



Alba kicks-off its Summer Safety & Health Campaign for 2025

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“Our annual summer Safety & Health (S&H) campaign is more than just a seasonal reminder to stay safe; it is a call to action - Stay Vigilant. Stay Informed. Stay Safe,” stated Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C (Alba)’s Chief Executive Officer Ali Al Baqali at the inauguration of the Company’s 2025 Summer Safety & Health (S&H) Campaign ‘Summer is Here! Ring the Safety Bell’ on 14 July 2025 at the Oasis Hall.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Assistant Under-secretary for Labour Relations at the Ministry of Labour, Aqeel Buhussein, along with several senior officials, representatives of contracting companies op-



erating at Alba, and employees from across the plant.

Adding further Al Baqali stated, “Summer brings its own set of challenges in our industry,

all of which put our resilience to test. We are proud to have achieved eight years without any heat-related injuries and illnesses in 2024, and, most recently,



surpassed 37 million safe working hours without LTI; but summer-related risks repeat every year, and we must stay proactive to ensure that every team mem-

ber stays safe, supported and ready to beat the heat.”

Alba’s 2025 S&H campaign will be held until 23 July and focus on critical summer-related topics such as hydration, heat awareness and safe work practices to empower every employee with the knowledge and tools to thrive both on and off the job.

The Campaign’s programme includes various Panel Discussions that emphasise cross-functional collaboration and safety best practices across departments; Health Awareness Session by General Practitioner Dr. Abrar Mahdi titled “Health in Summer”; and the highly anticipated ‘Young Albawee’ session, showcasing the children of Alba employees

promoting safety through creative presentations and video messages.

The 2025 S&H Campaign is a key part of Alba’s ongoing commitment to cultivating a world-class safety culture for its workforce, a commitment that has earned the Company several recent prestigious recognitions including RoSPA 2025 Health and Safety Achievement Award (President’s Award), British Safety Council 2025 International Safety Award, as well as numerous awards from the National Safety Council, USA. These accolades reflect Alba’s continuous efforts to raise the bar in safety standards both inside and outside the workplace.

Women in Bahrain Invited to Join Global AI Training Movement



Low-cost carrier Wizz Air to stop Abu Dhabi operations
Budapest, Hungary

Free virtual programme launched

- Global initiative by ICAIRE
- Free AI courses with certificates
- Microsoft partners in programme

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Bahraini women now have the opportunity to join a major global initiative to learn artificial intelligence and emerging technologies, as the International Center for Artificial Intelligence Research and Ethics (ICAIRE) opens the doors to the second phase of its ELEVATE programme.



المركز الدولي لأبحاث وأخلاقيات الذكاء الاصطناعي

Developed in partnership with Microsoft, the programme aims to train 25,000 women worldwide through a flexible online format. Open to women of all backgrounds, it offers practical AI skills, globally recognised certifications, and personalised mentorship from international

experts.

Skills for the future

The training covers a range of in-demand topics including machine learning, computer vision, cloud computing, data analysis, and AI ethics. Delivered entirely in English through a virtual

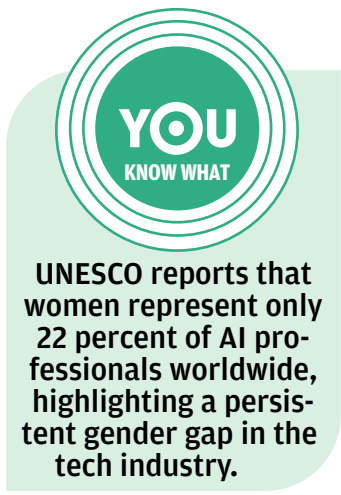
platform, ELEVATE is designed to increase accessibility and eliminate barriers to participation, particularly for women in regions with limited access to advanced tech education.

“This is not just a training programme - it’s a global movement to empower women with the tools, confidence, and opportunities to shape the future of technology,” the ICAIRE team said in a statement.

Equal access push

ELEVATE reflects ICAIRE’s broader mission to promote inclusive participation in the digital economy and close the gender gap in the AI sector. As a UNESCO Category II Centre based in Riyadh, ICAIRE focuses on responsible innovation and equitable skill-building in artificial intelligence.

Registration for the free programme is now open through ICAIRE’s official platform. Women in Bahrain interested in joining the movement can register at elevate.icaire.org/registration.



Hungarian low-cost airline Wizz Air said yesterday that it would end its Abu Dhabi operations, which have struggled to turn a profit in the conflict-hit region.

The airline will exit its Abu Dhabi hub starting from September.

The seventh biggest European airlines in terms of daily flights operated around 30 routes in the Middle East, which has been hit by repeated airspace closures since 2023 when Hamas attacked Israel sparking the Gaza war.

“Wizz Air will suspend all locally based flight operations effective 1 September 2025 and intends to exit from the joint venture going forward,” the company said in a statement on X.

Wizz Air Abu Dhabi, a joint venture with the Emirati state-owned Abu Dhabi Developmental Holding Company, was established in 2020.

Tesla to offer shareholders chance to invest in xAI: Musk

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Tesla will give its shareholders the option to invest in artificial intelligence startup xAI, billionaire owner of both companies Elon Musk said on his social media platform X.

“It’s not up to me... We will have a shareholder vote on the matter,” Musk said in response to a social media user suggesting that the electric car maker take a stake in xAI, which recently acquired X.

“If it was up to me, Tesla would have invested in xAI long



ago,” the world’s richest man said.

According to the Wall Street Journal, another company con-

trolled by Elon Musk, SpaceX, will invest \$2 billion into xAI as part of its \$5 billion capital raise.

Responding to an X user who

cited the WSJ’s news story, Musk said that “it would be great” but would depend on “board and shareholder approval.”

Since the launch of xAI -- which developed the generative AI assistant Grok -- Musk has floated the potential synergies between the AI start-up and his two crown jewels, SpaceX and Tesla.

According to the Financial Times, the businessman is seeking a valuation between \$170 and \$200 billion for xAI in a new funding round.

Launched in July 2023, xAI is hoping to catch up with its major generative AI competitors, OpenAI (ChatGPT), Anthropic (Claude) and Google (Gemini).

The start-up has invested heavily in a gigantic data center in Memphis, Tennessee, which Musk claims will become the “most powerful AI training system in the world.”

He has purchased another plot of land nearby to create more data centers, which are essential for developing and running large-scale artificial intelligence

models.

According to Bloomberg, xAI is costing over a billion dollars every month as it builds upgraded models, with its expenses far exceeding its revenues.

xAI’s virtual assistant Grok has been the source of a series of controversies.

After an update on July 7, some of the chatbot’s responses praised Adolf Hitler and suggested that people with Jewish surnames were more likely to spread online hate.