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Kuwait Airways named exclusive ground services provider at Kuwait International Airport

Kuwait's The Public Authority of Civil Aviation has designated Kuwait Airways as the sole provider of ground handling services at Kuwait International Airport, a move aimed at improving operational efficiency, enhancing passenger services and strengthening national aviation capabilities, while supporting the authority's long-term vision to modernize airport infrastructure, develop national cadres, diversify revenues and transfer global expertise, with the decision backed by political leadership and relevant government entities.

Kuwait courts \$7 billion pipeline investment as Gulf shifts to foreign capital

Kuwait is preparing a major oil pipeline project valued at about \$7 billion that would, for the first time, open part of its midstream infrastructure to foreign investors, marking a strategic shift from fully state-funded energy assets toward broader international participation. Led by Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), the initiative is expected to focus on expanding and upgrading crude pipeline networks linking upstream production fields with refineries and export terminals, with the aim of easing transport bottlenecks, strengthening supply security and supporting Kuwait's plan to raise sustainable crude production capacity toward 4 million barrels per day later this decade. While the project has not yet been officially named or launched and key details such as routing, ownership structure and timelines remain under review, officials have signaled that attracting external capital will help accelerate critical investments, reduce pressure on public finances and align Kuwait with a wider Gulf trend of leveraging foreign financing for large-scale energy infrastructure.

Kuwait signs 25-year deal to buy power, water from North Al-Zour Plant

Kuwait has moved ahead with the expansion of its largest power and water project by signing a 25-year public-private partnership agreement for the second and third phases of the North Al-Zour Power and Water Plant, under which the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy will purchase the plant's full output. The

project will add 2,700 megawatts of electricity and 120 million imperial gallons of desalinated water per day using gas-fired combined-cycle technology, reinforcing national energy and water security. The expansion will be implemented by the Gulf Energy and Water Consortium - established in 2025 with 50 percent citizen ownership and participation from regional investors - highlighting Kuwait's continued reliance on PPPs to meet rising demand and attract private investment.

Kuwait's KPI, Italy's Eni sign deal to build major biofuel complex in Sicily

Kuwait Petroleum International (KPI) has signed an agreement with Italy's Eni to establish a large-scale biofuel production complex in Sicily, marking a key milestone in Kuwait's global energy transition strategy. Signed on the sidelines of KOGS 2026, the project will use Eni's Ecofining technology to convert waste vegetable oils into renewable fuels, with an annual capacity of about 500,000 metric tons, including HVO biodiesel and sustainable aviation fuel. The investment builds on the long-standing KPI-Eni partnership and supports Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's 2050 transition objectives by expanding low-carbon fuel production, reducing transport-sector emissions by more than 65 percent compared to conventional fuels, and strengthening KPI's position as a leading provider of sustainable mobility solutions across European markets.

KPC to invite global oil majors to develop offshore discoveries

Kuwait's Prime Minister has announced that Kuwait Petroleum Corporation plans to invite international oil companies to participate in developing newly discovered offshore oil and gas fields, underscoring Kuwait's drive to accelerate growth and maximize hydrocarbon resources. It was ascertained that KPC is also working with global financial institutions on a lease-and-leaseback arrangement for the national oil pipeline network, aimed at improving operational efficiency and attracting investment. The initiatives reflect Kuwait's strategy to strengthen international partnerships, modernize energy infrastructure and support long-term economic growth.

KUFPEC seals major energy partnerships at KOGS 2026

Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC) signed a strategic agreement with TotalEnergies to strengthen its international presence and enhance the value of its assets in oil and gas exploration and production. Signed during

KOGS 2026 in the presence of the Kuwaiti Prime Minister, the partnership focuses on knowledge exchange, technical collaboration, and evaluating opportunities across KUFPEC's global project portfolio. The deal, along with a separate partnership with Shell Kuwait Exploration and Production, reinforces the company's commitment to long-term, value-driven collaborations with leading international energy firms, supporting its growth and position in the global energy sector.

Kuwait signs 25-year offtake for Al-Zour North IWPP

Kuwait has signed a 25-year energy conversion and water purchase agreement for phases two and three of the Al-Zour North independent water and power plant (IWPP), marking a major step toward financial close on the estimated \$4 billion project. The agreement, concluded with Saudi Arabia's Acwa and the Gulf Investment Corporation (GIC) alongside Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity & Water, secures long-term offtake arrangements for 2,700 MW of power and 120 million imperial gallons of desalinated water per day. The Gulf Alliance for Power & Water Company, a newly established public shareholding entity, will oversee construction, operation, and maintenance under a build-operate-transfer model, with 40% held by the consortium, 10% by government entities via the Public-Private Partnership Authority, and 50% offered to Kuwaiti citizens. China's Sepco3 will serve as the engineering, procurement, and construction contractor, ensuring the project proceeds under international standards while reinforcing Kuwait's energy and water security.

With kind regards,

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