

Batelco and Gulf Air sign new deal for communication



Batelco Bahrain CEO Muna Al Hashemi and Gulf Air CEO Maher Salman Al Musallam sign the new agreement in the presence of Gulf Air Director of Information Technology, Dr. Jassim Haji, (left) and Batelco General Manager Enterprise & Government Division Sutha Siva

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Batelco, and Gulf Air have signed an agreement to ensure the delivery of the latest communications solutions for Gulf Air's evolving operation.

The agreement also extends the business relationship of the firms who are marking 40 years of partnership.

Under the agreement, Batelco will provide Gulf Air with the latest

communications solutions based on Dedicated Internet Access, Local MPLS and Global MPLS networks.

The new agreement was signed by Batelco Bahrain CEO Muna Al Hashemi and Gulf Air CEO Maher Salman Al Musallam during a meeting held recently at Gulf Air's Muharraq headquarters.

Speaking on the occasion Al Hashemi said, "Batelco is

proud to have worked with Gulf Air for 40 years and looks forward to building on the relationship for years to come."

During the meeting Al Musallam said, "The new agreement allows Gulf Air to continue utilizing the latest technologies as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance our operations and elevate our customers' service experience."

Gulf Air is committed to elevating the customer service experience on-board and continuous technological development is a key factor in this. In 2014 Gulf Air rolled out its new generation iPad Electronic Flight Bags to all the airline's pilots in order to facilitate the airline's flight-critical communications while increasing operational efficiency and eliminating paper-based flight materials.

New Russian jet takes to air



MC-21's flight test

Moscow

Russia yesterday held a successful test flight of its new MC-21 medium-haul passenger jet that it hopes will revive its troubled civil aviation industry and challenge giants Airbus and Boeing.

The plane, whose prototype was unveiled last June, flew for 30 minutes at a height of 1,000 metres and a speed of 300 kilometres (186 miles) per hour, said its makers, the Irkut Corporation aircraft manufacturer.

The plane took off from the Siberian city of Irkutsk where the Irkut company is based, said Deputy Prime Minister

Dmitry Rogozin, writing on Twitter.

Rogozin, who oversees aviation and space, wrote as he watched at the scene: "We're flying!"

President Vladimir Putin's press secretary Dmitry Peskov told RIA Novosti state news agency that Rogozin "by phone reported to Putin that our medium-haul plane took wing, carrying out its first test flight."

The president of Irkut, Oleg Demchenko, said in a statement that "today is a historic day for our staff and for all the big team that worked on creating the MC-21."

Ramadan treat at Ramee Grand

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Ramee Grand Hotel and Spa has announced launching a campaign to promote Ramadan treat with Arabesque inspired Ramadan Tent at Al Bahrain Ballroom.

"Chef Anurag and his team will be displaying an array of mouthwatering Arabic and International menu selection to savour. The Table will be set with the best quality dates and nuts, Fresh Arabic juices and Laban to help you break your fast," Ramee said in a statement.

The Iftar buffet will include an assortment of live stations and delicacies from around the

world along with Traditional Arabic dishes, Choice of Arabic mezzeh, international salad, and selection of poached sea food.

The buffet selection also include regular fare of soups, breads, international and local cheeses; freshly prepared shawarma, Pasta and manakish are to name a few.

The sweet section will be featuring International and Arabic desserts with a chocolate fountain which will be set along with its varied accompaniments and freshly cut and whole fruits. For reservations call: 00973 17111 999

Ahlia University wins Bahrain Bourse TradeQuest

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Ahlia University emerged as the winner of the TradeQuest challenge organised by the Bahrain Bourse in which five teams from universities all over the Bahrain participated.

BIBF and the University of Bahrain grabbed the second and third spot, respectively.

Announcing the awards at a ceremony held on Wednesday, Bahrain Bourse Chairman, Abdul Kareem Bucheery, also revealed that an Arabic version of the TradeQuest programme will be introduced next year to mark the programme's 20th anniversary.

The first place winner received a cash prize of BD3,500 and a trophy, while the second and third place winners received BD2,100



Ahlia University team with their prize and BD1,400, respectively. Awards were presented by Bucheery in the presence of students and their families, senior representatives from sponsoring organisations and other invited guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Shaikh Khalifa said, "We believe that the youth are the engine of growth and development. This is practically implemented at the Bourse where 55 per cent of the employees are below

the age of 35. That is why a programme like TradeQuest is very important to students who will hopefully become successful employees in a few years". TradeQuest is a simulated business-education

partnership programme that focuses on investment trading in world financial markets. The programme is geared to provide students close-to-life experience in the stock markets.

This year five teams participated in the programme, which includes that from Ahlia University, BIBF, University of Bahrain, Applied Science University and Royal University for Women.