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Carrefour celebrates Ramadan with donation drive

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Carrefour, which is operated in Bahrain by Majid Al Futtaim yesterday announced its partnership with The Bahrain Mall to distribute a total of 300 food hampers filled with pantry essentials to several charitable organisations in the Kingdom.

These include: Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society, Iskan Jidhafs Charity Society, Royal Charity Organisation, and Red Crescent Society. Carrefour has also set-up designated donation boxes across its stores in City Centre Bahrain, Seef mall and The Bahrain mall so that customers can share in the spirit of the Holy Month by helping the less fortunate.

Jerome Akel, Country Manager of Carrefour Bahrain at Majid Al Futtaim Retail commented "At Carrefour we're constantly seeking ways to give back to the communities in which we operate in. This Ramadan, we set out to help segments of local society who are most in need of our assistance such as senior citizens, orphans, labourers and low-income families. Members of our staff were closely involved in assembling the hampers and selecting the charities as a result of the strong sense of citizenship that exists with-



Carrefour officials with the food hampers



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in our business. On behalf of everyone at Carrefour I wish all our customers a blessed Ramadan and encourage them to join us in creating great moments for everyone everyday, by making a difference whenever possible.

Amina Bucheri and Shoa

Alawi -Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society, Mohamed Hassan Abdul Rasool Alzaimoor and Mohamad Abdali Ebrahim Mohamed - Iskan Jidhafs Charity Society, Reena Hasan and Yaqoob Ameen Royal Charity Organisation and Mohamed Ebrahim -Red Crescent Society

received hampers from Jerome Akel, Country Manager at Carrefour Bahrain, Ghassan Jaroudi General Manager of Marketing and Sourcing at Carrefour Bahrain, and Abhishek Shrivastava, manager at The Bahrain Mall accompanied by his team.

Ramadan sparks competition among young vendors in Jeddah



A shopkeeper serves food to customers

Traditional foods and beverages become particularly important to families and individuals during the holy month of Ramadan. Naturally, then, the evenings when people break their fasts become a unique opportunity for culinary-based businesses and street vendors in Saudi Arabia's towns and cities, and a chance for young Saudis to make quick cash.

Majid Al-Sahafi, from the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, says that during Ramadan, young people in the city can do well by selling food and beverages, or by working in logistics, sales and transport, helping to deliver and sell food to people returning home following afternoon prayers, and shopping in preparation for iftar.

Qassem Al-Duraibi, a Jeddah resident, says he enjoys

seeing young people in public squares, streets and markets, selling samosas, kanafeh sweets and kibdah (fried liver). It is a useful way for youngsters to learn the value of hard work, reaffirms the importance to people of the cultural heritage that surrounds the holy month, and provides a useful injection into the economy.

As well as selling vast quantities of food, young Saudis also specialize in traditional Ramadan beverages, especially subya (made from barley, dried bread, raisins, sugar, cardamom and cinnamon).

Many continue their work even after the end of Ramadan, having honed their business and cooking skills, experienced the rush of competition to sell produce, and seen the rewards on offer by serving fellow citizens through the culinary industry.

BCCI to conduct Majlis

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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) announced that it will be holding its Ramadan Majlis on Friday from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm under the pa-

tronage of Chairman Sameer Nass.

BCCI extended heartfelt congratulations to the leadership, the business community, and the people of Bahrain on the occasion of the Holy month of Ramadan.

Capital Governorate hosts Iftar for 25,500 people

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Harpreet Kaur
Sheikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Governor of the Capital Governorate, is hosting Iftar for 850 expatriates for 30 days of Ramadan at the Manama Souq.

To celebrate the holy month of Ramadan and strengthen the relationship between the individuals and the Capital governorate for the 30 days of Ramadan, 850 meals will be distributed to individuals during Iftar, where fast-breaking meals will be distributed throughout the month to more than thousands of people during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Sheikh Hisham, Capital Governor told tribune, "We are very proud of the initiative wherein the span of 30 days we would provide food aid to 25,500 individuals at the Manama Souq. The Bahraini community is proud of the values of kindness and solidarity stemming from the teachings of the religion and is celebrating the customs and traditions of the people of Bahrain in the holy month of Ramadan."

The daily food distribution to 850 individuals is held in the presence of Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Director of Social Programs and Community Affairs Department and a number of officials in the province.

"We believe that the Kingdom of Bahrain attributes great im-



Capital Governorate officials and staff distribute food during the event

portance to the development of culture and human philanthropy as well as holds a priority to provide assistance to those in

need," Shaikh Hisham said. "Lastly, the Capital Governorate along with the help of stakeholders will continue to

provide humanitarian aid and provide all the support required for the development on the Capital and its people."

Ramadan cooking

Shish Kebabs

Serves 4 1 Hour

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tbsp. kosher salt
- 1 tbsp. ground black pepper, plus more
- 2 tsp. crushed saffron
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 2 lb. boneless, skinless chicken tenders, halved crosswise
- 8 large button mushrooms
- 4 plum tomatoes, cored
- 1 red pepper, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 zucchini, cut into 1-inch rounds
- Kosher salt
- 4 tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
- Lavash or pita, for serving



Instructions

Stir together juice, oil, salt, pepper, saffron, garlic, and onions in a bowl; add chicken, and toss to coat. Chill for 30 minutes. Build a medium-hot fire in a charcoal grill, heat a gas grill to medium-high, or heat broiler to high. Season chicken and vegetables with salt and pepper; skewer chicken and vegetables lengthwise on metal skewers. Grill chicken and vegetables, turning often and basting with butter, until vegetables are soft and charred, about 18-20 minutes for vegetables, and chicken is cooked through and slightly charred, about 10 minutes. Serve with lavash.