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## Gulf Air's inaugural Malaga flight touches down



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Officials during a photocall

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non salute and, upon arrival, a celebratory event was held at the airport with various dignitaries, Costa del Sol Tourism Authority, a number of local media and travel industry representatives, alongside airport officials.

Before departing from Bahrain International Airport, pas-

sengers were handed commemorative gifts.

Gulf Air's Chief Executive Officer Kresimir Kucko said: "This is a remarkable event for us to fly, for the first time, to Spain and especially to Malaga, which is widely popular for being a summer resort for many of our passengers. From today until

mid-September we will fly twice a week to Malaga and provide this great opportunity for everyone to try our newest Dreamliner and our newest premium leisure destination."

The seasonal flights are operated by Gulf Air's flagship aircraft Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner.

## GFH launches Harbour Row sales



GFH sales centre booth



Harbour Row residences

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GFH Properties, the real estate arm of GFH Financial Group, has launched sales of its landmark Harbour Row residences with an exclusive financing plan as the development continues to progress.

GFH Properties will also be showcasing offerings to visitors at The Avenues with a sales cen-

tre booth.

Harbour Row situated at the Bahrain Financial Harbour is made up of six buildings, split between the West and East side, four of which are residential buildings consisting of 322 apartments, with the other two buildings set to house a prime five-star hotel and 150 hotel apartments.

Sales and an exclusive financing package have now been

launched for luxury, state-of-the-art studios, one, two and three-bedroom apartments and exclusive penthouses with private swimming pools. The first instalment of 15 per cent is due 14 days from booking, the second instalment of 15pc due on handover, with the remaining 70pc to be paid after that in 60 equal monthly instalments.

Commenting, Laith Al Mear, Acting CEO of GFH Prop-

erties, said, "We look forward to furthering rapid progress at Harbour Row and to welcoming future residents to this one-of-a-kind project."

Among the works now completed on the East and West side residences are all substructure and superstructure works which are progressing aggressively on finishes. MEP works and external cladding is also well underway.

## Dr Al Jalahma keynote speaker at BDFEX Forum

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The organisers of BDFEX announced Dr Mariam Al Jalahma, CEO, National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA), as a keynote speaker.

The event, first forum for business development in the health sector, will take place under the patronage of Lieutenant General Doctor Sheikh Mohamed Bin Abdullah, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, on October 23 and 24, 2019.

The International Business Consultancy and Development Company (PROACT), and United Gulf Industrial Consortia (UGICON) will organise the event.

Dr Al Jalahma will review the efforts of Bahrain to achieve comprehensive health coverage and provide the best health services.

BDFEX aims to reinforce the local content of the health-care sector by providing new technologies and investments to achieve sustainable development in the health sector in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia as well.



Dr Al Jalahma keynote speaker at BDFEX Forum

**The Forum aims to create new jobs in the industry by encouraging investment in both small and medium enterprises and linking entrepreneurs with investors**

## US allows Iraq to import Iranian energy for three more months

Reuters | Baghdad

The United States has allowed Iraq to import Iranian gas for its power grid for another three months by extending a waiver to sanctions - but insists that Baghdad seek alternative sources.

Iraq has had several extensions to the waiver first granted last year after Washington reimposed sanctions on Tehran's oil sector forbidding countries from

purchasing Iranian energy.

"An additional 120-day waiver was granted to allow Iraq to continue to pay for electricity imports from Iran," the US State Department said in an emailed statement.

An Iraqi government source said the extension was given during a phone call between Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.



Mike Pompeo

The State Department said the United States continued to insist on "diversifying energy imports away from Iran," however.

President Donald Trump's administration has said oil-rich Iraq must become more self-reliant for its electricity, including by harnessing gas energy and reducing flaring at oil production sites.

US energy giant General Elec-

tric is in the running to win a large share of multibillion-dollar contracts to rebuild Iraq's electricity system amid intense US lobbying efforts.

Washington reimposed sanctions on Iran's oil industry in November, citing concerns about its nuclear programme and what it said was its meddling in the Middle East.

Iraqi officials have said they might need years to wean the

country of Iranian power.

Iraq relies heavily on Iranian gas to feed several power stations, importing roughly 1.5 billion standard cubic feet per day via pipelines in the south and east.

Although Iraq has one of the world's largest natural gas reserves, it has moved slowly to develop them and has relied on Iran to supply it with gas and electricity.