

## MG ZS EV: Kingdom's first fully electric SUV available to order

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**M**G Motor Bahrain - Zayani Motors, the exclusive distributor of MG Motor in Bahrain, has recently unveiled the MG ZS EV; Bahrain's only fully electric vehicle that is available to order.

Available for prices starting from BD12,180 the new sensation is a family-friendly electric SUV that is designed for those who want all the advantages of a zero-emissions vehicle without compromising on performance, practicality or style.

Powered by a 44.5kWh, liquid-cooled, lithium-ion battery, delivering 353Nm of instant torque and with 105kW of power, the MG ZS EV grants a driving range of up to 263 kilometres from a single charge, which is done seamlessly thanks to its CCS and Type 2 ports, mounted



The new MG ZS EV is now available at MG Motor Bahrain Zayani Motors showroom in Ma'ameer.

within the front grille for easy access from either side of the car.

Moreover, the MG ZS EV can be charged to up to 80% from a direct current rapid charging point, while it would take around seven hours to fully charge at home through a 7kW

fixed wall charger.

The new vehicle comes in three driving modes; Eco, Normal and Sport, allowing the car to fully adapt to your everyday driving needs and ensure you a smooth experience on city roads, off-roading or long-dis-

tance rides.

As for the cabin, the MG ZS EV is equipped with a range of features that make the cabin feel comfortable, convenient and relaxing, as it comes with an eight-inch colour touchscreen with Apple CarPlay™ and Android

Auto™, six speakers surround sound audio, satellite navigation and more to further enhance the level of technology found within this family-friendly electric SUV.

Additionally, the MG ZS EV comes with MG PILOT; a combination of up to 10 onboard easily-controlled systems that embody MG's firm commitment to safety, ensuring to keep you and your passengers safe by providing a unique and extensive range of safety and technology aids. With its 10 Active Driver Safety, MG PILOT is constantly sensing your surroundings and keeping you alert for unseen hazards.

Commenting on the occasion, Mohammed Zaki, General Manager at Zayani Motors, stated: "We are thrilled to be the Kingdom's pioneers in the field of electric cars. The world

is changing now, with tremendous efforts being exerted to raise awareness on the dangerous impacts of carbon emissions on the environment. Hence, the global approach is focused now on promoting electrically-powered vehicles that do not leave a heavy impact on the environment. This has been reflected by the announcement recently made by the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain to bring carbon emissions to net zero by 2060. At Zayani Motors, we are glad to kickstart the trend of the future, enabling our valued clients to purchase a fully-electric SUV with advanced features."

The MG ZS EV comes with an unmatched eight-year or 200,000 km warranty on the batteries (whichever comes first) across the MENA region.

## Introducing the power of the new BFC Pay app!

● **The BFC Pay App is available on Google Play Store, App Store and Huawei AppGallery**

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**B**FC Payments announced the launch of its new and powerful BFC Pay App. The enhanced App has a digital wallet that includes easy account opening using eKYC and can load money or receive your salary directly to the mobile wallet. The app enables customers to do international remittance, local bill payments, wallet to wallet money transfer and much more using three different payment methods - BenefitPay App, Benefit Payment Gateway and BFC Pay wallet

BFC Payments, the Fintech arm of BFC Group, provides digital payments services for Corporates, SMEs and Consumers. One of the significant features on the new BFC Pay App, is the digital wallet, was to comply with LMRA's Wage Protection System (WPS) initiative that provides the unbanked sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain with digital salary accounts. This law requires employers to pay employees through any medium licensed by CBB.

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straight to customers mobile wallet."

The new BFC Pay App also enables users to remit money worldwide at great rates - quickly, safely and conveniently.

Deepak Nair, CEO of BFC said, "This is a major digital leap for us and is part of the Group's significant commitment to invest in digital innovation. With BFC powering international remittance on the BFC Pay App, we are delighted to extend our online money transfer services, increasing customer convenience."

The BFC Pay App comes with additional features such as secure biometric and PIN login, instantly adding and managing beneficiaries, keeping a track of remittance, bill payments and wallet transaction history, rates notifications, and much more.



Business Development, Strategic Partnerships & Innovation of BFC Payments said, "While offering local and international payments to our Banked customers, BFC Pay will be a salary account for the unbanked segment. Now our WPS digital Payroll system work hand-in-hand with the new app which enables our corporate and SME clients to disburse the salary

## Batelco launches IP transit service on Manama-IX

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**B**atelco has announced that its IP Transit service is now available on Manama-IX (MN-IX), the Bahrain-based Internet exchange platform that interconnects global carriers, local and international operators and both content and cloud providers including Amazon, Google and Microsoft.

Batelco's IP Transit is a service that provides a dedicated connection for Internet service providers and other entities, to access the Internet through its robust national and international networks.

Batelco's customers who are part of the MN-IX platform will benefit from this move by gaining automatic access to a wider range of international content providers on the Internet, over a diverse suite of international uplinks.



With a single port for multi-connectivity services through MN-IX, customers benefit from extended reach, reliability, availability, and direct connectivity. Additional benefits include scalability as the service can be expanded to meet its customers' changing needs. Customers can be confident that in the case of any issues, Batelco provides round-the-clock support.

Hani Askar, Chief Global Business Officer at Batelco, said, "The introduction of

Batelco's in-demand IP Transit service on Manama-IX, which is a first of its kind, essentially enables customers access to one of the leading regional IP Transit services to serve content and transport international content to give our customers that added confidence, Batelco provides route diversity, via terrestrial and submarine cables, which meets industry demands for resiliency and positions Batelco as a leading regional provider for the IP Transit service."

"Previously customers requiring IP transit services to reach leading global service providers, needed to secure their own individual links to access the service. Batelco has eliminated this step by launching the service over Manama-IX enabling all members of the platform to gain instant and seamless access, and also at a more competitive cost."

## Apple files lawsuit against NSO Group, saying US citizens were targets

Reuters

**A**pple Inc said on Tuesday it has filed a lawsuit against Israeli cyber firm NSO Group and its parent company OSY Technologies for alleged surveillance and targeting of US Apple users with its Pegasus spyware. The iPhone maker said it is also seeking to ban NSO

Group from using any Apple software, services or devices to prevent further abuse.

Apple is the latest in a string of companies and governments to come after NSO, the maker of the Pegasus hacking tool that watchdog groups say targeted human rights workers and journalists. Earlier this month, US officials placed the company

on a trade blacklist. NSO has also faced either legal action or criticism from Microsoft Corp, Meta Platforms Inc, Alphabet Inc and Cisco Systems Inc.

NSO is allegedly involved in circumventing security for products made by these companies and selling that circumvention in the form of hacking tools to foreign governments.

## Malabar Gold and Diamonds inaugurates new showroom in Ghatkopar

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**M**alabar Gold and Diamonds, one among the largest jewellery retailers globally with a strong retail network of over 260 outlets spread across 10 countries, has launched its new showroom in Ghatkopar, Mumbai, taking the total showroom count in Maharashtra to 11.

Located at MG Road, opposite Ram Mandir in Ghatkopar East, the showroom is right in the heart of the jewellery market in Ghatkopar, offering excellent design variety and customer service.

The showroom was virtually inaugurated by M.P. Ahammed, Chairman, Malabar Group in the presence of Malabar Gold & Diamonds dignitaries including KP Abdul Salam, Vice Chairman, Malabar Group; Shamlal Ahmad, Managing Director - Interna-



Chief guest MP Manoj Kotak declared Malabar Gold & Diamonds showroom in Ghatkopar, Mumbai, India open, following a virtual inauguration by Malabar Group Chairman MP Ahammed, in the presence of other management team members of Malabar Gold & Diamonds.

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Kotak opened the showroom for customers.

Spread across 3,700 sq. ft., the new Malabar Gold and Diamonds showroom houses an impressive array of beautifully crafted jewellery in the finest gold, diamond and precious stones. A wide range of collections suitable for the diverse cultures and customs of the local community as well as an extensive range of designs to suit traditional and contemporary tastes has been made available to cater to the needs of the customers.

From resplendent antique jewellery to ethereal polki sets, vibrant gemstone collections, traditional gold ornaments, elegant diamond masterpieces, contemporary lightweight designs and mangalsutras - the new showroom offers jewellery for every mood and occa-

sion. The store also showcases chandan and traditional bridal jewellery. The well-acclaimed Brides of India Collection, with specially curated Maharashtrian and Gujarati bridal jewellery, makes the store a must-visit for prospective brides.

Malabar Group chairman MP Ahammed said, "I am confident that our new store in Ghatkopar will impress jewellery buyers with its strong customer service and product variety. We are grateful to the city and its people for welcoming us and allowing us the privilege of being part of their auspicious occasions and celebrations."

As a part of the group's CSR initiative, Malabar Gold and Diamonds will set aside 5% of the profit earned by the Ghatkopar showroom for various charitable and philanthropic activities in this region.