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Press Release

The German Embassy is currently working at maximum capacity to facilitate a reliable visa application process for all Kuwaitis and third country nationals wishing to travel to Germany, Iceland, Finland and Norway during the holiday season. The Embassy team and the Visa Service Center Al Qabas are currently processing between 2.500 and 3.000 applications per week with tremendous efforts of all staff members to keep the customer waiting times at a moderate level and to ensure a smooth visa clearance process.

The processing time for a Schengen visa is normally 3-5 working days for Kuwaiti nationals and up to 12 days for other nationalities from the time the application has been delivered to the German Embassy. The visa clearance is a computerized process taking place in Germany and the other Schengen Countries – the Embassy has no influence over this processing time. Because of the high demand, the German Visa Service Center Al Qabas Assurex currently has to extend the appointment waiting time to approx. 10-14 days for Schengen visa customer. This increase of this waiting time is also due to the sudden increase of customers who are filing their visa applications on a very short notice.

In order to ensure an efficient and transparent application process for all of its esteemed government and business partners, frequent guests and first time travelers, the German Embassy has unfortunately no possibility to accommodate any individual short notice appointment requests, unless for urgent humanitarian emergency cases or cases of government delegation travels. For all cases of foreseeable travel purposes such as tourism, family visit, medical check-ups or regular business meetings the German Embassy is calling upon the responsibility of all travelers to ensure booking an appointment and starting their visa process with enough time ahead of their travel date.

Further information can be found on the website of the German Embassy:

<http://www.kuwait.diplo.de>

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