

BisB Signs Strategic Partnership Agreement with Zain Bahrain to Offer Exclusive Home Fiber Packages to Customers

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative and simplified Islamic digital banking services in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has signed a strategic partnership agreement with Zain Bahrain, a leading telecom and technology provider in the Kingdom, to offer exclusive home fiber packages to BisB customers.

The collaboration aims to provide eligible customers applying for Housing financing from BisB with access to Zain Bahrain's fiber packages. These packages offer high speed connectivity, unlimited data, and exclusive benefits and discounts through the Zain Delights program. Customers opting for these packages will also enjoy first six months of com-



Mohammed Marhoon, Senior Director Consumer Marketing & Sales at Zain Bahrain and Faisal Al Abdullah, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BisB sign the agreement

plementary service, along with additional exclusive benefits.

Mr. Faisal Al Abdullah, Chief

Retail Banking Officer at BisB, stated: "We are pleased to enter this strategic collaboration

with Zain Bahrain, which falls in line with our continuous efforts to provide exclusive offers

and value added benefits to our customers applying for Housing financing. Through this collaboration, we aim to empower citizens and residents in search of affordable, high quality home fiber solutions by offering thoughtfully designed packages tailored to meet their daily needs. This partnership marks an important step towards providing integrated financing solutions that align with modern lifestyle demands."

Mr. Mohammed Marhoon, Senior Director Consumer Marketing & Sales at Zain Bahrain, stated: "Zain Bahrain is delighted to collaborate with Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) to offer these exclusive packages to its customers only. These offers have been developed with a unique and competitive edge, combining fast fiber speeds, at-

tractive pricing, and value-added benefits. Notably, the six-month complimentary service and waiving installation fees make this an ideal solution for customers seeking a seamless and rewarding experience from day one."

The exclusive fiber packages are available to a wide range of BisB customer segments, including Bahraini nationals with mid to high income levels, expatriates and retirees, ensuring broader access to this special offer.

This partnership underscores BisB's commitment to offering holistic banking solutions that go beyond financing, by integrating key lifestyle services such as home connectivity providing customers with added value and convenience as part of their home financing journey.

Ebrahim K. Kanoo delivers Toyota Camry Fleet to Arabian Taxi

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Ebrahim K. Kanoo, the sole distributor of Toyota vehicles in Bahrain, delivered a fleet of the All-New Toyota Camry to Arabian Taxi, a highly reputable taxi company in Bahrain, offering 24/7 transportation solutions to customers across the Kingdom.

Ebrahim K. Kanoo Director, Mr. Khaled Fuad Kanoo and Executive General Manager of Sales, Mr. Ismail Akbar handed the keys to Arabian Taxi Managing Director, Mr. Tawfeeq Al Qattan and HR Manager, Mr. Abdul Aziz Alalawi during



a ceremony at Toyota Showroom's New Car Delivery Centre. The new fleet of Camry ve-

hicles is guaranteed to enhance the taxi company's operations and improve the travel experi-

ence for passengers.

The Toyota Camry is a premier choice for taxi services

worldwide and particularly in the Middle East, thanks to its blend of durability, comfort, and

advanced technology. Known for its reliability, the Camry offers low operating costs and excellent fuel efficiency, making it economically viable for taxi operators. Its spacious cabin ensures a comfortable experience for passengers, while features like advanced safety systems and user-friendly infotainment enhance overall satisfaction.

In the Middle East, where extreme temperatures can be a challenge, the Camry's robust design and efficient air conditioning provide a dependable option for year-round use, making it a preferred vehicle for taxi fleets across the region.

Air Canada to resume flights after govt directive ends strike

AFP | Toronto

Air Canada said it will resume flying yesterday after the country's industrial relations board ordered an end to a strike by 10,000 flight attendants that effectively shut down the airline and snarled summer travel.

The Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) "directed Air Canada to resume airline operations and for all Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge flight attendants to resume their duties by 14:00 EDT on August 17, 2025," the airline said in a statement.

While it plans to resume flights yesterday evening, Canada's flag carrier warned it would take "several days before its operations return to normal."

Some flights are still set to be cancelled over the next seven to 10 days, it added.

Air Canada cabin crew walked off the job early Saturday over a wage dispute.

Hours later, Canada's labor policy minister, Patty Hajdu, invoked a legal provision to halt the strike and force both sides into binding arbitration.

"The directive, under section 107 of the Canada Labour Code, and the CIRB's order, ends the strike at Air Canada that resulted in the suspension of more



Striking Air Canada workers walk the picket line at Pearson International Airport in Toronto

than 700 flights," the Montreal-based carrier said.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), which is representing the workers, sought wage increases as well as to address uncompensated ground work, including during the boarding process.

It had previously said its members would remain on strike until the government formally issued an order that they return to work.

It had urged passengers not to go to the airport if they had a ticket for Air Canada or its

lower-cost subsidiary Air Canada Rouge.

While it did not immediately issue a response to the back-to-work directive, the CUPE earlier slammed the Canadian government's intervention as "rewarding Air Canada's refusal to negotiate fairly by giving them exactly what they wanted."

"This sets a terrible precedent," it said.

The union also pointed out that the chairwoman of CIRB, Maryse Tremblay, previously worked as legal counsel for Air Canada.

'Planting food, not hate': Brazil's Lula razzes Trump over tariff-hit grapes

AFP | Brasilia

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Saturday that he hopes Donald Trump can come and get to know the real Brazil, as the South American powerhouse reels from Washington's 50-percent tariffs.

In a video taken while he planted grapes -- one of the tariff-hit goods -- Brazil's leftist leader addressed Trump.

"I hope you can visit someday so we can talk and you can get to know the true Brazil, the Brazil of people who love samba, carnival, soccer, the United States, China, Russia, Uruguay, and Venezuela. We love everyone," Lula said.

The tariffs imposed on Brazil are among the steepest to hit a US trading partner.

And unlike with other countries, the measures against Brazil have been framed in openly political terms, with the Republican president justifying the move by alleging Brasilia is conducting a "witch hunt" against his ally, former president Jair Bolsonaro.

Bolsonaro is being tried for an alleged coup attempt against Lula in 2022, and the United States recently sanctioned the judge in the case, along with seven other Supreme Court magistrates.

Lula has backed the Supreme



Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva gestures as he speaks during the signing of a decree with measures to mitigate the economic impact of the US government's increase of up to 50% in import tariffs on Brazilian products at the Planalto Palace in Brasilia

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Court and promises to defend "the sovereignty of the Brazilian people."

His administration has also vowed to combat Trump's tar-

iffs, including by lodging an appeal if necessary.

The levies, which affect several key exports from the largest economy in Latin America, sweep aside centuries-old trade ties and a surplus that Brasilia put at \$284 million last year.

In his message on X, Lula said he was giving an example of "planting food, and not planting violence, or planting hate."

"I hope that someday we can talk, President Trump, so you can learn about the quality of the Brazilian people," he adds.