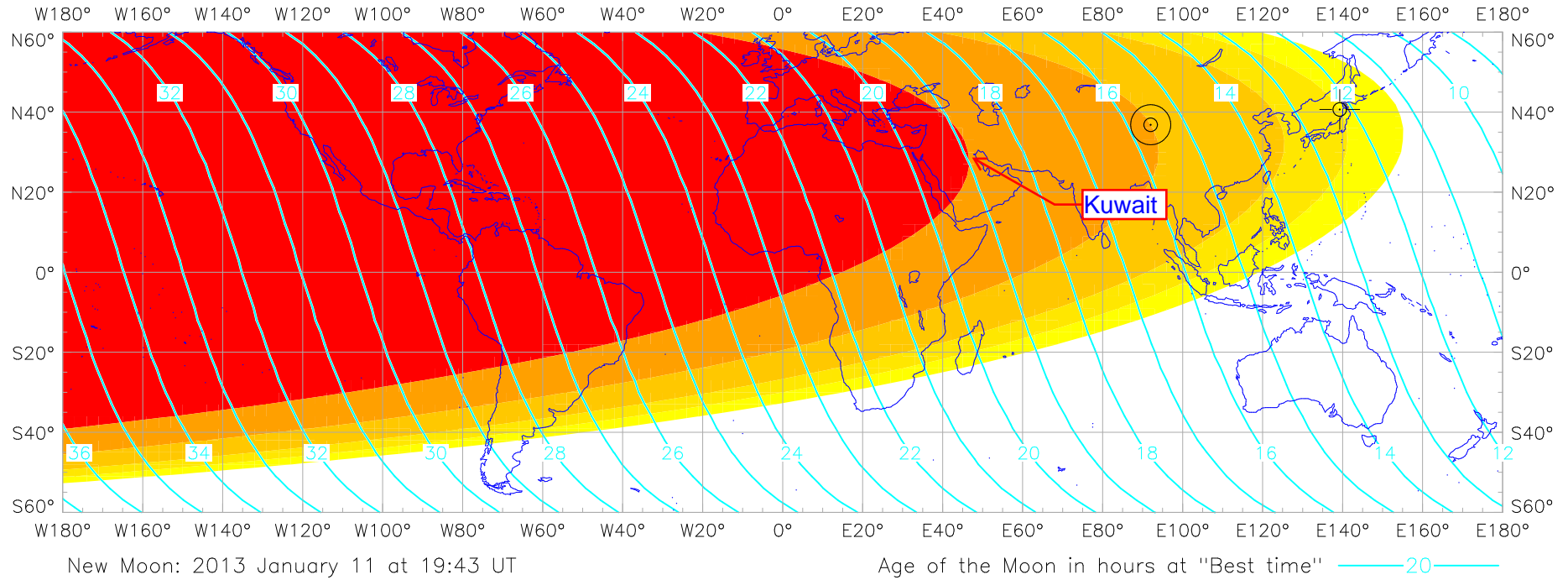










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My software places Israel in the "B" zone because I use a more accurate calculation for crescent width. However observers saw the moon in Iran and Kuwait, which means that failure to see the moon in Israel was either due to lack of diligence or inclement conditions. I have judged this moon sighted on the basis of the eastern reports and the chart.

Visibility of the New Crescent Moon for 2013 January 12



New Crescent Moon Visibility Key

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|  A – Easily visible |  D – Will need optical aid to find the crescent Moon |
|  B – Visible when atmospheric conditions are perfect |  E – Not visible with a telescope |
|  C – May need optical aid to find the crescent Moon initially |  F – Not visible – beyond Danjon limit |
|  Predicted location of first sighting using a telescope |  Predicted location of first sighting without optical assistance |

<http://astro.ukho.gov.uk/moonwatch/nextnewmoon.html>