

Saudis visiting Kuwait no longer need passports

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Manama: Kuwait's interior ministry has announced that Saudi citizens can now enter the country without a passport, simply by showing their identity cards.

"The decision was taken based on the joint statement by the Saudi and Kuwaiti interior ministries on September 22 and allows all citizens of Saudi Arabia to enter Kuwait through all land, airport and seaport border points just by showing their smart identity cards," the ministry said in a statement published in Alam Al Yowm daily on Thursday.

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The Gulf Cooperation Council countries earlier agreed to increase the movement of citizens within the six-member alliance through the use of IDs.

Leaders of Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE have repeatedly called for greater social, monetary and economic integration to consolidate the alliance established in Abu Dhabi in 1981.

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