

Tamkeen launches paid internship sales drive

Monthly stipends support localisation push

- Six-month training with internships
- BD 200 monthly stipend offered
- Builds skills in sales sector

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Tamkeen and the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) have launched the second edition of their Sales Graduate Development Programme, reinforcing national efforts to localise private sector jobs by equipping Bahraini graduates with real-world experience and finan-



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cial support.

Paid training push

Targeted at unemployed Bahraini graduates with no prior sales experience, the six-month programme combines classroom learning with internships at leading organisations in Bahrain. It offers a structured path-



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way into the sales field through hands-on exposure, while supporting participants with monthly stipends to ease their entry into the job market.

The initiative is part of a broader national strategy to raise economic participation among Bahraini youth, with a clear emphasis on building professional

confidence and practical sales and customer care skills.

Skills meet sector needs

Graduates enrolled in the programme will receive training in customer engagement, digital tools, marketing, and sales techniques. The goal is to prepare them for long-term careers across diverse sectors that rely on sales professionals, from retail and real estate to financial services and tech.

Backed by Tamkeen, the programme helps employers source local talent trained in both soft and technical competencies. It also supports Bahrain's labour market priorities by matching skill-building with real-time workforce needs.

Sustained collaboration

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Officer at Tamkeen, said the programme's second edition reflected Tamkeen's ongoing commitment to raising the employability of nationals. "By equipping fresh graduates with sales and customer engagement skills, we are preparing them to tap into a sector full of potential," he noted.

Anood Abbas, Head of the Leadership and Management Centre at the BIBF, described the initiative as a transformative entry point for new professionals. "This programme is tailored for those at the beginning of their professional journey, offering a transformative experience that combines theoretical knowledge with direct workplace exposure," she said.

With applications now open, the programme continues to offer fresh graduates a critical first

step into the workforce, bridging the gap between education and employment with the added incentive of paid internships.



Participants in Tamkeen's graduate training programmes typically receive a monthly BD 200 stipend, with some employers topping up the amount to BD 300 depending on the role and sector.

G7 agrees to exempt US multinational Companies from global minimum tax

AFP | Ottawa, Canada



government, which pushed hard for the compromise.

The deal will see US companies benefit from a "side-by-side" solution under which they will only be taxed at home, on both domestic and foreign profits, the G7 said in a statement released by Canada, which holds the group's rotating presidency.

The agreement was reached in part due to "recently proposed changes to the US international tax system" included in Trump's signature domestic policy bill, which is still being debated in Congress, the statement said.

The side-by-side system could "provide greater stability and certainty in the international tax system moving forward,"

it added.

Nearly 140 countries struck a deal in 2021 to tax multinational companies, an agreement negotiated under the auspices of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

That agreement, deeply criticized by Trump, includes two "pillars," the second of which sets a minimum global tax rate of 15 percent.

The OECD must ultimately decide to exempt the US companies from that tax -- or not.

The G7 said it looked forward to "expeditiously reaching a solution that is acceptable and implementable to all."

On Thursday, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent had sig-

naled that a "joint understanding among G7 countries that defends American interests" was in the works.

He also asked US lawmakers to "to remove the Section 899 protective measure from consideration in the One, Big, Beautiful Bill" -- Trump's policy mega-bill.

Section 899 has been dubbed a "revenge tax," allowing the government to impose levies on firms with foreign owners and on investors from countries deemed to impose unfair taxes on US businesses.

The clause sparked concern that it would inhibit foreign companies from investing in the United States.

Strike shuts down Bangladesh's biggest port

AFP | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Operations at Bangladesh's biggest port were suspended on Sunday as a strike by customs officials brought shipping activity to a halt.

The shutdown at Chittagong Port is part of an ongoing dispute between tax authority employees and the government, which is trying to overhaul the body.

"The port typically handles around 7,000 to 8,000 containers daily... But since this morning, there has been no movement in offloading or onboarding of goods," said Mohammed Omar Faruq, secretary of the Chittagong Port Authority.

"This is having a huge impact on the country's economic situation," he told AFP.



Bangladesh is the world's second-largest garment manufacturer, while textile and garment production accounts for about 80 percent of the country's exports.

Mahmud Hasan Khan, president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, said the halt in port operations would cost the industry \$222 million.

Alba records 37 million safe working hours without LTI



Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), the world's largest aluminium smelter on one site, has attained another achievement in its Occupational Safety by reaching 37 million safe working hours without a Lost Time Injury (LTI) on 27 June 2025. This significant addition to Alba's distinguished safety track record reflects its commitment to fostering a safe, healthy and resilient work environment for its employees and contractors' workers.

Vatel Bahrain Observes Grand Oral Examination at Vatel Nîmes, France



Vatel Bahrain recently attended the Grand Oral examination at Vatel Nîmes, France, to observe its structure and train on its assessment methodologies. The examination is held annually and constitutes the final assessment for graduating students pursuing a bachelor's degree in International Hotel Management. Sheikh Khaled bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, General Director of Vatel Bahrain, affirmed the value of this experience: "Witnessing the Grand Oral examination's discussions firsthand allows us to ensure the alignment of our practices with Vatel France's standards. It is a testimony that Vatel Bahrain is committed to continuous upskilling, maintaining excellence in hospitality education in Bahrain."