

Tojjar 18 Bloc enters BCCI board poll fray

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Tojjar 18 bloc, representing several businessmen and women, will run for the 29th board of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) election this March, Samir Abdulla Nass, head of the bloc said yesterday.

The Tojjar 18 bloc is the biggest commercial alliance so far to run BCCI's elections with 15 members including two businesswomen. Beside Samir Nass, the bloc includes two businesswomen, Batool

Mohammed Dadabhai, Sonya Mohammed Janahi, along with Dr. Abdul Majeed Ali Al Awadhi, Mohammed Abdul Jabbar Al Kooheji, Khalid Mohammed Najibi, Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Jumaan, Waleed Ebrahim Kanoo, Entrepreneur Engineer Aaref Ahmed Hejres, Entrepreneur Abdulhamid Abdulhussain Al Asfoor, Entrepreneur Uzair Mohammed Usman, Professor Waheeb Al Khajah, Fareed Bader, Business Leader Basem Mohammed Al Saie and Entrepreneur Jameel Al

Ganah. Shedding light on the nature and formation of the Tojar 18 bloc, Nass said: "It is a group of dedicated business leaders and entrepreneurs with cumulative experiences in diversified sectors and industries with strong track records, achievements and knowledge. Entrepreneurs that built their businesses and faced challenges and adversity with local, regional and global partnership, as well as running successful businesses covering all business categories form large entities with thousands



Samir Abdulla Nass

of employees to medium and small operations (SME's)".

"The national economy is facing unprecedented challenges that requires a qualitative alliance between businesses and merchants

at different levels, with support from conglomerates and small and medium-sized enterprises, beside close coordination and cooperation between authorities and relevant national bodies

in the country to face the challenges with the sense of responsibility and common interest," said Nass.

"The only difference between local challenges, regional and international challenges is related to modern management methods, leaderships ability to manage crisis and the state's position in the circle of action and reaction," he said. Nass stressed that the main objective of the bloc is to transform BCCI into an influential partner in economic decision-making, by becoming a real representative to its members.

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My Opinion

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When we take life for granted

Lucky are those people who can barely feel what others go through.

Its easy to switch of and not brother with what's going on around you but I simply cant and wanting to know more about people around me doesn't stem from my journalistic curiosity but from being a normal human being who wants to learn more about l8ge and how to deal with different issues.

We all have stories to tell and our stories shouldn't just define who we are but should impact others who can learn from our experiences.

Our stories are both happy and sad and we have all gone through ups and downs, turbulences and the most beautiful experiences. They are all experiences who created the human beings we have become today.

It is these stories that help us parents too raise a better generation, a generation capable of making a difference.

Why should we settle for just learning from our own inner circle stories when we can explore our outer circles and learn from them

People have stories to tell. Whether when you are in a coffeeshop when you sit and listen to a waiter or waitress talking about a personal problem or a colleague at work who just wants to get something out? I believe that being a good listener makes you a good person especially when listening helps u become a better person.

At the coffee shop I am sitting now as I write my column walked in a cleaner who had a story to tell, a story we can all learn from .with a big smile he serves everyone.But this man who has been working here for seven years has literally been invisible and the story he has beyond ones imagination. As simple as this may sound but its his bitter reality. He lost his wife and three year old son in a fire that destroyed everything in his life, took away everything he earned since he starting working at the age of 14 and above all lost his family. He yet serves everyone with a smile. My friends and I heard his story and all we could talk about was how trivial the issues we complain about every day is.When you here peoples stories you realize how blessed you are with everything ypu do have in life.We tend to grumble about everything and if we open our ears and eyes ti other peoples stories we will always remember the blessed lives we have, the lives we should never take for granted.

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