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## Consider line 7 in future: Alba ACEO tells Annual Majlis

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**A**top Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) executive has called on the company to aim for bigger milestones as Line 6 is now fully ramped-up.

Alba, Acting Chief Executive Officer Ali Al Baqali said, should now consider Line 7 as a future expansion project.

This came as Ali Al Baqali kicked-off the 'Annual Majlis' 2020 of Alba, yesterday, the first since his appointment as the Acting Chief Executive Officer in 2019, at the Alba Oasis Hall.

Al Baqali stressed on strengthening Alba's Safety Culture and continue with the same momentum to exceed 16 million working-hours without LTIs achieved to-date. He also highlighted the progress of the Spent Pot Lining Treatment Plant to be operational by Q1 2021, for which Alba has already signed a 25-year lease term.

Al Baqali said Alba will boost its production to 1,540,000 metric tonnes in 2020 all the while



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focusing on the sustainability initiatives in line with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030. 2020 Annual Majlis will adopt

a two-way communication model to allow participating employ-

ees and the presenter/s to engage in active Q&A sessions to

address various issues as well as the Company's 2020 Objectives.



Nader Al Moayyed, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, with the newly appointed Ambassador of Egypt to Bahrain, Yasser Mohamed Shaaban. The meeting discussed strengthening bilateral relations and further enhancing areas of cooperation across all fields, especially the tourism sector. Discussions also focused on BTEA's latest achievements, including the foundation stone-laying of the new Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre in Sakhir

## UK to ban use of credit cards for gambling

London

**B**ritain will from April ban the use of credit cards to pay for bets, its gambling regulator announced yesterday, the latest clampdown on the industry.

"The Gambling Commission has announced a ban on gambling businesses allowing consumers in Great Britain to use credit cards to gamble," a statement said.

The ban comes into effect on April 14 and follows a measure introduced last year by the British government to slash the maximum stake on electronic casino-style games aimed at curbing their addictive appeal.

On banning the use of credit cards, Gambling Commission

chief executive Neil McArthur said Tuesday:

"Credit card gambling can lead to significant financial harm. The ban that we have announced today should minimise the risks of harm to consumers from gambling with money they do not have."

McArthur said that 22 percent of Britain's online gamblers using credit cards are "problem gamblers".

"There are examples of consumers who have accumulated tens of thousands of pounds of debt through gambling because of credit card availability," he said.

"There is also evidence that the fees charged by credit cards can exacerbate the situation

because the consumer can try to chase losses to a greater extent."

The Commission noted that 24 million adults in Britain gamble, including 10.5 million online.

"Whilst millions gamble responsibly, I have also met people whose lives have been turned upside down by gambling addiction," Culture Minister Helen Whately said in Tuesday's statement.

"We will not hesitate to take any further action necessary to protect people from gambling harm," she added.

Share prices in British gambling firms slid in early trading on Tuesday in reaction to the latest measure.

## Al Hawaj launches fragrances from BDK Parfums collection

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**A**l Hawaj launched the latest fragrances from the BDK Parfums Paris collection through a special visit by a world-renowned French perfumer and BDK Founder, David Benedek.

The event was held at the new Al Hawaj Seef Mall outlet and was participated by French Ambassador Jerome Cauchard, other guests, members of the press, bloggers, businessmen, businesswomen and Al Hawaj Board members and management. Al Hawaj Managing Director, Jawad Y. Al Hawaj officially opened the event by welcoming the guests and attendees with Abdul Wahab Y. Al Hawaj, the General Manager.

The French Ambassador expressed his thanks and appreciation to Al Hawaj for its efforts to enhance cooperation between Bahrain and France, and for its support to French company BDK Parfums.



In pictures, the inauguration

