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Mango Festival boosts Indian mango presence in Kuwaiti markets

The Embassy of India in Kuwait, in collaboration with the Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA), launched a large scale promotional campaign to market Indian mango varieties and other agricultural products. The campaign included festivals in major shopping mall and hypermarket, as well as Buyer-Seller-Meet of Indian mango and agro exporters with Kuwaiti importers at esteemed Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Six varieties of Indian mangoes promoted from Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal comprised Chausa, Mallika, Amrapali, Dasheri, Fazli and Langra

Kuwait tenders downstream oil project

State-owned downstream operator Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) has tendered a contract to overhaul facilities on an offshore structure at the Mina Abdullah refinery (MAB). The contract to revamp facilities on MAB Sea Island was tendered on 27 July, 2025. An initial meeting about the project is due to take place on 5 August. The deadline for bid submission is set for 26 August, 2025. The MAB Sea Island structure is used for berthing 250,000-deadweight-tonnage (DWT) tankers, while loading crude oil and refined products from the Mina Abdullah refinery complex. The structure comprises a series of linked piled jacket structures forming the loading platform, berthing and mooring dolphins.

Kuwait gas project construction expected to start this year

Construction work on a key project forming part of Kuwait's Jurassic gas fields development scheme is expected to begin this year. Engineering work is ongoing on the off-plot works package, which involves building infrastructure to link the Jurassic gas fields to production facilities.The contract was awarded to Kuwait-based Combined Group Contracting (CGC) in March this year, and construction is expected to start before 2026. The company submitted a price of KD19.2m ($62.6m) to win the contract. Kuwait is in the middle of an upstream project push as it aims to produce 4 million barrels a day (b/d) of oil by 2035.

North Al-Zour Plant tender under review

Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects (KAPP) has referred the tender for North Al-Zour Power and Water Desalination Plant (Phases II and III) to the State Audit Bureau (SAB) for review, audit and approval. The project is poised to meet the rising demand for electricity by increasing the capacity of the electricity network, providing the basic infrastructure for implementing other projects included in the development plan, and encouraging private sector participation to benefit from its expertise in the execution of construction and development projects. The project will be implemented under the build, operate and transfer (BOT) system for a power generation plant with a production capacity of 2,700 megawatts. The plant will use combined-cycle technology and desalination with a production capacity of 120 million imperial gallons. The project is adjacent to the western part of North Al-Zour Phase-I plant site and the northern part of South Al-Zour plant site - around 100 kilometers south of Kuwait City on the Arabian Gulf coast.

CAPT opens bids for Subiya plant upgrade

The Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) of Kuwait recently opened bids for the second phase of the project to provide high-efficiency engineering and maintenance services for open-cycle gas turbines at the Subiya power and water distillation plant. Three bids were accepted; the lowest bid was KD87.280 million, while the highest was KD95.318 million. The accepted bids will be referred to the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy for review and to present its recommendations within 30 days; paving the way for CAPT to issue its decision regarding the contract award. The bids will then be forwarded to the State Audit Bureau (SAB) for auditing and opinion, in preparation for contracting and commencement of implementation.

Kuwait expands global energy footprint with strategic oil & gas projects across five continents

Kuwait is strengthening its global energy presence through the Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC), executing strategic oil and gas projects across five continents - from Australia's Wheatstone project to Canada's Duvernay shale gas field, as well as key ventures in Asia, Africa, and Europe. Kuwait's ongoing efforts to manage exploration assets in five core regions, starting with the Makhad area in Pakistan, where seismic data is currently being analyzed to guide drilling operations. In Indonesia, the company identified three potential fields and five additional prospects within the Amanah block. Initial findings suggest that one field in the Indonesian Amanah region holds estimated hydrocarbon resources of 46 million barrels of oil and 43 billion cubic feet of gas, with additional upside bringing total potential to 71 million barrels of oil. Encouraging signs of oil were also found during drilling in the Malati field,

with surface oil and gas seeps indicating hydrocarbon potential in the Apuki-1 well and the broader Manuwi Basin.

KNPC takes over LPG filling plants in major oil sector merger

The ownership of the Umm Al-Aish and Shuaiba liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder filling plants has been taken over by the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) from the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC) according to a contract that has been finalized. This transfer is a key step in the larger merger between KNPC and the Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC), as part of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's (KPC) strategic restructuring of the refining and petrochemical sector. The restructuring aims to improve operational efficiency, enhance transparency, and boost the global competitiveness of Kuwait's energy sector. KNPC, already responsible for supplying gas to manufacturers and distributing petroleum products domestically, was the natural recipient of the filling plants. The agreement also includes the transfer of all employees at both facilities to KNPC, with their rights and entitlements protected through a comprehensive HR review.

Kuwait to host 2025 Gulf Forum on energy and water efficiency

The Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy (MEWRE) has announced that Kuwait will host the 2025 Gulf Forum for Electricity and Water Conservation at Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center on Nov 5-6, 2025. The Forum is one of the most significant regional events related to energy and water efficiency; with the participation of a select group of officials, experts and specialists from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. The forum will focus on the challenges, as well as the latest technological solutions and sustainable practices that contribute to the preservation of natural resources.

With Regards,

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