

Ebrahim K. Kanoo names winners of 19th Toyota Dream Car Art Contest



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Ebrahim K. Kanoo (EKK), the exclusive distributor for Toyota vehicles in Bahrain, is delighted to reveal the champions of the 19th edition of the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest.

This much-celebrated competition, held from 5 January to 5 February, invited young children from across three age



groups—7 years and below, 8 to 11 years, and 12 to 15 years—to showcase their imaginative visions of the car of the future through art and creativity.

In the 7 years and below category, Jiyara Mariam Jerry claimed the first position, with Aashvi Ghosh earning second place and Sajjan Rudmr Ganesh securing third. The 8 to 11 years category saw Jawaher Bader Aldoseri take first place, fol-

lowed by Muneera Punnaves in second and Jana Sayed Abbas Alawi in third. For the 12 to 15 years group, Zayan Fariah Nalakath emerged as the winner, with Fatima Ali Hashem and Adithi Thyagarajan taking second and third places respectively. Each winner received medals, gifts and valuable cash prizes, recognizing their outstanding talents and enthusiasm for Toyota. Their winning

artworks will now represent Bahrain in the next phase of the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest, offering a chance to progress to the prestigious World Contest.

At the international stage, the World Contest presents a grand prize of USD5,000 for the leading participant and an educational grant of USD10,000 for the winner's school.

Brazil's Lula urges Trump to treat all countries equally

AFP | New Delhi, India

Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva urged Donald Trump on Sunday to treat all countries equally after the US leader imposed a 15 percent tariff on imports following an adverse Supreme Court ruling.

"I want to tell the US President Donald Trump that we don't want a new Cold War. We don't want interference in any other country, we want all countries to be treated equally," Lula told reporters in New Delhi.



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The conservative-majority Supreme Court ruled six to three on Friday that a 1977 law Trump has relied on to slap sudden levies on individual countries, upending global trade, "does not authorize the President to impose tariffs".

Lula said he would not like to react to the Supreme Court decisions of another country, but hoped that Brazil's relations with the United States "will go back to normalcy" soon.

The veteran leftist leader is expected to travel to Washington next month for a meeting with Trump.

EU 'expects' US to honour trade deal as Trump hikes tariffs



US President Donald Trump arrives to speak during a press conference in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House in Washington, DC

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The European Commission called yesterday for Washington to abide by the terms of the trade deal struck last year with the EU, as President Donald Trump announced new global tariff hikes a day after an adverse Supreme Court ruling. "A deal is a deal. As the United States' largest trading partner, the EU expects the US to honour its commitments set out in the Joint Statement -- just as the EU stands by its commitments," said a commission statement.

"The European Commission requests full clarity on the steps the United States intends to take following the recent Supreme Court ruling on the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA)," it said.

Trump temporarily raised the global duty on imports into

the United States to 15 percent on Saturday, delivering a fresh jolt of uncertainty just a day after the Supreme Court ruled much of his international tariffs campaign illegal.

The EU and United States last year struck an agreement setting US tariffs at a maximum 15 percent on most European goods.

"EU products must continue to benefit from the most competitive treatment, with no increases in tariffs beyond the clear and all-inclusive ceiling previously agreed," the commission said.

It warned that "when applied unpredictably, tariffs are inherently disruptive, undermining confidence and stability across global markets and creating further uncertainty across international supply chains".

The EU executive said it remained "in close and continuous contact" with Trump's administration and that EU Trade

commissioner Maros Sefcovic had spoken with US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer and Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick on Saturday.

The European Parliament's trade committee is due to approve the EU-US deal on Tuesday -- but the Supreme Court judgment casts doubt on that now happening.

The committee's head, Bernd Lange, said he would call during a meeting of parliament's political groups on Monday for putting "legislative work on hold until we have a proper legal assessment and clear commitments from the US side".

"Pure tariff chaos from the US administration. No one can make sense of it anymore -- only open questions and growing uncertainty for the EU and other US trading partners," Lange wrote.

"Clarity and legal certainty are needed before any further steps are taken," he added.

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Cash Dividend Recommendation

The Board of Directors of Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company B.S.C. resolved, at its meeting held on 22 February 2026 to recommend the distribution of dividend for the year ending 31 December 2025 to the shareholders whose names are registered on the company's register on the Record Date. This is subject to the approval of the company's shareholders on the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The proposed distribution is as follows:

- 1) Cash Dividend: 17% of the paid-up capital, equivalent to 17 Fils per share, amounting to a total of BD 3,424,284.

Below are the key dates to be taken note of:

Event	Date
General Meeting Date (Shareholders' approval date)	25 March 2026
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	26 March 2026
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	29 March 2026
Record Date (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	30 March 2026
Payment Date (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	12 April 2026

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