

Voters list correction: BCCI accepts applications



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Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) members whose names did not appear in the voters' list, or whose data are incorrect can file their appeals.

"Those who apply to have their names inserted or their data amended will be notified of the committee's decision

by phone, Fax or E-mail one day following the date of their application," said Chairperson of the elections committee for the 29th session for the board of directors of the BCCI Jassim Hassan Abdul A'Al.

He added: "Voters' lists will be available on the Chamber's official website, as well as the applications for insertion or amendment."

This came as BCCI's elections committee held its third meeting headed by Abdul A'Al in the presence of all committee members.

The committee, Abdul A'Al said, will announce receiving applications in the second week of February.

The move is as per Article (51) for the year 2013 of BCCI's executive bylaw.

Turkey blasts U.S. plan for Syrian border

A U.S. plan to form a 30,000-strong, Kurdish-led border security force in Syria has infuriated Ankara, which is threatening to launch an offensive against Kurdish militia forces in Syria's Afrin region



Turkey: President **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** says U.S. is trying to create "terror army" by training **Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF)**, which are dominated by **People's Protection Units (YPG)** – Kurdish militia Turkey says is allied to larger terrorist group

Turkey could soon launch unilateral military assault against YPG on Afrin canton and possibly Manbij



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Bitcoin slumps to \$10,000

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Bitcoin skidded a further 12 percent yesterday, marking an almost halving in value from its peak price, with investors spooked by fears regulators could clamp down on the volatile cryptocurrency that skyrocketed last year.

The price of bitcoin, the world's biggest and best known cryptocurrency, fell to as low as \$10,000 on the Luxembourg-based Bitstamp exchange, the lowest since Dec. 1.

Bitcoin touched a peak of almost \$20,000 in December - and indeed crossed over

that threshold on some exchanges - but has since been roiled by several large sell-offs.

Other cryptocurrencies plunged as well. Ethereum and Ripple were both down heavily after reports South Korea and China could ban cryptocurrency trading, sparking worries of a wider regulatory crackdown.

"There is a lot of panic in the market. People are selling to try and get the hell out of there," said Charles Hayter, founder of Cryptocompare, which owns cryptocurrencies.

"You have more

regulatory uncertainty...and because of these falls you have these other outfalls," he said, referring to the collapse of some cryptocurrencies in the recent slump in prices.

With South Korea, Japan and China all making noises about a regulatory swoop, and officials in France and the United States vowing to investigate cryptocurrencies, there are concerns that global coordination on how to regulate them will accelerate.

Officials are expected to debate the rise of bitcoin at the upcoming G20 summit in Argentina in March.



Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), held a workshop for the airport's stakeholders to discuss the National Operations Readiness and Airport Transfer (ORAT) platform, which aims to ensure a smooth transition to Bahrain International Airport New Passenger Terminal Building. In attendance were senior officials from the Bahrain Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), other government authorities, Gulf Air, Bahrain Airport Services (BAS), Airlines, Bahrain Airport Company management, and other representatives of key organisations operating at BIA. BAC Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalah said: "These workshops will serve as an effective communication platform that will create alignment over time." The first in a series of workshops highlighted the new and advanced technology that will be used in the terminal.