

Al Baraka Islamic Bank

The Door of Al Barakat is Bigger

Al Baraka Islamic Bank Announces Expansion of Cash Prizes for “Al Barakat” Account to a Total of USD 6 Million in 2025

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Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced an increase in the valuable cash prizes under Al Barakat Account prize scheme through year-end under the theme “The Door of Al Barakat is now bigger”, bringing total cash prizes to USD 6 million during 2025. This reflects the Bank’s commitment to offering customers greater chances to win and achieve their aspirations.

The first draw will take place on September 30, 2025, with 13 cash prizes totalling USD 350,000, including three grand prizes of USD 100,000 each.



Mr. Mazin Dhaif, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank

The second draw will follow in November 2025, offering 16 cash prizes totalling USD 250,000, including two prizes of USD 100,000 each.

Al Barakat will conclude 2025 with a massive draw in



early 2026, offering its customers unprecedented prizes totaling USD one million, which will be awarded to 11 winners, including 750,000 US dollars to be distributed among three winners.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Mazin Dhaif, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, said: “At Al Baraka Is-

lamic Bank, we remain committed to providing rewarding, Shari’ah-compliant banking solutions, and the expansion of the Al Barakat Account prize programme is a key step in this direction. By diversifying and increasing prize tiers and holding multiple draws, we enhance our customers’ chances of winning and encourage them

to save and invest with confidence.”

He added: “We are pleased to invite all our valued customers to participate and grow their savings with Al Barakat. We wish everyone the best of luck in benefiting from the valuable winning opportunities as ‘The Door of Al Barakat Just Widened’, while we continue to enhance our services to deliver outstanding banking experiences that meet diverse needs and support our customers’ financial ambitions.”

The Al Barakat Investment Account from Al Baraka Islamic Bank, which is Shari’ah-compliant, offers multiple opportunities to win amazing cash prizes throughout the investment period, with a minimum deposit of

BD 50 or the equivalent of USD 135. Individuals of all nationalities aged 18 and above can open an Al Barakat Investment Account via Al Baraka Islamic Bank’s mobile app without the need to visit a branch. Accounts for those under 18 can be opened by their parents or legal guardians.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank is a leading Islamic bank in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Since its establishment in 1984, it has delivered outstanding results in operations and services for both individual and corporate clients. The bank has a proven track record of developing and providing innovative Shari’a-compliant investment solutions to a diverse global client base.

Trump adds 25% tariff on India over Russian oil purchases

The tariff, set to take effect in three weeks

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump yesterday ordered an additional 25% tariff on Indian goods over New Delhi’s continued purchase of Russian oil, a key revenue source for Moscow’s war in Ukraine.

The tariff, set to take effect in three weeks, comes on top of a separate 25 percent duty entering into force on Thursday, according to the text of the executive order released by the

India says additional US tariffs ‘extremely unfortunate’

AFP | New Delhi, India

India’s foreign ministry condemned additional US tariffs imposed over its Russian oil purchases as “extremely unfortunate” yesterday, calling the

move “unfair, unjustified and unreasonable”.

“Our imports are based on market factors and done with the overall objective of ensuring the energy security of 1.4 billion people of India,” it said.

“It is therefore extremely unfortunate that the US should choose to impose additional tariffs on India for actions that several other countries are also taking in their own national interest.”

White House.

The order also threatens potential penalties on other coun-

tries deemed to be “directly or indirectly importing Russian Federation oil.”

Exemptions remain for items targeted by separate sector-specific duties such as steel and

aluminum, and categories that could be hit like pharmaceuticals.

Trump has been ramping up pressure on India after signalling fresh sanctions on Moscow if it did not make progress by Friday towards a peace deal with Kyiv, as Russia’s devastating invasion of its

pro-western neighbor drags on.

India’s national security adviser was in Moscow on Wednesday, media in New Delhi reported, coinciding with a visit by US envoy Steve Witkoff.

India’s foreign ministry earlier said US pressure to stop it buying Russian oil was “unjustified and unreasonable” and that it would protect its interests.



Putin holds ‘constructive’ talks with US envoy Witkoff ahead of sanctions deadline: Kremlin

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin held “constructive” talks with US envoy Steve Witkoff in Moscow yesterday, the Kremlin said, two days ahead of a US deadline for Russia to halt its Ukraine offensive or face fresh sanctions.

US President Donald Trump, who had boasted he could end the conflict within 24 hours of



taking office, has given Russia until Friday to make progress towards peace or face new penalties.

But three rounds of Russia-Ukraine talks in Istanbul have failed to make headway on a ceasefire, with the two sides far apart in their demands.

Russia has escalated drone attacks on Ukraine, and Russia’s President Vladimir Putin greets US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff

Putin and Witkoff exchanged “signals” on their positions, Ushakov said, without elaborating.

and missile attacks against its pro-Western neighbour to a record high and accelerated its advance on the ground.

“A quite useful and constructive conversation took place,” Putin’s aide Yuri Ushakov told

journalists, including AFP, after the three hour meeting.

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The Kremlin released video of Putin shaking hands with Witkoff at the start of the meeting.

Ahead of the talks, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky urged Washington to increase its pressure on Moscow to agree to a ceasefire.

The Ministry of Labour

Labour Ministry announces opening registration for 40th annual ceremony

To honour outstanding workers in private sector

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The Ministry of Labour has announced the opening of registration for the 40th edition of the national ceremony honouring outstanding Bahraini workers in the private sector.



The event, held annually un-

der the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of Bahrain, is scheduled to take place in December.

The Ministry has invited private sector companies and institutions to nominate high-per-

forming Bahraini employees for recognition. Submission are to be made via the ministry’s official website, www.mol.gov.bh. The deadline for nominations is September 30.

Eligible nominees must be Bahraini nationals who have

demonstrated exceptional commitment and excellence in their roles. All submissions will be reviewed by the Ministry, and a final list of honors will be selected based on set criteria.

The annual ceremony forms part of the ministry’s broader

efforts to promote a culture of productivity, professionalism, and appreciation within the private sector. For further details, companies may contact the ministry on 17873819 or 17873873, or via email at recognition@mol.gov.bh.