

Al Salam Bank offers up to half-price discount on Keeta Orders for cardholders

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Al Salam Bank announced the launch of a new exclusive offer in collaboration with Keeta, the international on-demand food delivery platform backed by global technology leader Meituan, in celebration of Eid Al-Fitr. The offer allows Al Salam Bank Credit and Prepaid cardholders to enjoy special discounts on their orders through the Keeta application.

According to the offer's terms and conditions, Al Salam Bank clients can enjoy up to 50% discount on their orders through the Keeta app when using the Bank's cards for payment through the app's payment gateway. The offer applies to orders starting from BHD 5, where clients will receive



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a BHD 2.5 discount for orders between BHD 5 and BHD 9,999, while they will receive a BHD 5 discount for orders of BHD 10 and above. Each client can benefit from the offer twice during the campaign period starting from the first day of Eid and for five days, and the offer is limited to the first 4,000 orders only.

Commenting on the occasion,

Mr. Mohammed Buhijji, Chief Retail Banking Officer at Al Salam Bank, said: "At Al Salam Bank, we are keen to offer innovative and rewarding promotions that align with various occasions and provide our clients with added value in their everyday transactions. Our collaboration with Keeta comes as part of our ongoing efforts to expand partnerships



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that enhance the card payment experience. We are delighted to launch this special offer on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr, allowing our clients to enjoy exclusive discounts when ordering their favorite meals through the Keeta app."

On his part, Mr. Aiden Qiao, General Manager of Keeta Bahrain, said: "At Keeta, we focus on delivering a simple, reliable, and

rewarding delivery experience for users every time they place an order. Through our collaboration with Al Salam Bank, we aim to provide greater value to users during the Eid season and enable them to benefit from special offers on their everyday orders, supported by a smooth and seamless digital experience."

This offer comes as part of Al

Salam Bank's ongoing efforts to introduce the latest promotions and benefits for its cardholders, while promoting the use of digital payment solutions in everyday transactions, in addition to supporting partnerships with digital platforms that provide innovative services meeting clients' needs and keeping pace with their modern lifestyles.

Celebrate Eid at The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain

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This Eid al-Fitr, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain invites guests to embrace the spirit of the season with moments of peace, togetherness, and heartfelt celebration. Set against a serene beachfront backdrop, the resort offers a collection of thoughtfully curated experiences designed for families and friends to reconnect and create lasting memories.

Guests can mark the occasion with Eid Cake Delights at The Ritz Gourmet Lounge, featuring a refined selection of festive creations, including Kunafa Cake and individual date cakes—perfect for sharing with loved ones or gifting during visits.

For a more vibrant celebration, Cantina Kahlo presents a lively Eid Fiesta Brunch, where bold Mexican flavors, refreshing beverages, and the vibrant setting come together in a warm



and festive atmosphere, ideal for gathering with family and friends.

Adding to the celebrations, Mother's Day, which falls within the Eid period, offers another meaningful occasion to honor loved ones. At La Gourmandise, guests can discover an elegant selection of whole cakes, crafted

to make the moment both simple and memorable.

Those seeking relaxation can visit to The Ritz-Carlton Spa, where a curated menu of treatments provides tranquility—perfect for unwinding and restoring balance during the holiday.

For an extended stay, the resort's private villas offer the ul-



imate Eid sanctuary. Featuring private pools, direct beach access, and expansive living spaces, each villa creates an atmosphere of exclusivity and comfort, allowing guests to celebrate at their own pace in complete privacy.

This Eid, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain welcomes guests to slow

down, reconnect, and celebrate the joy of togetherness in an atmosphere of elegance, peace, and genuine hospitality.

For additional information about The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, please call the hotel directly at (+973) 1758 0000, or visit The Ritz-Carlton website at ritzcarlton.com/bahrain. Fol-



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Iran: US intel chief sidesteps Trump 'imminent threat' claim

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The head of US intelligence declined again Thursday to endorse President Donald Trump's claim that Iran posed an "imminent" threat before the United States and Israel launched military strikes.

Testifying on the war in the Middle East before the House Intelligence Committee, Tulsi Gabbard doubled down on her claim from a day earlier that this determination is "the responsibility of the president" -- a position that had already drawn sharp pushback from Democrats.

As with her appearance before senators on Wednesday, the hearing underscored persistent questions on Capitol Hill over

the administration's justification for the war -- and the extent to which it aligns with the intelligence community's own conclusions. "If the president can determine (to) ignore what you're doing, why do you guys even have a job?" California Democrat Jimmy Gomez asked after Gabbard and CIA Director John Ratcliffe said Trump ultimately decides on the urgency of a threat.

The exchange capped a hearing dominated by efforts to pin down whether any intelligence supported Trump's justification for the conflict, now entering its third week.

"Not one of your agencies has produced a single report saying that Iran posed an imminent threat to the United States," Jim

Himes, the panel's top Democrat, told Gabbard.

Gabbard, who coordinates the global security information brought to Trump as his director of national intelligence, was previously an outspoken opponent of war with Iran as a Democratic congresswoman.

She sidestepped repeated questions from Democrats on her own view of the immediacy of the danger posed by Iran, allowing only that she had delivered the intelligence community's "objective analysis" to the president.

Iran's intentions

At other points, she appeared to signal increased uncertainty about the direction Iran's depleted leadership would take

following the war's opening strikes.

She said the country's new supreme leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, had been "very severely" injured in an Israeli attack, adding that decision-making in Tehran was now less clear than it had been two months ago.

"That's an accurate assessment," she confirmed when asked if US officials were now less certain about Iran's intentions.

The hearing also highlighted tensions between Washington and Israel over the conduct of the war.

Gabbard acknowledged that the two allies have differing objectives, with Israel focused on dismantling Iran's leadership while the United States is

targeting its missile and naval capabilities.

Pressed on Israel's decision to strike Iranian energy infrastructure despite Trump urging restraint, she said: "I don't have an answer for that."

The testimony comes amid growing scrutiny of the intelligence underpinning the war, particularly after the resignation of Joe Kent, a senior counterterrorism official who argued in a letter to Trump that Iran did not pose an imminent threat.

Gabbard distanced herself from Kent's claims, saying only that "he said a lot of things in that letter" and emphasizing that the president makes decisions based on intelligence assessments provided to him.

Trump has repeatedly said he ordered the attack on Iran alongside Israel on February 28 because of an "imminent threat."



Trump previously said that a June 2025 US bombing raid on Iran had completely destroyed the country's nuclear sites, but since his latest war he has maintained that Tehran was nonetheless weeks away from a nuclear bomb and that he had to act.