

# NBB awards and hands over second Thara'a Villa prize to Khaled Ebrahim Hassan

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) is pleased to announce Khaled Ebrahim Hassan as the winner of the September Thara'a Prize Account draw, awarding a luxurious seafront villa in the Al Naseem project of Diyar Al Muharraq. The prize handover took place on Sunday, 19th October 2025.

The winner expressed his joy for winning the luxurious villa, surrounded by bank employees who joined him in marking this special milestone.

Commenting on the occasion, Subah Abdullatif Al Zayani, Chief Executive – Retail Banking at NBB, stated, "We are delighted to share this special moment with the winner, and we take pride in our ability to help turn our customers' dreams and aspirations into reality. We look forward to continue celebrating their trust in us and rewarding them for it."

The draw was conducted on 15th October in the presence of representatives from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC), along with internal and external auditors,



ensuring full transparency and regulatory compliance. Three luxurious seafront villas are still available to be won, with two Al Naseem villas and a cash prize of USD 2 million part of the upcoming Grand Prize draw for December.

Meanwhile, the winner of the third villa for the January 2026 prize will be announced in February.

NBB continues to honour its customers by offering rewards that enrich their lives. The Bank encourages everyone to

keep saving to increase their chances of winning with the Thara'a Prize Account, which can be opened through the NBB Digital Banking App, by visiting any of the Bank's branches, logging on to nbbonline.com, or calling 1721 4433.

## Beyon Cyber and Haven Cyber Technologies Enter MoU

To Bring Beyon Cyber's Pioneering Agentic-AI SOC Innovation to Global Markets



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Beyon Cyber, part of the Beyon Group, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Haven Cyber Technologies, a global cyber security services provider and a Microsoft Solutions Partner, through its UK-based subsidiary ITC Secure.

Under the MoU, Beyon Cyber and Haven will form a strategic partnership to deploy and integrate Orryx AI, Beyon Cyber's innovative agentic AI solution for Security Operations Centers (SOCs), within Haven's security operations environment. The goal is to enhance protection of Haven's global customer base and to support Beyon Cyber's global expansion.

Orryx AI delivers proactive, autonomous defense with greater speed and intelligence, outperforming SOCs that are purely staffed with human analysts. The platform cuts noise, reduces human analyst fatigue, and improves accuracy, response times and cost efficiency especially in the face of complex threats that are also increasingly AI based.

Dr. Shaikh Khalid bin Daij Al Khalifa, CEO of Beyon Cyber, commented: "Deploying Orryx AI with a global leader like Haven brings our platform into a global MSSP environment where its value may reach hundreds of clients. By automating detection, triage, and

response, we help international organizations stay ahead of algorithmic adversaries while demonstrating that regional innovation can set new benchmarks that challenge even the most established global players in AI-driven security."

Developed by Beyon Cyber Labs, Orryx AI is the region's first fully autonomous SOC platform. Unlike traditional tools that overwhelm analysts with alerts, Orryx AI autonomously investigates, prioritizes, and responds to threats. By combining intelligent noise reduction with adaptive learning, it delivers machine-speed triage, actionable insights, and continuous protection, allowing SOC teams to focus on high-impact decisions instead of manual firefighting.

Arno Robbertse, CEO of Haven, added: "Integrating Orryx AI into our SOC alongside Microsoft Copilot will strengthen our SOC's AI capabilities. It will enable us to provide our customers with speed and early warning while reducing cost; raising the bar for detection, triage, and response across all industries we serve."

As enterprises face more sophisticated attacks and mounting compliance demands, this deployment sets a new benchmark for managed security by delivering AI-driven resilience, greater operational efficiency, and continuous protection against evolving threats.

## Skyro UAE and Fasset sign MoU at GITEX 2025 to enhance digital financial services across GCC

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Skyro UAE, a digital financial technology group, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Fasset, a leading global fintech platform at GITEX 2025, to promote innovation in cross-border financial services across the GCC region.

The MOU was signed by Arsen Ljemetov, Co-Founder and Co-CEO of Skyro, and Daniel Ahmed, COO and Co-Founder of Fasset, with the rest of Skyro's senior leadership including Roberto Mancone, CEO of Skyro GCC and Stanislav Drozdik, Group CFO of Skyro, in attendance.



Under the terms of the partnership, Skyro UAE and Fasset will work together to develop and promote innovative retail international transfer solutions powered by stablecoins. These solutions will enable faster, more secure and cost-efficient cross-border remittances. Both

parties will also actively engage with regulators across the region to ensure maximum compliance and foster responsible innovation within the growing digital finance ecosystem.

Roberto Mancone, CEO of Skyro GCC said: "We are grateful for our partnership with Fasset,

as it marks an important step in strengthening our group's fintech capabilities across the GCC. This partnership will allow us to explore new digital financial structures that align with our mission to make financial services more accessible to customers globally."

Daniel Ahmed, COO and Co-Founder of Fasset, said: "Partnering with Skyro UAE enables us to further our shared goal of building inclusive and innovative financial ecosystems. Together, we aim to redefine how value moves across borders – using blockchain and tokenization to deliver secure, fast and efficient financial services to people in the region."

## BisB participates in National Tree Week initiative in cooperation with Bahrain Society for Children with Behavioral and Communication Difficulties

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As part of its commitment to social responsibility and environmental awareness, Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) collaborated with Bahrain Society for Children with Behavioral and Communication Difficulties to implement the National "Tree Week" initiative. Children from the Society's Alia Center for Rehabilitation, Training, and Early Intervention joined BisB's management and staff in planting a selection of trees at the center's entrance. The initiative was held in celebration of National Tree Week, launched



by His Royal Highness Prince Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This initiative reflects BisB's continued efforts to support

national strategies aimed at expanding green spaces and

promoting environmental consciousness across the Kingdom. It aligns with Bahrain's National Afforestation Plan, which seeks to increase vegetation cover in line with the Kingdom's commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

National Tree Week serves as a platform to promote sustainable practices, encourage innovation in environmental protection, and preserve natural resources. It also reinforces environmental responsibility and security through the adoption of eco-friendly behaviours.