

DHL Express extends BIA lease

The logistics giant to remain in Bahrain for at least 10 more years

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Global logistics giant DHL Express yesterday extended its lease agreement with Bahrain International Airport (BIA), making Bahrain the company's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) regional hub for another 10 years.

Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalal, and DHL Express CEO for the Middle East and North Africa, Nour Suliman, signed the extension of the lease.

The signing was held in the presence of the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and BAC Chairman Kamal Ahmed, DHL Express Bahrain Chairman Shaikh Ahmed bin Ali Al Khalifa, DHL Express MENA Head of Operations, Bachi Spiga, DHL Express Bahrain HUB General Manager, Ali Aryan, and other officials from BAC and DHL.

The renewal also means DHL will celebrate half a century in Bahrain in the coming decade.

Commenting on the deal, the Minister said the agreement reflects the company's continued confidence in Bahrain, which has served as the regional hub for its operations for 42 years.

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DHL Express operates a total area of 57,000 square metres at BIA with its activities accounting for 56 per cent of the airport's total airfreight operations.

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The deal will allow DHL to play a significant role in initiatives to turn logistics and air cargo into one of Bahrain's primary industries, in line with the objectives of the Higher Coordinating Committee chaired by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Suliman, said: "Bahrain's position in the Middle East makes it a focal point for our business and the industry as a whole. It

has a distinctive geographical position and a vision of becoming the logistics centre for the region."

"With the logistics market steadily growing and expanding due to the rise of eCommerce, we too had to expand our business, and with Bahrain's "Business Friendly" approach and excellent infrastructure, it is well established to accommodate that growth."

BIA's infrastructure is currently undergoing a major upgrade through the Airport Modernisation Programme, one

of the most important national projects in the Kingdom's history.

The new Passenger Terminal will increase BIA capacity to 14 million passengers a year and its advanced technology will greatly enhance the efficiency of the services provided to both passengers and companies operating out of the airport. The new facility will also provide opportunities to establish partnerships with logistics companies across the Middle East, opening the Kingdom up to new trade prospects.



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Russell Peters to perform in Bahrain

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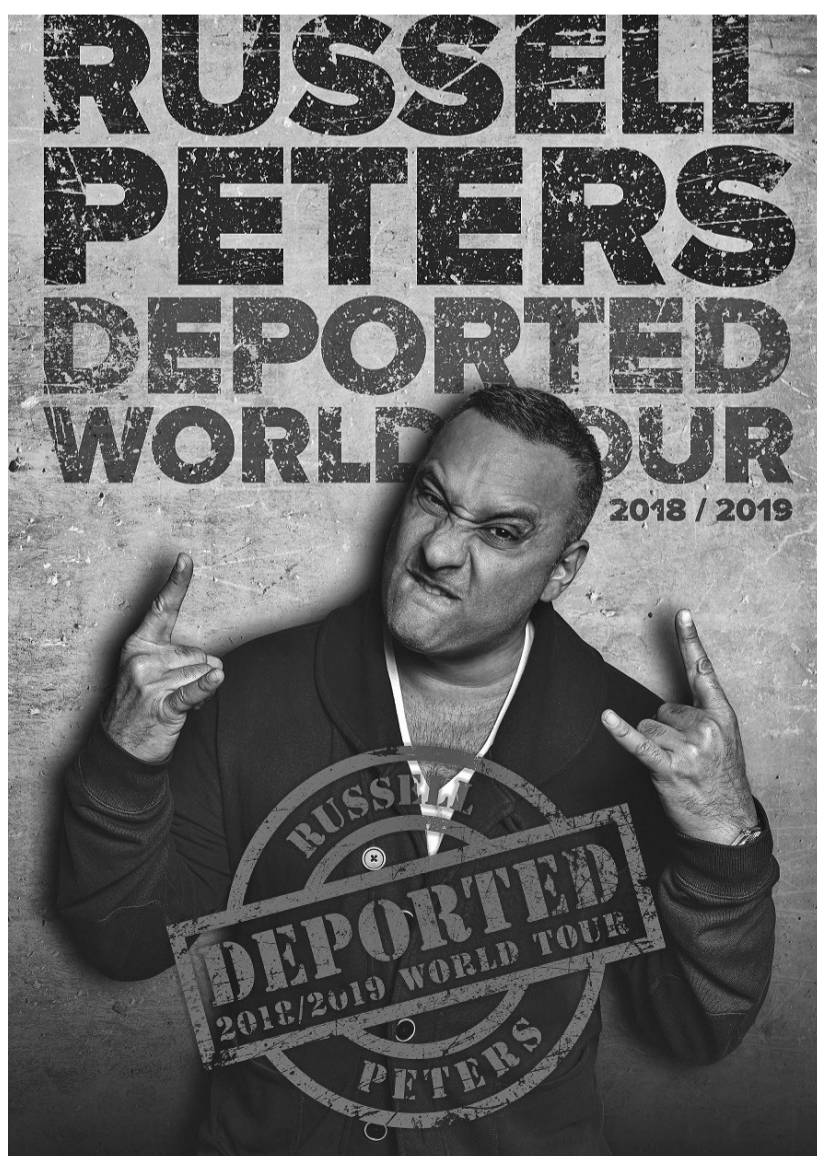
Russell Peters, renowned global stand-up comedian and actor, will perform in Bahrain at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre (BIECC) at Hall 2 on 8 June as a part of his brand new 'Deported' World Tour.

Featuring all-new material, Peters' latest world tour 'Deported' kick-started in Australia and New Zealand back in February 2018. The tour has travelled, ever since, to more than 40 cities across 20 countries and has been seen by over 100,000 fans worldwide.

Speaking on the occasion, Wassim Farhoud, Managing Director of Motivate Events & Media, said: "We are thrilled to be hosting Russell Peters in Bahrain for all the stand-up comedy lovers. The Emmy-winning comic star has a huge fan following in the Kingdom who are eagerly awaiting his stand-up show. Following the announcement of the 'Deported' world tour on our social media channels, we have generated a lot of attention from people of all ages, who are waiting enthusiastically for the show this Eid."

Peters is one of the most sought after comedians in the industry; besides being the first comedian to get a Netflix stand-up special, the comedy legend has received several awards including the Emmy®, Gemini® and Peabody®.

Peters has also appeared in multiple movies.



NOGA's annual electronic report 2018 launched



Oil Minister, Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, launching NOGA's Annual Electronic Report

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The National Oil and Gas Authority's (NOGA) Annual Electronic Report for the year 2018 was launched yesterday under the patronage of Oil Minister, Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. The authority also held its Ramadan Ghabga on the occasion in which officials and employees from NOGA, CEOs of oil companies and media personnel attended.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, the Minister extended deepest congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, on the holy month of Ramadan.

The minister also commended the tremendous efforts exerted by the workers in the oil sector.

Shaikh Mohammed

highlighted the Kingdom's landmark achievements in the oil and gas sector, citing the oil and gas discoveries and the inauguration of the new oil pipeline between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, the third gas plant and the Bahrain Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal, among others.

The ceremony also featured the honouring of the local press for the key role it has played in highlighting NOGA's activities and programmes through accurate and specialised coverage and reports.