

Alba in deal with Bechtel

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Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba) announced signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Bechtel Co. (Bechtel) to explore further opportunities of growth with Line 6 Expansion Project, which will result in Alba becoming the world's largest single-site aluminium smelter.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister attended the MoU signing ceremony between Alba and Bechtel, which was held during the reception organised by the

Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) in collaboration with American Chamber of Commerce and the U.S.-Bahrain Business Council on 30 November 2017 in Washington DC.

Other cross-sector trade agreements were also signed between Bahrain and U.S. companies during the reception.

The MoU was signed by Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Murray and the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bechtel Group Inc. Brendan P. Bechtel during the reception.

Speaking on this occasion, Alba's CEO Tim Murray said: "Alba is one of the industrial

cornerstones of the Kingdom of Bahrain. We are deeply committed to the Kingdom's Economic Vision 2030 and proudly partake in the development of the society in which we operate.

Alba and Bechtel have a long-standing business partnership. We are excited at exploring further opportunities with Bechtel, which will consolidate Alba's status as one of the most modern and largest single-site smelters in the world."

Bechtel currently is the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Management (EPCM) contractor for Alba's landmark Line 6 Expansion Project.

VP Pence facing awkward MidEast visit

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence will visit the Middle East for three days in December, amid growing criticism of President Trump's declaration recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel

1 Sun, Dec 17: Pence flies from Washington to Tel Aviv and goes straight to Jerusalem for bilateral meeting with Israeli President **Benjamin Netanyahu**. He then lights menorah at Western Wall

■ **Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas** refuses to meet Pence

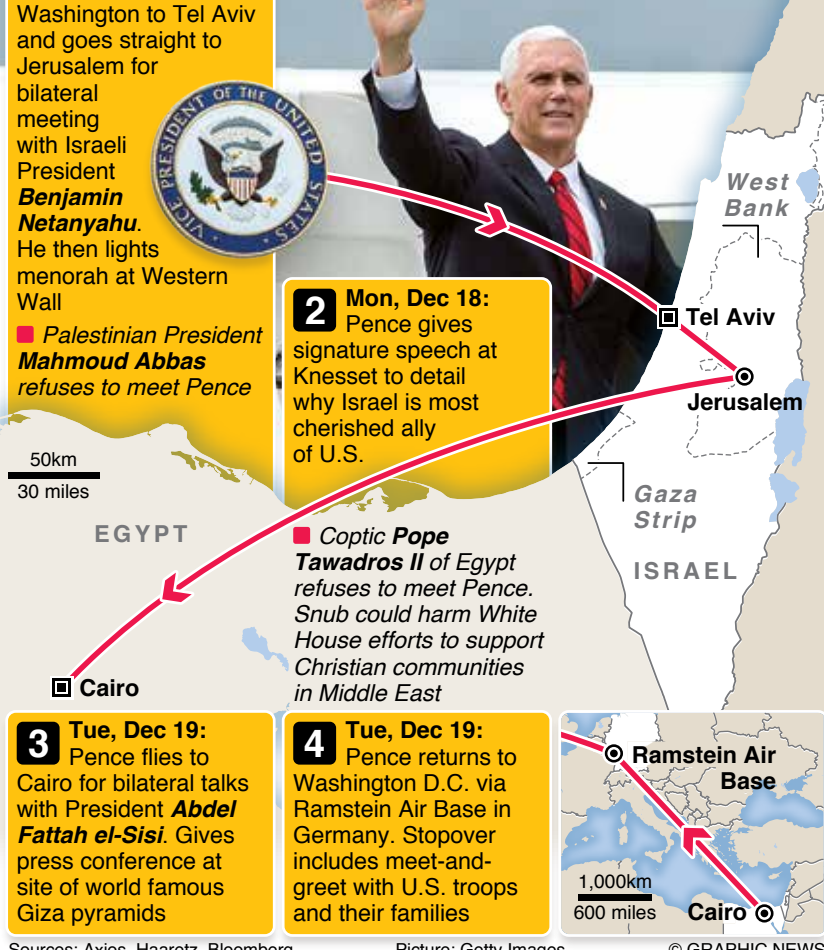
2 Mon, Dec 18: Pence gives signature speech at Knesset to detail why Israel is most cherished ally of U.S.

■ **Coptic Pope Tawadros II** of Egypt refuses to meet Pence. Snub could harm White House efforts to support Christian communities in Middle East

3 Tue, Dec 19: Pence flies to Cairo for bilateral talks with President **Abdel Fattah el-Sisi**. Gives press conference at site of world famous Giza pyramids

4 Tue, Dec 19: Pence returns to Washington D.C. via Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Stopover includes meet-and-greet with U.S. troops and their families

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On the occasion of Bahraini Women's Day, Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom of Bahrain along with its real estate arm, Edamah reaffirmed their on-going commitment towards gender parity in a reception at the company's premises on Thursday. The reception gathered the company's female employees and senior Bahraini women engineers in its portfolio companies representing Gulf Air, Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), Batelco, Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) and Bahrain Airport Company (BAC). During the celebration, Mahmood H. Alkooheji, Chief Executive Officer of Mumtalakat recognised their hard work and achievements. Speakers at the reception shared their stories within the engineering sector. Muna Al Hashemi - Deputy CEO of Batelco Group, Basema Al Mahroos - Senior Vice President of APICORP and Linda Mattar - Vice President Projects in Edamah spoke on the occasion.