

MBM to open new showroom



Managing Director Rajan Chettayil speaks at the press conference.

Manama

Manama Building Materials (MBM) will inaugurate their new showroom in Manama on Saturday at 10am. The details of the opening were revealed yesterday at a press conference held at the Taste

Buds Restaurant.

Managing Director Rajan Chettayil said the new showroom will serve as a one-stop building solution for all its customers. Further, the new division has a wide range collection of international branded building material

products. The highlight of the showroom is the Live Jacuzzi and Steam Cubicles which can be experienced first-hand before the purchase.

"I take this opportunity to thank all our valued customers who have continually shown confidence in our products

and inspired us to extend the best of services and enables us to provide value for their money," Rajan Chettayil, Managing Director, said.

MBM is part of a leading business group which has evolved in various fields like hypermarkets, supermarkets.

automobile service stations and furniture manufacturers-cum-exhibitors in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The group has been running successfully for the last twenty-five years under the group name GSF & Sola. It was the most popular building material shop in the

kingdom before and now it has been merged with M/S. Great Trading Co. WLL, Hamad Town with multiple outlets.

General Manager Raja Punjabi, Director C.Ravi and CEO Gopal Subrahmanyam also attended the press conference.

Melbourne retains world's most liveable city crown

Melbourne has topped a list of the world's most liveable city for the seventh year running but terrorism and diplomatic tensions are eroding living conditions worldwide. The survey by the Economist scores cities on five broad categories: stability; healthcare; culture and environment; education and infrastructure.



Major hubs lost

The Australian city was ranked number one out of 140 cities, slightly ahead of the Austrian capital Vienna, with the Canadian trio of Vancouver, Toronto and Calgary competing the top five. Major hubs like New York, London, Paris and Tokyo were hives of activity but lost points due to high levels of crime and overcrowded public transport.

Medium sized cities

Medium-sized cities in wealthy countries fared best, as they can foster a range of recreational activities without leading to high crime levels or overburdened infrastructure.

Terror on rise

More broadly, global stability continued to weaken due to the increase in terror-related incidents world wide. "Violent acts of terrorism have been reported in many countries, including Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, France, Pakistan, Sweden, Turkey, the UK and the US," the report found.

US on the decline

The United States had seen a decline in a number of its cities over the past few years related to growing unrest. "This stems in part from unrest related to a number of deaths of black people at the hands of police officers," the report found. "In addition, the country has seen protests held in response to President Trump's policies and executive orders."



Global stability down

Increased diplomatic tensions -- from Russia and the Ukraine, to North Korea's nuclear threat and Iran's relationship with its neighbours -- was leading to declining stability scores around the world.



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