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Kuwait to regain part of lost OPEC+ quota

The OPEC+ alliance initially implemented voluntary production cuts of approximately 1.5 million barrels per day in November 2022. This was followed by a reduction of around 1.3 million barrels per day in May 2023, and a further cut of about 2.4 million barrels per day in early January 2024. OPEC+ now plans to restore 2.2 million barrels per day starting from May through September. Since the initial cut in November 2022, Kuwait has lost 135,000 barrels per day of its production quota, then 128,000 barrels per day after the second cut, and another 135,000 barrels per day following the third cut. This totals a production quota loss of approximately 398,000 barrels per day, or about 14.2%. According to the current OPEC+ decision, Kuwait is expected to regain 135,000 barrels per day - roughly 33.9% of its lost share. During this period, the average price of Kuwaiti oil declined from about $101.2 per barrel in 2022 to $84.4 in 2023, and further to $80.7 in 2024, reaching around $72.6 in the first seven months of the current year.

Kuwait to host landmark Oil & Gas conferences on digitalization and safety

Kuwait's Ministry of Oil has announced that it will host two major regional conferences this September, aiming to position Kuwait at the forefront of digital transformation, asset integrity, and process safety in the oil and gas sector. These strategic gatherings reflect Kuwait's vision of becoming a global benchmark for energy innovation and industrial excellence. The 2nd Digital Transformation Kuwait Oil & Gas Conference will take place on September 8-9, 2025. Immediately following, the inaugural Asset Integrity and Process Safety Kuwait Conference will be held on September 10-11, 2025. Both events will be organized by the Ministry of Oil, Kuwait and supported by the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) and Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC) the two official platforms are expected to attract more than 500 senior decision-makers, over 40 expert speakers, and more than 50 global and regional solution providers. Together, they will serve as pivotal forums for advancing Kuwait's energy sector through digital innovation and world-class safety standards.

Al-Durra project ignites gas push

The completion of the initial engineering studies and design of wells for the Al-Durra field between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia signals the beginning of the implementation of the early

stages of the project. The project will be completed according to the predetermined strategy agreed upon by both countries - expected before 2030. Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) puts importance on the Durra field due to its role in reducing gas import rates, especially since the joint field reserves between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are estimated at 60 trillion cubic feet. Kuwait's daily share of gas production from the field is around half a billion cubic feet. The average production from the Khafji field for both the Kuwaiti and Saudi sides rose in the first half of 2025 to 256,000 barrels of oil per day, compared to 250,000 barrels per day last year. There is also a plan to increase production to around 310,000 barrels per day by 2029.

KPC aims to raise production from three refineries by 10%

Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) intends to increase its external refining production capacity from 400,000 barrels per day to 500,000 barrels per day; citing the transition of Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC) from losses to revenue generation over the past two years. the corporation aims to raise the domestic refining capacity of its three refineries - Zour, Ahmadi, and Mina Abdullah - by 10 percent in 2026. The combined output from both domestic and foreign refineries has reached 1.83 million barrels per day. In the foreign petrochemical sector, the Nghi Son Refinery and Petrochemical Complex in Vietnam generated revenues of $124 million from January to December 2024. The complex also maintained an operating rate of 120 percent above its design capacity.

Visa reform anchors push for diversified economy

After years of stagnation that led to many hotel closures, the Ministry of Interior's decision to allow expatriates residing in GCC countries to enter Kuwait, along with new tourist visa facilitations, has reignited the country's tourism sector. Economic experts and hotel officials praised these steps as a huge step towards openness, expecting positive impacts on tourism and various commercial activities. They noted that hotel owners have invested over KD 1.25 billion but faced losses due to previous visit restrictions, and expressed hope that the new measures will stimulate the economic cycle and recover from years of stagnation. However, there is concern regarding Kuwait's hotel statistics compared to other GCC countries, with Kuwait having fewer than 15,000 hotel rooms, while the UAE has 202,000, Saudi Arabia 135,500, Qatar 56,000, and Oman 25,000.

KFAED addresses housing solutions with transfers exceeding KWD578m

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) announced that the total amount transferred to the Public Authority for Housing Welfare has exceeded KWD578 million, following the approval of the Fund's final accounts for the fiscal year 2024-25. This support, which began in 2003, involves the annual transfer of up to 25% of the Fund's net

profits to the Authority. These contributions have enabled the Authority to enhance its financial resources and advance the implementation of major housing projects. The impact has been directly reflected in the acceleration of housing unit allocations, increased capacity to process applications, and the launch of new residential cities that help reduce waiting periods for eligible citizens.

Five major projects to boost Kuwait's power, water capacity by 7,000 megawatts

Kuwait's energy production projects are advancing at an accelerated pace to increase capacity and ensure sufficient electricity and water supplies for both current demand and future development. The Higher Committee for Public-Private Partnership Projects recently approved the tender for the Al-Khairan power and water plant, which will generate 1,800 megawatts of electricity and produce 33 million imperial gallons of water per day. The tender is expected to be floated soon through the Partnership Authority. Kuwait is currently moving forward with five major projects to add nearly 7,000 megawatts of power and 213 million gallons of water per day. Some of these projects have already been signed, others are in the tendering stage, and a third group has reached the bid-opening phase. Major energy and water projects in progress include the North Al-Zour - Phases 2 and 3: 2,700 MW + 120 million gallons (signed); Al-Khiran - Phase 1: 1,800 MW + 33 million gallons (tender launch imminent); Al-Shagaya - Phase 3: 1,600 MW (tendered); Al-Subiya – Phase 4: 900 MW (tender opening stage) and Doha: 60 million gallons of water (tendering stage).

Kuwait's Minister of Justice forms committee to overhaul rental and property laws

Minister of Justice, Counselor Nasser Al-Sumait, has announced the formation of a committee to modernize Kuwait's legislative framework on rental matters and property ownership associations. The committee will also review key provisions of the civil and commercial laws to ensure coherence and effectiveness. The committee's work will focus on legal framework governing rental agreements, in preparation for shifting the system to an electronic platform. This step is expected to strengthen fairness and balance between landlords and tenants. The committee will also be tasked with drafting a legal system to regulate associations of owners to improve the governance and transparency in the management of jointly owned properties. Additionally, it will review related legal texts to guarantee legislative harmony and practical applicability. The committee's work will follow a consultative approach and engage with relevant government institutions as well as stakeholders from the real estate and housing sector. Their input will help shape comprehensive legislation reflecting real-world needs and align with best international practices.

With Regards,

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