

Part of the "History of National Flags" Series from Flagmakers

### Flag of Kuwait - A Brief History





#### Trivia

In 2005 the design of the flag was used on the world's biggest kite.

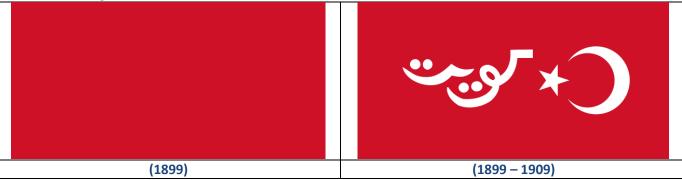
### Technical Specification

Adopted:	1961
<b>Proportion:</b>	1:2
Design:	A green-white-red horizontal tricolour with black trapezium.

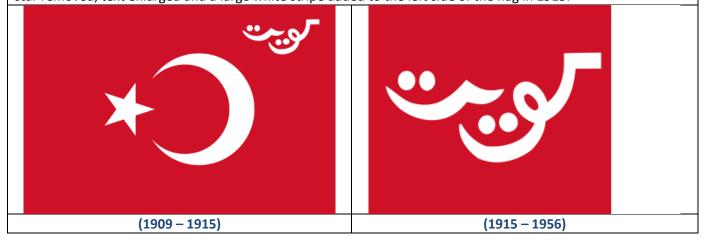
Colours: PMS Green: 340 Red: 186

### **Brief History**

Prior to 1899 the flag of Kuwait was a plain red field. In 1899 the crescent moon and five pointed white star was added to the flag with Arabic text for "Kuwait".



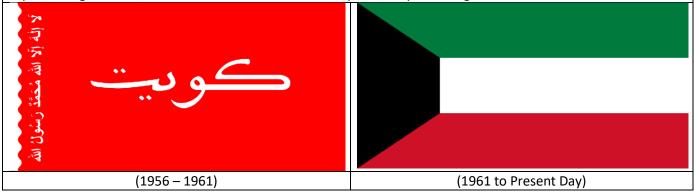
In 1909 the crescent moon and star was enlarged with the Arabic text placed top right. The crescent moon and star removed, text enlarged and a large white stripe added to the left side of the flag in 1915.





In 1956 a new red flag and a white wavy stripe and white text stating "THERE IS NO GOD BUT GOD" in Arabic text was adopted.

A new Pan-Arab coloured flag was adopted for Kuwait in 1961. It features a green-white-red horizontal tricolour representing the land, deeds and swords with a black trapezium representing the historical battles.



# The Coat of Arms of Kuwait

The Coat of Arms of Kuwait was adopted in 1962. It depicts a boat on the ocean on a disc protected by a falcon protected by a shield made of the national flag. There is also a banner above the ship stating Kuwait.



## The Historical Flags of the Amir of Kuwait

The First Royal Standard of the Amir of Kuwait was adopted around 1956. It features a plain red field with Arab text. Around 1980 a new Royal Standard was adopted featuring the modern flag with a gold crown in the green band.



The First Standard of the Amir of Kuwait (1956 - 1961)



The Second Standard of the Amir of Kuwait (1980s)

The Roundel of the Kuwait Air Force



The Roundel of the Kuwait Air Force contains a green disc behind a white, behind a red and black disc representing the colours of the national flag.

