

## Kuwait electric vehicles evs

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Arthur D. Little (ADL), the world's first management consulting firm, has released its latest report, "Global Electric Mobility Readiness Index (GEMRIX) 2023", which shows Kuwait ranking 14th globally in electric vehicle (EV) readiness. This significant achievement aligns with the country's ambitious infrastructure and environmental goals, as well as its broader economic diversification strategy.

Partner and Travel and Transportation Practice Lead at ADL Middle East, Joseph Salem, emphasized

Kuwait's commitment, stating, "Kuwait's strategic initiatives in the electric vehicle sector are not just ambitious but actionable. Plans for the establishment of an EV City by the Kuwait Ports Authority (KPA) underlines the country's resolve to be at the forefront of sustainable transportation."

Kuwait's high per capita GDP, public readiness, public and private collaboration to build a robust EV ecosystem, as well as government incentives and its focus on sustainable transportation are making the country ripe for EV adoption. These concerted efforts are setting the stage for Kuwait to make significant strides in achieving its New Kuwait 2035 vision and becoming a key player in the region's sustainable transportation landscape.

In 2021 KPA announced plans to establish the Middle East's first city to serve electric vehicle manufacturers, called EV City. The plan serves as a concrete manifestation of the New Kuwait 2035 vision and was a clear signal that Kuwait is committed to becoming a leader in the regional EV sector.

The Contracts Committee of the KPA approved a proposal to build the EV City, which will provide all appropriate port and logistical services to major global players, including manufacturers of electric cars, according to General Manager of KPA, Sheikh Yousef Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah. He also highlighted that leading EV makers sell directly to customers via online platforms, thereby relegating KPA's role to providing only certain infrastructure and logistical services to manufacturers, which is a common service provided by other international ports.

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