

Batelco by Beyon and GCCIA extend strategic partnership

To strengthen regional Ccnnectivity at capacity Middle East

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Batelco by Beyon announced the renewal of its strategic partnership with the Gulf Cooperation Council Interconnection Authority (GCCIA) during Capacity Middle East. This renewal underscores their shared commitment to advancing regional connectivity, infrastructure resilience, and digital integration.

The renewal agreement was signed by Maitham Abdulla, CEO of Batelco by Beyon, and Ahmed Ali Al-Ebrahim, CEO of GCCIA. This milestone reflects the shared vision of both entities to



enhance network robustness across the region.

Through this renewed partnership, Batelco's Bahrain Gulf Network (BGN), which runs over the GCCIA's terrestrial fiber optic systems, will continue to play a central role in delivering secure, scalable, and resilient network solutions. As a protected terrestrial network, the BGN serves as a vital digital gateway, seamlessly linking the GCC countries and interfacing with regional submarine cables to connect to the wider region

and global destinations.

Commenting on the partnership Maitham Abdulla, CEO of Batelco said: "We are delighted to renew our longstanding partnership with GCCIA, a trusted digital infrastructure partner that plays a vital role in strengthening regional connectivity. This renewal underscores our shared focus on delivering world-class infrastructure, unparalleled reliability, and future-ready network solutions. At Batelco, we remain dedicated to driving digital innovation with robust, secure, and scalable solutions that empower the region's digital economy and supports its growth ambitions,"

Ahmed Ali Al-Ebrahim, CEO of GCCIA, added: "Our continued partnership with Batelco by Beyon reflects our shared

dedication to enhancing connectivity and building a more resilient digital ecosystem across the Gulf. It highlights the importance of regional collaboration in advancing digital transformation initiatives and confirms our roles as key enablers of reliable and secure connectivity solutions," he added.

Batelco's BGN spans over 1,400 km, with the network enhancing regional integration and fortifying the

GCC's digital pathways to international markets.

Ahmed Ali Al-Ebrahim, CEO of GCCIA



Al Baraka Islamic Bank brings back Auto Fair offers for Ramadan

With Exclusive Benefits Following its Resounding Success

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Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced the return of its highly successful first-of-its-kind joint Auto Fair Offers, now extended during the holy month of Ramadan. The campaign features exclusive and exceptional benefits, reflecting the bank's commitment to



delivering innovative banking solutions that align with customer aspirations and enhance their experience during the blessed month.

The initiative comes as part of Al Baraka Islamic Bank's approach to build upon previous successes and offer flexible and

value-added financing that combines streamlined procedures with competitive advantages. This empowers customers to make informed decisions when financing their cars, all within an interactive Ramadan atmosphere affirming the bank's close connection with its customers and understanding of their evolving needs.

The campaign offers a range of attractive incentives, including the "Instalment on Us" draw for 12 lucky winners whereby the winners will enjoy coverage of their car financing instalments for six months, depending on their outstanding financing amount.

The offers also include cash rewards for 12 customers who complete their car financing procedures

early, receiving generous cash rewards.

On this occasion, Mr. Mazin Dhaif, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, stated, "Extending our Auto Fair offers during Ramadan reflects our dedication to building on previous suc-

cesses and providing high-value, flexible financing solutions that meet our customers' needs during this blessed month. These offers have been carefully designed to deliver real value and a seamless, Sharia-compliant financing experience."

Mr Ali Al-Derzi, Head of Branches and Sales, added, "The positive response to our previous campaign motivated us to bring back these special offers during Ramadan. Through this initiative, we aim to continue providing competitive financing options supported by attractive incentives, empowering our customers to capitalise on great opportunities and attain their aspirations."

Mr Ali Al-Derzi, Head of Branches and Sales



Proposal aims to extend social insurance to freelancers and professionals

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Self-employed workers could be brought under compulsory social insurance under a revised proposal MPs will debate on Tuesday.

The draft would extend mandatory coverage beyond employees on contracts to include



certain self-employed individuals and members of the liberal professions, as specified in a ministerial decision and approved by the Social Insurance Organisation's board.

The proposal amends Article 2 of the Social Insurance Law issued under Decree-Law No. 24 of 1976. The Services Committee has recommended approval.

Maryam Al Sayegh, MP

Submitted by MPs Maryam Al Sayegh, Hassan Ebrahim, Najeeb Al Kawwari, Jameel Mulla Hassan and Mohammed Mousa, the revised text maintains existing coverage for employees while adding a clause making insurance compulsory for selected self-employed and professional categories.

Citing Article 5(c) of the Constitution, which guarantees social security for citizens in cases including old age, sickness, inability to work, orphanhood, widowhood and unemployment, the proposal aims to provide self-employed workers with financial protection against market fluctuations or unexpected losses.