

Alba scoops top Awards



Alba CEO Tim Murray

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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) has won the 2017 Occupational Excellence Achievement Award and the 2017 Significant Improvement Award by the National Safety Council (NSC) -

USA, the company said in a statement. The NSC Occupational Excellence Achievement Award is granted to organisations that meet strict criterions based on the results in their safety performance in accordance

with the OSHA requirements in the USA. Commenting on the award, Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray, said: "Winning the 2017 Occupational Excellence Achievement Award and the 2017 Significant

Improvement Award by NSC is rewarding as it recognizes our efforts in our journey towards Safety Excellence, which in turn will boost employee productivity as well as the Company's performance."

Al Salam Bank to serve special needs customers



Anwar Murad - Deputy Group CEO of Banking

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Al Salam Bank-Bahrain yesterday announced the launch of its banking services and facilities in its branch located in the Seef District that will serve customers with special needs.

New services include a dedicated car parking access, customer service counter, well-equipped ATM services for customers with special needs.

Anwar Murad, Deputy Group CEO of Banking at Al Salam Bank-Bahrain said: We invite our customers with special needs to visit our Seef District branch that features

latest core banking technology enabled for visual and auditory banking means to serve the special needs customers.

He further added that the branch is equipped with an ATM for visually impaired, a dedicated customer service counter to open new account or enquire on banking services and transactions, in addition, the Bank also allocated car parking access with entrance area adapted for customers with special needs.

Besides, the staffs are trained to communicate in sign language with customers of hearing disabilities.

Iraq builds new airport in Karbala

Karbala
Iraqi officials laid the cornerstone of a new airport near Karbala Monday, mostly to handle the millions of pilgrims who flock to the holy Shiite city each year.

BCCI to hold a forum tomorrow

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The industrial sector committee of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) headed by the second vice-chairman Abdulhameed Al Kooheji is holding a forum tomorrow at 11 am in Al Majlis Hall on

the ground floor of Bait Al Tijjar.

The move follows the committee's successful participation in Canton



Al Kooheji

Fair held in China last October.

The forum will exhibit the outcomes of the committee's participation in Canton Fair, and share investment opportunities suitable for the Bahraini market and industrialists from various options.

Samsung blames Galaxy Note 7 fires on faulty batteries

The world's biggest smartphone maker Samsung blamed faulty batteries yesterday for the fires that hit its flagship Galaxy Note 7 device last year, as it sought to draw a line under the humiliating recall. In total 3.1 million devices were recalled as authorities in the US and elsewhere banned the device from use on planes and even from being placed in checked luggage.

Cool Trends



S8 in line

The firm's next model, the Galaxy S8, had been expected to be unveiled at next month's Mobile World Congress in Barcelona. But Samsung's Koh said it would be delayed to ensure it had no safety problems.

700 researchers

Samsung said it deployed around 700 researchers and engineers on its investigation, testing more than 200,000 fully-assembled devices and more than 30,000 batteries. It did not identify the battery makers, but independent investigators UL and Exponent agreed with the findings.

Design flaws

One of the defective batteries had a design flaw that pushed down its right corner, while the other had faulty internal welds, said Kevin White, principal scientist at Exponent. Around 1,000 different parts from some 450 suppliers were needed for each Galaxy Note 7.

Corrective actions

Samsung acknowledged that it provided the battery specifications, adding in its statement: "We have taken several corrective actions to ensure this never happens again. The lessons of the past several months are now deeply reflected in our processes and in our culture." Sister company Samsung SDI confirmed it was one of the battery makers, saying in a statement it had mounted its own investigation into the units and now had "a more thorough verification process".



Koh Dong-Jin

Full year results

Samsung Electronics is set to announce fourth-quarter and full-year results on Tuesday and has estimated the cost of the recall at \$5.3 billion.

