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BIA passes another test as D-day inches closer

Holds successful operational readiness trial for aircraft stands at new Passenger Terminal Building

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Launch preparations of Bahrain International Airport's (BIA) new Passenger Terminal Building are progressing smoothly for the first quarter of 2020, said Transport Minister.

Kamal Ahmed, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) Chairman, said this follows a series of live aircraft trials to assess the readiness of aircraft parking stands.

In total, 10 BIA airside stakeholders participated in the trials to test the operational and technical aspects of the new Multiple Aircraft Ramp System (MARS), including safety and operational procedures.

The trials involved different sized aircraft from airlines and cargo companies operating out of BIA, including Gulf Air, DHL, Cathay Pacific, Emirates, and Fly Dubai.

One of the trials involved a Gulf Air B787 aircraft, which taxied to the new MARS Stand 16



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and conducted a full turnaround operation, covering baggage handling and passenger board-

ing and de-boarding procedures. Also tested were Visual Docking and the Pre-conditioned Air

System, which helps pilots to precisely park aircraft, and the Pre-conditioned Air System, which provides condi-

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and passengers at the new terminal's runway, which also underwent special preparations.”

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The trials covered 400Hz ground power, which supplies the aircraft with electricity and reduces its carbon emissions; the Passenger Loading Bridges; the new LED Flood Light Towers, which illuminate the new aircraft stands; and the new aircraft fuel hydrants, which provide fuel from the new fuel farm at BIA.

The trials are part of the national ORAT programme, which is designed to progressively test the new terminal's functions, systems, and procedures to ensure they are ready for the transition phase. The ORAT process is split into three phases, pre-trials, basic trials, and advanced trials.

tioned air to cool and ventilate the cabins of parked aircraft.

Minister said: “BAC conducted preliminary trials at Stand 16 ahead of the reception of aircraft

BCCI hails leadership, people on National Day and Accession Day

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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) extended deepest congratulations to the leadership of Bahrain, the business community and people of Bahrain on the glorious occasion of the National Day and the 20th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Accession to the Throne.

BCCI Chairman Sameer Nass voiced pride in the landmark accomplishments, the development march and extensive reforms that put Bahrain at the forefront and reinforced the welfare and prosperity of people.

Nass wished Bahrain under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime



BCCI Chairman Sameer Nass

Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister further progress and prosperity.



Employees of Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company celebrate the National Day of Bahrain

Gulf Air flies daily to Kuala Lumpur starting July

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Gulf Air announced adding a new addition to its 2020 network, Kuala Lumpur, the largest city and the capital of Malaysia.

Commencing July 2020, Gulf Air will organise daily flights operated by the airline's flagship Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. “This is very exciting for us at Gulf Air to reach further places and connect multiple cities in the East and the West to our hub, the Kingdom of Bahrain,” stated Kresimir Kucko, Gulf Air's Chief Executive Officer.

“We are glad to resume operations to Kuala Lumpur; a



destination known for its leisure and business appeal. We will be operating daily flights to the Malaysian capital as it has proven to be an extremely popular destination to our passengers.”

With its boutique business model, Gulf Air has started its fleet modernisation programme and has already received 7 new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner and 5 new Airbus 320neo.



The Gulf Hotels Group's Chief Executive Officer Garfield Jones presenting the group's annual donation to the Bahrain Philanthropic Society's Chairman Fawzi Ahmed Kanoo. Garfield Jones said the contribution is part of its Corporate Social Responsibility Programme to support the charitable institutions. Representing Bahrain Philanthropic Society at the handover ceremony were Fawzi Ahmed Kanoo, Chairman, Dr Hassan Ibrahim Kamal - Secretary-General and Members of the Board Mohamed Ali Ajoor, Wael Ali Abdullah Sayar and Aref Saleh Jamsheer