

Alba launches 'Safety Selfie' campaign



Top Alba and senior government officials along with other dignitaries at the event.

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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) Safety Campaign for the year titled 'Safety Selfie' was launched yesterday at the company premises.

The 'Safety Selfie' Campaign will highlight various aspects of Safety, Health and Environment in the workplace, at home and on the road, through a number of activities, including safety visits by management members to operational areas, awareness sessions for the employees as well as safety competitions.

During the event to launch the campaign Alba senior officials

explained that the campaign would capitalise on the power of social media in spreading awareness about safety. The campaign encourages residents to become 'safety messengers' and use social media to spread awareness about safety.

Alba's Chairman of Alba's Board of Directors -- Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa, the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA) - Abdulla Kalban were the Guests of Honour at the event.

The opening ceremony also witnessed the attendance of of-

ficials from Bahrain's Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Labour and Social Development, diplomats from the embassies of Germany and Switzerland as well as representatives from Bahrain's downstream companies and major suppliers of Alba.

Present also at the opening ceremony were: Alba Board Director Dr. Moh'd Kameshki, Alba's Executive Management led by the Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray and Alba Directors, Managers as well as employees from various departments.

Commenting on the occasion, Shaikh Daij said: "I am pleased to welcome all our guests today



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MR MURRAY

to witness Alba's 'Safety Selfie' campaign. Safety is not just a job requirement but it has become a way of life in Alba. While all our Safety campaigns have a different

theme, they have only one message -- Safety first at all times. I thank the Executive Management at Alba for their relentless efforts towards establishing and

strengthening a Safety-conscious work environment."

Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Murray, said, "Alba is proud to be a leader in employee Safety and Health. Our year-round Safety campaigns seek to achieve continuous commitment from all levels of employees towards working and living safely."

"The 'Safety Selfie' campaign is in line with our expectations for 2018, which serves our ultimate goal of 'Safety First, Safety Always'. Capitalising on using the social media platforms for direct communication means that our Safety messages are boundless," he said.

Diraz bombers' life sentences upheld

30 defendants were tried in connection with the case; one acquitted for lack of evidence

● All convicted were allegedly part of Al Karar Brigades which claimed responsibility for several bombings in the Kingdom.

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Ali Tarif

The High Appeals Court has upheld the life sentences of three defendants convicted of detonating bombs

in Diraz in 2014.

Another man involved in this case has had his five year's imprisonment upheld, while three other appellants' jail terms were reduced from five to three years.

One of the appellants' life term was cut to 15 years behind bars, while the High Appeals Court refused to look into the appeals of two other convicted men.

A total of 30 defendants were tried in connection with this case. The High Criminal Court had earlier acquitted one defendant implicated in this incident due to lack of evidence, but

slapped eight men with life sentences and revoked their Bahraini citizenship.

Twenty suspects received five years in jail and one of them was fined BD3,000. The 30th defendant was handed down 10 years imprisonment and his nationality was as well revoked.

All convicted were allegedly part of Al Karar Brigades which claimed responsibility for several bombings in the Kingdom.

They set off nine bombs in Diraz. "I detonated one of the bombs in collaboration with the second, third, eighth

and 28th defendants. I was trained by the 30th defendant on detonating and making bombs," the first defendant had told prosecutors.

The second defendant, meanwhile, told judges that he was the one who instructed the first defendant to make bombs.

"He made these bombs with the help of the 18th defendant," the second defendant revealed.

The Public Prosecution charged the defendants with detonating bombs with an intention to put people's lives in danger.

Expat in ordeal as wife gets deported

● The woman was found seeking help from people outside Krishna Temple in Bab Al Bahrain when arrested by police.

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Harpreet Kaur

An expat, who lost his voice after suffering a physical disorder, is stuck in the Kingdom as his wife was deported.

Abdul Quam, 65, came to Bahrain as a labourer and a year ago he was diagnosed with a peculiar medical condition.

With an aim to take care of her husband apart from finding a job for herself, wife Suga Bibi, 55, came to Bahrain few months ago.

Sources say the family was living in a miserable condition with no food to eat and no proper accommodation.

The woman was found seeking help from people outside Krishna Temple in Bab Al Bahrain when arrested by police.

Upon reaching the Kingdom, her sponsor had allegedly disowned her, leaving the police with no option but to depart her to the home country.

The couple wanted to go back to their home country together. Now Abdul's destiny is with the providence, the source added.

'Crochet Queens' honoured by embassy



MICQ members with Mr Sinha.

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Thirteen women of the Mother India's Crochet Queens (MICQ) - Bahrain were facilitated by the Indian Embassy for their third consecutive award from the World Guinness Records.

The Guinness certificates were awarded to mark the "world

record" for "the largest display of crochet sculptures". It was achieved with a display of 58,917 sculptures by MICQ, in Chennai, India on January 21, 2018.

The group has successfully set earlier Guinness Records for the largest crochet blanket and the longest crochet scarf in 2016 and 2017 respectively.

Speaking at the function, Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar

Sinha praised the underlying "Go Green" theme that had been chosen for the record event, which was particularly relevant since India had just recently hosted the "World Environment Day" in June 2018.

He reiterated that it is essential for today's youth to understand the age-old teaching in Indian scriptures about the importance of conserving nature and taking

nothing away from it.

Ashwini Anil, goodwill ambassador for MICQ, Bahrain, explained about the MICQ projects in general and the unique aspects of this project, where exhibits featured depictions of Bahrain's landmarks and various facets of Arab culture.

She touched on how the Bahrain team had incorporated these aspects of Bahrain, as a way of

thanking the country which has become their second home.

The recipients of the Guinness Award included Asha Rani, Ashwini Anil, Ashwini Basmatkar, Darshana Rashmin Udeshi, Harini Mukundh, Maliakkal Bleseena George, Prajakta Khedkar, Priya Sethuraman, Rajeshwari Aplesh Chouhan, Savera Mahendra, Sowmya Ramkumar, Swapnali Milind Divekar and Vasanthi Gurusami.