

The American University of Bahrain

American University of Bahrain and Cisco Forge Strategic Partnership to Advance Technical Education

Manama

The American University of Bahrain (AUBH) signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Cisco, a global leader in networking and information technology, to expand the reach of the Cisco Networking Academy Program (NetAcad) in Bahrain.

This collaboration is tailored to provide students with advanced training in computer networks and next-generation technologies, in alignment with the dynamic competencies. Under the terms of the agreement, Cisco's globally accredited curriculum will be seamlessly integrated into the academic programmes at the American University of Bahrain, thereby enhancing students' digital fluency and reinforcing their readiness for future employment.

Beyond curricular enrichment, the partnership establishes a framework for expanded institutional cooperation focused on the continuous development of pedagogical



methodologies and academic infrastructure. A key element of this initiative includes the professional development of AUBH faculty members through targeted training programmes aimed at ensuring the effective and innovative delivery of the integrated content.

Moreover, the agreement gives AUBH students unrestricted access to Cisco's comprehensive suite of instructional resources, digital learning tools, and the full breadth of the Networking Academy (NetAcad) platform. It also promotes joint research endeav-

ours and facilitates engagement with Cisco's latest technological advancements, reinforcing the university's commitment to fostering a technologically empowered academic environment.

Dr. Wafa Almansoori Interim President and Provost of the

American University of Bahrain,[LB1] commented, "This agreement with Cisco marks a milestone in our strategic efforts to enrich technical education in Bahrain's higher education sector. It signals a transformative move towards innovative learning models that

align with the digital era and contribute meaningfully to the Kingdom's long-term development goals as outlined in Bahrain's Vision 2030."

Dr. Almansoori further added, "This partnership presents a pivotal opportunity to position our students at the forefront of transformative disciplines such as computer networking, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity—fields that constitute the backbone of the global digital economy. By embedding Cisco's internationally accredited curriculum within our academic framework, we are delivering an education that is not only rigorous and globally benchmarked, but also acutely aligned with the practical and strategic demands of the modern workforce. This initiative exemplifies our institutional commitment to cultivating graduates equipped with the advanced technical competencies and critical thinking skills required to lead innovation and actively contribute to Bahrain's national digital transformation agenda."

BP makes largest oil, gas discovery in 25 years off Brazil

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- AFP | London, United Kingdom

Britain's BP announced yesterday it made its biggest oil and gas discovery in 25 years off the coast of Brazil, as it shifts back to its fossil fuel business.

The discovery comes as a boost to the struggling energy major as it undergoes a major overhaul to focus on its more profitable oil and gas business, shelving its once industry-leading renewable energy strategy.

The company said it had locat-

ed oil and gas at the Bumerangue prospect, 404 kilometres (251 miles) from Rio de Janeiro, in a water depth of 2,372 metres.

"This is another success in what has been an exceptional year so far for our exploration team, underscoring our commitment to growing our upstream," said Gordon Birrell, BP's executive vice president for production and operations.

It marks the 10th discovery by BP in 2025.

Shares in the company rose more than one percent on London's top-tier FTSE 100 index following the announcement.

BP is ramping up its global exploration programme, with around 40 wells planned over the next three years, including as many as 15 to be drilled this year.

The group expects to grow its daily global output to between 2.3 million and 2.5 million barrels of oil equivalent in 2030.

"BP will want to use its latest numbers to convince the market it has truly revamped its strategy and moved away from the green push which proved unpopular with a significant portion of its shareholder base," said AJ Bell investment director Russ Mould.

BP publishes its latest earnings on Tuesday, after rival Shell last week reported a 23-percent slide in first-half net profit, hit by lower oil and gas prices.

UN to boost air parcel security a year after DHL depot explosions



AFP | Montreal, Canada

The United Nations yesterday announced plans to enhance air mail security, one year after parcels exploded at DHL depots in Germany and Britain, in a plot blamed on Russia.

The strategy announced by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and Universal Postal Union -- two specialized UN agencies -- aims to improve threat detection, officials told AFP.

European intelligence services believe Russia was behind the explosions last July at DHL depots in Leipzig, Germany and Birmingham in Britain.

Several people implicated in the operation were believed to be "disposable" agents with no official position in the Russian

intelligence services, according to German media reports.

Such low-level agents were typically recruited via messaging apps to carry out tasks for money, the reports said.

German intelligence officials have said the planes carrying the

parcels would have crashed had they exploded mid-flight.

Canada-based ICAO's head of aviation security, Sonia Hifdi, did not directly name Russia when laying out the plan, but said: "In the last 12 months, we have seen more sophisticated ac-

tors aiming to cause disruptions in the supply chain."

The joint "multi-year action plan" strives to train all personnel who handle air mail, and will work towards increased data sharing between postal and aviation authorities.



Major airlines like Emirates, Lufthansa, and Singapore Airlines operate dedicated cargo divisions (e.g., Emirates SkyCargo, Lufthansa Cargo) that handle millions of air parcels globally each year -- including everything from small packages to high-value goods and medical supplies. These services often partner with couriers like DHL, FedEx, UPS, and national postal services to complete door-to-door deliveries.