

Preparing for full operation!

Final phase of construction work in aviation fuel depot complex at Bahrain International Airport nearing completion

● Project realises Kingdom's vision to assume a prominent position as a regional hub for jet fuel services

● Bahrain Airport Company CEO Al Banfalah praises its smooth progress during an inspection visit

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Al Banfalah with other officials during the inspection visit

Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) Chief Executive Muhammad Yusef Al Banfalah paid an inspection visit to the aviation fuel depot complex at Bahrain International Airport, with the aim of determining its readiness and the ongoing preparations to start operating soon.

Upon completion, the complex will help cement the Kingdom of Bahrain's position as a prominent and advanced hub for aviation fuel supply services in the region, and will contribute to advancing sustainable economic growth in the country in line with the goals of Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

During the visit, the Executive Director of the project and a member of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Airport Jet Fuel Company, Engineer Abdul Majeed Al Qassab, explained the latest developments in the project and the safety measures that are strictly applied to ensure that the complex adheres to the highest international standards.

Al Banfalah praised the great progress made by the project as the final stages of the complex

are currently underway, and the necessary tests are being conducted, as well as the operational processes tested before the actual operation begins.

He said that the necessary testing phase and the operational processes are proceeding smoothly as planned, which would help determine the aspects that need to be developed before the start of operation.

Al Banfalah expressed his happiness with the overall progress and the efforts of the work team to bring this very important project to the advanced stages today, stressing that the most important priority is to ensure that it will start safely and efficiently according to the set plans.

"The aviation fuel depot complex is an essential part of the Bahrain International Airport modernisation programme, as it will add significant value to the airlines' business by facilitating fuel supply and maintenance at the airport," said Al Banfalah.

"It will also contribute to promoting the growth of the air transport, logistical services, and oil and gas sectors in



the Kingdom, as well as its role in laying the foundations for a more sustainable and diversified economy in line with the objectives of Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.

The complex includes a number of aviation fuel depots with a total capacity of 30,000 cubic metres, and extends over an area of 77,000 square metres, including buildings designated for operation and services. It is also equipped with the most advanced security and safety features and the latest aircraft

servicing technology.

The complex will provide aircraft with fuel through a modern pipeline network covering the entire expanded operating areas at Bahrain International Airport, thus contributing to enhancing the airport's ability to keep pace with the expected increase in operations and to overcome any challenges, as well as supporting the Kingdom's vision to assume a prominent position as a regional hub for jet fuel services.

The Bahrain Airport Jet Fuel Company, which is jointly owned by the Bahrain Airport Company and the Oil and Gas Holding Company, was established in 2016 with the aim of restructuring the aviation fuel sector in the Kingdom, and establishing and managing a complex of aviation fuel depots within the vicinity of Bahrain International Airport.

BAS reaches SAP partnership deal



Improving ground services for passengers
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Bahrain Airport Services (BAS), which plays a strategic role in managing the operations of Bahrain International Airport, yesterday signed a partnership with global technology giant SAP to digitally transform Bahrain's aviation market amid the pandemic.

While COVID-19 has made a major impact on passenger travel, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) expects the Middle East to witness an annual growth of 4.4% in passenger flights until 2039.

Bahrain's aviation recovery will be driven by the use of innovative technologies. The global Smart Airports market is set to top \$22.6 billion by 2025, according to the firm Report Linker.

In 2019, BAS handled 8.5 million passengers and 8 million baggage items, served 6.5 million in-flight meals, and managed 125,000 tons of freight.

Supporting aviation innovation, Bahrain Airport Services will digitally integrate six lines of business: ground operations, cargo, catering, aircraft engineering, learning and development, and an aircraft engineering training centre called Bahrain Aircraft Engineering Training Center (BAETC).

"As part of Bahrain Airport Service's goals for setting standards for high performance in aviation services, we needed full and real-time visibility on our operations and passengers," said BAS Chief

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Executive Salman Al Mahmeed. "Thanks to our digital transformation with SAP, we will seamlessly integrate our operations, talent and procurement to provide unparalleled ground services and exemplary passenger traveling experiences as passenger travel rebounds."

Under the agreement, BAS will deploy the SAP S/4HANA real-time business suite, the SuccessFactors human capital management suite for supporting the talent development of more than 3,000 staff, and the SAP Ariba e-procurement and supply chain cloud solutions.

"Our digital transformation with Bahrain Airport Services will see the organisation provide a common digital platform for all departments, which can centralise data for enable real-time decision-making, optimize costs, and support Bahraini talent development," said Hassan Saleh, the newly appointed Managing Director, SAP Bahrain and Iraq. "Overall, Bahrain Airport Services will be able to run with optimum security, reliability, and performance, and making Bahrain's aviation sector more resilient."

Road 4209 set for closure

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The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, in coordination with the General Directorate of Traffic at the Ministry of Interior, has announced the closure of Road 4209 (the entrance to Al Ghuraifah area) at its intersection with Al Fateh

Street as part of the development of the sewage network on the area.

Traffic has been diverted to Juffair Street on Thursday, and it will continue for 14 days.

The citizens and residents are requested to abide by the traffic rules in order to preserve the safety of everyone.



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Focus on ways to reduce 'financial hardship'

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KPMG Bahrain organised a webinar highlighting the impact of the pandemic on business profitability.

The virtual seminar, titled "Financial Restructuring for Resilience," provided participants with an overview of the potential benefits of financial restructuring in enhancing resilience and sustainability within an organisation, in a labour market rife with turmoil and uncertainty.

It was attended by more than 80 participants. These include entrepreneurs, financial profes-



The online discussion in progress



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sionals, business leaders, and representatives of owner-managed companies and family businesses from all sectors in Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait.

Jamal Fakhro, Executive Partner at KPMG in Bahrain, opened the event by welcoming the attendees, and said in his speech: "We are organising this symposium to support and guide corporate leaders who are currently struggling in terms of generating revenues and dealing with financial commitments that they have previously committed to."

"We are going through difficult times, and it is at such times that companies have to consider 'what the future holds for them' at the level of their operations, and what developments they need to make in order to meet their financial obligations. I also encourage corporate leaders and owners to speak with their creditors and consider restructuring their liabilities."