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Kuwait started granting tourists visas for 90 days, family visit visas for 30 days

Kuwait's Ministry of Interior has launched the 'Kuwait Visa' platform for those wishing to visit Kuwait on legally approved tourist, commercial, family and government visas. The launching of the visa platform is in line with the vision of the political leadership and the government to transform Kuwait into an economic and tourism hub, as well as with the State's public strategy on allowing expatriates to meet their families and participate in social events. Tourists visa will be granted now for 90 days and family visit visa for the duration of 30 days.

Kuwait and India signed an MoU to boost civil aviation cooperation

Kuwait and India have signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of civil aviation. The agreement was finalized during a meeting in New Delhi on 15th July 2025. The newly-signed MoU includes provisions to support and expand the air transport market for both nations, with a focus on meeting the expectations of travelers and aligning with the evolving dynamics of the aviation industry. Discussions covered a broad range of topics, including recent developments in international air transport, best practices in aviation management, and mechanisms to improve services, safety standards, and regulatory frameworks. The agreement is expected to pave the way for greater collaboration in air services, increased flight frequencies, and more efficient regulatory coordination, ultimately benefiting travelers and airlines from both countries.

Kuwait tightens grip on foreign property access

In a new regulatory move aimed at organizing the real estate market and improving the investment environment, a draft decree has been submitted to the Fatwa and Legislation Department regarding controls on real estate ownership by foreigners through companies listed on the Boursa Kuwait and real estate funds. The draft decree was prepared in accordance with the provisions of Decree-Law No. 7/2025, which regulates real estate ownership, and is now pending approval by the Council of Ministers. The objective is to strike a delicate balance between attracting organized real estate investment and protecting the demographic structure as well as preventing the exploitation of residential properties for purely commercial or investment purposes. The decree takes into account the legal frameworks specific to citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries and preserves the privileges granted to them regarding real estate ownership in Kuwait.

Shadadiya Project handed over to PAI

Kuwait's major project 'The Shadadiya Industrial City Project' has been handed over to the Public Authority for Industry - marking a major milestone in Kuwait's industrial development. This strategic move is set to accelerate manufacturing growth across Kuwait. With a total investment of KD 100 million, Shadadiya stands as Kuwait's first, largest and fully integrated industrial city spanning 5 million square meters. The project reinforces Kuwait's position as a regional hub for advanced industries and economic diversification.

Kuwait's Trade Surplus

Kuwait recorded a trade surplus of KD 2.54 billion, driven by strong oil exports and steady trade performance. The country's total trade exchange reached KD 8.78 billion, reflecting continued resilience in external trade. Oil exports alone accounted for KD 5 billion over just three months, contributing significantly to total exports of KD 6 billion. Commodity imports stood at KD 3.11 billion during the same period.

Kuwait Eyeing European Takeover

Kuwait has recently taken major steps toward leading the low-sulfur diesel market in Europe. Recently, The Al-Zour Refinery successfully exported its first shipment of low-sulfur diesel to the French market, marking the beginning of a strategic push into European energy sectors. The refinery's exports of European ULSD meeting French specifications have more than doubled in the past year, and the refinery is also on track to build capabilities to produce a more stringent ULSD grade in 2025 that meets German specifications, if there is demand. In January 2025, Kuwait also exported its largest shipment of sulfur to date - totaling 52,000 tons – which elevated the total exports of granular sulphur to 1.02 million tonnes. Recently, the Amir of Kuwait visited France, which led to the two countries signing a strategic Investment Partnership for 2025-26.

Kuwait strengthens its global investment profile

In 2024, 95 international investment entities entered or expanded in Kuwait. This included 16 brand-new companies from 12 different countries that officially established operations in Kuwait, alongside dozens of others who expanded their existing presence or invested through joint ventures and partnerships. In total, KD 206.9 million in new foreign investment flowed into the country, helping to drive innovation, create jobs, and open doors for even more collaboration.

Kuwait, France ink key declarations

In a significant step towards deepening bilateral ties, the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and French President Emmanuel Macron signed two major Declarations of Intent between the Government of the State of Kuwait and the Government of the French Republic. Strategic Investment Partnership (2025–2035) - The first declaration outlines a long-term strategic investment partnership between Kuwait and France, extending over a decade from 2025 to 2035. This agreement signals a mutual commitment to enhancing economic cooperation and driving joint investments in key sectors. The second declaration pertains to strengthening cooperation in culutral field.

Approval for Kuwait – Riyadh Railway

Kuwait has approved the train project linking Shadadiya to Riyadh, with work starting in 2026 and expected to conclude by 2030. With a speed of 300 km/h, it will be able to cover approximately 500 km distance in just 1 hour and 40 minutes. This is the second railway project in Kuwait after the Kuwait National Railroad project, which is part of the GCC railway project. According to the proposed timeline for implementing the Kuwait segment, it will be completed in 2028 (2030 is the expected operational start date for the GCC Railway).

Mubarak Al-Kabeer Port set for completion by end of 2026

The Mubarak Al-Kabeer Port project, executed by the Chinese state-owned China Communications Construction Company under the Chinese Ministry of Transport through a direct contract, is progressing as planned and will be ready by the end of 2026. The project will significantly contribute to diversifying and increasing the gross domestic product and restoring Kuwait to its regional commercial and financial role.

With Regards,

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