

European Union signs defence pact

Brussels

France and Germany edged toward achieving a 70-year-old ambition to integrate European defences, signing a pact with 21 other EU governments to fund, develop and deploy armed forces after Britain's decision to quit the bloc. Foreign and defense ministers gathered at a signing ceremony in Brussels to represent 23 EU governments joining the pact.



EU bans arms sales to Venezuela

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The European Union banned arms sales to Venezuela and set up a system to slap asset freezes and travel restrictions on Venezuelan officials as it sought to ramp up pressure on President Nicolas Maduro. The move was decided by EU foreign ministers at talks in Brussels. The weapons ban would stop sales of military equipment that could be used for repression or surveillance.



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I am proud of the Rep. House & Senate for working so hard on cutting taxes (& reform.) We're getting close! Now, how about ending the unfair & highly unpopular Indiv Mandate in OCare & reducing taxes even further? Cut top rate to 35% w/all of the rest going to middle income cuts?"

-Donald Trump

US President



Gulf Air and Dubai Aerospace Enterprise Ltd. (DAE) signed an aircraft lease agreement for five Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft that are scheduled to enter the Gulf carrier's fleet in 2018. These modern, fuel efficient planes will help Gulf Air expand its network, facilitating the long-term expansion capabilities for the airline's future network requirement.

"Our agreement with Dubai Aerospace Enterprise, sees Gulf Air gear up for a landmark moment in our history as we welcome five Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners in the coming months. The incoming aircraft represent an important step in our strategic direction towards furthering Gulf Air's fleet modernization process, enhancing passenger comfort and broadening our network as we look to strengthen our presence across the globe,"

- Captain Waleed Abdulhameed Al Alawi,
Gulf Air Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Gulf Air inks Aircraft leasing agreement with Dubai Aerospace Enterprise

"Leasing these top-of-the-range aircraft underlines Dubai Aerospace Enterprise's ability to work with customers with varying requirements and is made possible by our long-standing presence in the leasing and finance space. We look forward to supporting one of the Gulf region's premier airlines as it continues to grow,"

- Firoz Tarapore,
Dubai Aerospace Chief Executive Officer

About Gulf Air

Gulf Air operates double daily flights or more to 10 regional cities, in addition to select destinations in the Indian Subcontinent and Europe, from its hub at Bahrain International Airport. Gulf Air currently serves all its destinations with a combination wide and narrow body fleet totalling 28 modern aircraft with orders for 39 new Boeing and Airbus aircraft due for delivery commencing in early 2018.



Khalifa Al Daboos, Managing Director of DAE and Captain Waleed Abdulhameed Al Alawi, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Air (right), sign the lease agreement for five Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners

Company General Manager Manufacturing Fadhel Al Ansari received the Award



Manama

The Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) has been awarded the Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management in the private sector by the Rabat, Morocco-based Agricultural Management Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO).

Company General Manager Manufacturing Fadhel Al Ansari received the Award on behalf of its

President, Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, during the opening session of a meeting of Islamic Countries' Environment Ministers.

In a statement, Dr. Jawahery said the achievement reaffirms the sound strategies of the Company's Board of Directors and their care for the environment.

The ceremony was attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasna, the sister of the Moroccan monarch, and the head of the

Mohammed VI Foundation for the Protection of the Environment. Ambassadors of Islamic countries in Morocco were also present.

The Award is a grant from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to develop Islamic environmental work. It is supervised by the General Authority for Meteorology and the Environmental Protection in Saudi Arabia, while ISESCO administers the work of its general secretariat.



Bahrainis had an opportunity to find out more about the rewards and demands of international education at an event held at the Sheraton Bahrain. The Al Jamiat U.S. University Tour organised by the US Educational Group returned to Bahrain as part of its Fall 2017 tour, which also took it to other places in the Middle East including Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Dubai. The three-hour fair included presenters from about 26 US universities and Score Plus Bahrain which is the local partner for the test prep and admissions counselling firm, The Princeton Review. Approximately 350 students, looking for both graduate and undergraduate opportunities, had a chance to interact with such institutions as Virginia Tech, University of Santa Cruz, SUNY Buffalo, and American University of Cairo, among many others. The students were able to get their questions answered about university costs, scholarship opportunities, and required admissions tests such as the SAT or the GMAT. The fair was entirely free and open to the public.

Apple iPhone X