

Bahrain Airshow off to a

Top global aerospace companies taking part; event expected to make remarkable positive effect on the national economy



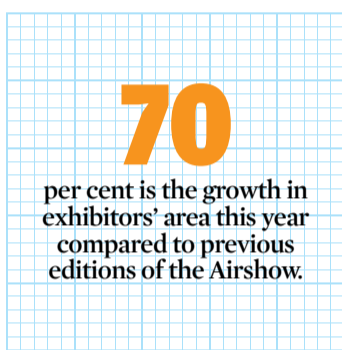
HH Shaikh Abdulla inaugurates the air show in the presence of senior government officials and dignitaries.



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With this year's edition featuring the biggest ever air display as well as doubling the exhibitor area, the Bahrain International Airshow (BIAS) has become one of the fastest growing air shows in the Middle East.

The BIAS, this year, has got simply bigger when compared to the previous editions. According to organisers, the number of exhibitors has increased by 70 per cent and 67.5pc of the 185



exhibitors are from abroad. Many countries including the US, Russia, the UAE, the UK, Taiwan and Romania have national

pavilions at the exhibition.

The organisers say the air show would bring remarkable positive effect on the national economy.

Fast-jet aerobatic teams put on a spectacle while over 110 aircraft were brought by the show's participants.

The Russian Knights, the UAE's Al Fursan display team, and Italy's Frece Tricolori are the teams putting their flying expertise on show over the three days.

Commercial aircraft including Boeing B787-900

and the Airbus A320 neo add special attractions to the show. F-16, Typhoon and the Mirage are the main attractions among the military jets.

Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Kamal Ahmed said the event is going to be a big success with top aerospace companies taking part.

Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Ahmed Al Mulla, said that the organisation of

the fifth edition of the Bahrain International Airshow further strengthens Bahrain's status as a gateway to the Middle East region, a business-attracting country and a logistics hub in the region.

Mr Al Mulla lauded the efforts exerted by BIAS 2018 Supreme Organising Committee, led by HM the King's Personal Representative, HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, as well

as those by the show's officials, including the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF)'s Royal Bahraini Air Force, and the officials of the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications.

A number of top-level conferences, stage acts, street performances and other attractions will be held as part of the Bahrain International Airshow this year.

Two high-level forums will be taking place at the BIAS 2018.

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