflect the spirit of national unity and commitment and was one of the very first national organizations that supported the country's efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. NBK highlighted the spirit of responsibility by making its resources available to shoulder the community and maintain the nation's wellbeing," she added. "While we must encourage social distancing, our message this year was to affirm that we will get through this pandemic together." NBK reinforced its position as a lead contributor to the development of the Kuwaiti society through its commitment to corporate social responsibility. This commitment became evident in the numerous social and philanthropic initiatives and national responsibilities including the special musical operetta "Hatha Hwa lKuwaiti," "Habibityi ya Kuwait" and a lot more.



Basma Al-Hasan



Yas Island turns blue for Kuwait's 60th National Day



ABU DHABI: Yas Island, Abu Dhabi's premier leisure and entertainment hub, is celebrating Kuwait's 60th National Day as it lights up in blue. In commemoration of the special occasion, attractions across Yas Island illuminated

blue, including Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi, Warner Bros World Abu Dhabi, CLYMB Abu Dhabi, Yas Mall, Yas Plaza Hotels, as well as Etihad Arena and W Abu Dhabi - Yas Island.