

# Industry minister meets IFA Director-General

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**B**ahrain is one of the biggest fertiliser exporting countries in the world, said Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister, Zayed R. Al Zayani.

The minister made this comments as he met the Director General of the International Fertiliser Industry Association (IFA), Charlotte Hebebrand, in presence of GPIC president and Chairman of IFA, Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery.

“The Kingdom is proud of its global status in manufacturing agricultural nutrients and fertilisers and its central role in supporting enhancing global food security,” the minister added.

They discussed a number of issues and topics on economic affairs, in particular the fertilisers production industry and its impact on food security and agricultural development.

The minister praised the role of IFA and the president who is currently visiting the country to enhance this sector and raise awareness on the importance of cooperation between all countries to achieve food security.

The minister also hailed the role played by GPIC and IFA in advancing fertiliser industry.



The minister with IFA Director-General and the GPIC president.

# Book in Gulf Air to enjoy rail travels



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**G**ulf Air has announced a collaboration with ACP Rail International, a leading distributor of rail passes and train tickets to travellers from around the world, allowing them to book and purchase rail tickets for travel across the globe, via rail.gulfair.com.

With railway partners in Europe, Asia and Australasia, ACP Rail International will offer a range of rail products to Gulf Air passengers, allowing travellers to explore the many destinations across the airline's network and beyond.

Travellers arriving in London can now avail complete range of domestic train e-tickets, Eurostar e-tickets to Paris and Brussels, as well as BritRail passes for travel throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Travellers arriving in Frankfurt can purchase train tickets to all major European destinations in addition to booking German Rail pass tickets for travel throughout the country and beyond. For these destinations, as well as for travellers arriving in Paris, Athens and Istanbul, the complete range of Eurail Passes is on offer for travel throughout Europe.

Commenting on the new offer, Gulf Air Acting Chief Commercial Officer Ahmed Janahi said that they were working to change the concept of travel, making it a more convenient and attractive proposition while simultaneously broadening the scope of Gulf Air's reach across the globe. “I truly believe our passengers will find this new service both highly appealing and beneficial,” he said.

ACP Rail International VP of Business Development and Marketing, Denis Grenier said that rail travel offers customers more end destinations which greatly complements travel

with Gulf Air, where ultimately customers will enjoy the convenience of arriving in city centres by train.

The rail services available on rail.gulfair.com compliment the airline's existing suite of additional online services that can be accessed via gulfair.com, the airline's one-stop-shop website that offers hotel bookings, car rental, travel insurance. The recently added Gulf Air Tours service gives passengers access to a variety of travel add-ons such as sightseeing tours, museum passes, tours, excursions, local activities and airport transfers at their final destination.

## KHCB launches new e-banking services

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Khaleeji Commercial Bank (KHCB) has announced the launch of its new e-banking services with a user friendly interface. The e-banking will enable the customers to perform all their banking transactions online, in utmost convenience.

To supplement the services that were on avail, KHCB has now added a whole host of elaborate features that include providing its customers with the summary of their accounts when required by them, furnishing them with their comprehensive account details upon request, offering them the option of transferring amounts between different KHCB accounts and making available to them Standing Order services.

These new provisions also encompass presenting Batelco and Zain customers the opportunity for balance inquiry and bill payments through online transactions without having to go to the telecommunication network providers' respective outlets. It will also display constantly updated exchange rates and the latest bank tariffs, extending to their clientele the highly practical option of turning on SMS alert notifications that cover any and all transactions and giving them the choice of changing their Account PIN Number via its website.

KHCB has also entirely redesigned its website interface making it highly compatible for all its customers, regardless of their technological aptitude, whilst making it more secure with the provision of security features that include the alternative option of choosing security questions, colours or pictures in addition to the customary respective account user name, ID and password. The interface of the new e-banking service can be adjusted according to screen dimensions on any device used such as smartphones, tablets and laptops. In addition, for the first time in its history, KHCB has introduced Mobile Banking services.

Khalil Al Meer, Chief Executive Officer of KHCB said that the initiative comes as part of KHCB's constant system development. “With the added introduction of Mobile Banking as part of our extensive services offered, it currently enables our clientele to go about their business transactions and monetary dealings from the comfort of their own home, which is something we have been looking into providing for a while now,” he said.

KHCB has also introduced its own Swift Code for use in the G.C.C. region and internationally.



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