

Zero tolerance!

Attorney General declares severe penalties against those who compromise Kingdom's food security, manipulate market prices

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A zero-tolerance policy is to be imposed against anyone who illegally and unethically takes advantage of the current circumstances to compromise Bahrain's food security or to manipulate the markets and hike prices.

This was declared yesterday by Attorney General Ali bin Fadhl Al Buainain.

Al Buainain warned that those who seek to influence the prices of products in any way would be referred to criminal courts, where they would face prison terms of up to five years and fines of at least BD5,000 in addition to the confiscation of their products.

The attorney general issued the warning as the public prosecution launched an investigation after Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism inspectors reported they discovered three warehouses where large quantities of vegetables and fruits had



Attorney General Al Buainain

been stocked since February to manipulate the market and inflate prices.

The prosecution summoned the inspectors to hear their testimony, seized the records of the fruits and vegetables in the warehouses, and asked the ministry to take the necessary action to achieve abundance in all foodstuffs, reduce prices, and protect consumers.

Industry Ministry, BCCI reassure sufficient food supply, usual prices

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Top commerce officials reassured the public yesterday that there are sufficient quantities of food commodities at regular prices.

This came in a meeting between Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed R. Al Zayani and Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Food Wealth Committee chairman Khalid Ali Al Ameen.

They reviewed the latest developments of the local market with regards to the availability of basic food commodities and the control of their prices.

The minister commended the efforts exerted by BCCI, in cooperation with the Industry Ministry's Inspection Directorate, to be informed about the supply and demand movement in the local market, along with the availability of food commodities, especially fruits and vegetables, at reasonable prices during this exceptional period.

Minister Al Zayani reassured that food supplies cover the needs of the domestic market and consumers fully.

Al Ameen lauded the measures and decisions



Minister Al Zayani, right, with Al Ameen

taken by the government, represented by the Industry Ministry, to address the effects of the current crisis. He stressed that he and the ministry are both well-aware of the daily

movement of the market and the availability of quantities of fruits and vegetables at reasonable prices.

He added that the flow of goods in recent days, and the

shipments that will arrive during the coming days, will contribute to provide sufficient goods, as well as serve to the decline of prices to their usual level.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
As at		Year ended 31 December		
31 December 2019	31 December 2018	2019	2018	
BD'000	BD'000	BD'000	BD'000	
	(Restated)		(Restated)	
Assets				
Cash and balances with the Central Bank of Bahrain	10,846	7,863	5,498	
Due from financial institutions	1,093	699	5,491	
Due from other entities of the Head Office	140	158	2,092	
Investments at amortised cost	14,569	14,671	11,388	
Investments at FVOCI	44,212	45,105	48,557	
Loans and advances at amortised cost	37,593	55,793	89,118	
Other assets	1,238	1,755	1,713	
Property and equipment	260	226	245	
Total assets	109,951	126,270	164,102	
Liabilities and Head Office funds				
Liabilities				
Customers' deposits	67,884	85,692	119,796	
Due to financial institutions	13,197	21,488	22,644	
Due to other entities of the Head Office	10,380	3,713	2,642	
Other liabilities	1,663	2,383	2,400	
Total liabilities	93,124	113,276	147,482	
Head Office funds				
Capital	2,300	2,300	2,300	
Unremitted profit	11,454	11,385	12,375	
Fair value reserve	3,073	(691)	1,945	
Total Head Office funds	16,827	12,994	16,620	
Total liabilities and Head Office funds	109,951	126,270	164,102	
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Year ended 31 December				
2019				
BD'000				
(Restated)				
Interest income	6,541	7,274		
Interest expense	(3,403)	(3,608)		
Net interest income	3,138	3,666		
Fee and commission income - net	238	252		
Foreign exchange gain	93	207		
Other operating income	268	378		
Operating income	3,737	4,503		
Staff expenses	(930)	(1,136)		
Premises expenses	(95)	(273)		
Other operating expenses	(973)	(887)		
Total operating expenses	(1,998)	(2,296)		
Profit for the year before provision for impairment	1,739	2,207		
Allowance for impairment - net	(538)	(39)		
Profit for the year	1,201	2,168		
Other comprehensive income				
Items that will not be reclassified in subsequent periods to profit or loss:				
Net change in fair value of equity investments FVOCI	(8)	(21)		
Remeasurement of defined benefit obligations	33	46		
Items that are or maybe reclassified in subsequent periods to profit or loss:				
Net change in fair value of debt investments at FVOCI	3,997	(2,262)		
Net decrease on financial assets measured at FVOCI reclassified to profit or loss on disposal	(225)	(309)		
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	3,797	(2,546)		
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	4,998	(378)		
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN HEAD OFFICE FUNDS				
Capital				
Unremitted profit				
Fair value reserve				
Total				
BD'000				
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BD'000				
2019				
BD'000				
Balances at 1 January	2,300	11,690	(691)	13,299
Effect of restatement	-	(305)	-	(305)
At 1 January (restated)	2,300	11,385	(691)	12,994
Comprehensive income for the year:				
Profit for the year	-	1,201	-	1,201
Other comprehensive income:	-	-	-	-
Net change in fair value of investments at FVOCI	-	-	(8)	(8)
Remeasurement of defined benefit obligations	-	33	-	33
Net change in fair value of debt investments at FVOCI	-	-	3,997	3,997
Net decrease on financial assets measured at FVOCI reclassified to profit or loss on disposal	-	-	(225)	(225)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	1,234	3,764	4,998
Transfers to head office	-	(1,165)	-	(1,165)
At 31 December	2,300	11,454	3,073	16,827
2018				
BD'000				
Balances at 1 January	2,300	12,518	1,945	16,763
Effect of restatement	-	(143)	-	(143)
At 1 January (restated)	2,300	12,375	1,945	16,620
Adjustments on initial adoption of IFRS 9	-	(2,282)	(44)	(2,326)
Adjusted balance as of 1 January (restated)	2,300	10,093	1,901	14,294
Comprehensive income for the year:				
Profit for the year (restated)	-	2,168	-	2,168
Other comprehensive income:	-	-	-	-
Net change in fair value of investments at FVOCI	-	-	(21)	(21)
Remeasurement of defined benefit obligations	-	46	-	46
Net change in fair value of debt investments at FVOCI	-	-	(2,262)	(2,262)
Net loss on financial assets measured at FVOCI reclassified to profit or loss on disposal	-	-	(309)	(309)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year (restated)	-	2,214	(2,592)	(378)
Transfers to head office	-	(922)	-	(922)
At 31 December (restated)	2,300	11,385	(691)	12,994
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS				
Year ended 31 December				
2019				
BD'000				
BD'000				
(Restated)				
Cash flows from operating activities				
Profit for the year	1,201	2,168		
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation	169	97		
Amortisation on investments	176	234		
Interest expense on lease liability	6	-		
Dividend income	(20)	(24)		
Gain on disposal of investments	(225)	(309)		
Provision for impairment	538	39		
Net cash generated from before changes in operating assets and liabilities:	1,845	2,205		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities				
Statutory deposits with the CBB	564	133		
Due from other offices of the Head Office	18	1,885		
Loans and advances	17,900	31,922		
Other assets	517	(42)		
Customer deposits	(17,808)	(34,104)		
Due to financial institutions	(8,291)	(1,156)		
Due to other offices of the Head Office	6,667	1,071		
Other liabilities	(656)	(110)		
Net cash flows used in operating activities	756	1,804		
Cash flows from investing activities				
Proceeds from disposal of investments	11,238	5,734		
Purchase of investments	(6,717)	(8,905)		
Dividend received	20	24		
Purchase of property and equipment	(135)	(78)		
Net cash flows generated from investing activities	4,406	(3,225)		
Cash flow from financing activities				
Capital repayment of lease liability	(68)	-		
Interest payment of lease liability	(6)	-		
Profit remitted to Head Office	(1,165)	(922)		
Net cash used in financing activity	(1,239)	(922)		
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,923	(2,343)		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	5,947	8,290		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	9,870	5,947		

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
31 December 2019		
	2019	2018
	BD	BD
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with the Central Bank of Bahrain	1,322,359	462,291
Investments	10,279,080	-
Due from banks and financial institutions	8,414,020	16,846,050
Loans and advances	316,870	455,701
Due from the Head Office and other branches	1,225,471	1,225,471
Other assets	274,608	181,283
TOTAL ASSETS	21,832,408	19,170,796
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Due to banks and financial institutions	130,723	136,470
Customers' deposits	7,609,589	5,896,771
Due to the Head Office and other branches	5,207,975	4,778,527
Other liabilities	1,253,557	1,240,849
Total liabilities	14,201,844	12,052,617
Equity		
Head Office capital	4,500,000	4,500,000
General reserve	260,686	260,686
Retained earnings	2,869,878	2,357,493
Total equity	7,630,564	7,118,179
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	21,832,408	19,170,796
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Year ended 31 December 2019		
	2019	2018
	BD	BD
Interest and similar income	740,038	575,579
Interest and similar expenses	(56,872)	(25,540)
NET INTEREST INCOME	683,166	550,039
Net gain on foreign currencies	12,700	10,967
Other income	11,305	128,500
Reversal of provision for impairment of credit losses - net	27,715	9,702
TOTAL INCOME	734,886	699,208
Staff expenses	80,973	68,198
Other operating expenses	141,528	122,624
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	222,501	190,822
NET PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	512,385	508,386
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
Year ended 31 December 2019		
	2019	2018
	BD	BD
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net profit for the year	512,385	508,386
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Depreciation	6,677	5,758
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	16,690	-
Charge (reversal) of credit loss expense on loans and advances	82,645	(10,416)
Reversal of provision on due from banks and financial institutions	(110,360)	(71,002)
Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities:	508,037	432,726
Mandatory reserve with the Central Bank of Bahrain	21,000	16,000
Investments	(10,279,080)	-
Loans and advances	56,186	43,768
Other assets	(78,387)	16,305
Due to banks and financial institutions	(5,747)	19,485
Customers' deposits	1,712,818	1,867,708
Due to the Head Office and other branches	429,448	(103,099)
Other liabilities	16	(16,762)
Due from banks and financial institutions with an original maturity of ninety days or more	4,510,360	(3,328,284)
Net cash used in operating activities	(3,125,349)	(1,052,153)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of equipment	(7,833)	(9,302)
Rent paid against lease liability	(17,780)	-
Cash used in investing activities	(25,613)	(9,302)
FINANCING ACTIVITY		
Transfer to Head Office	-	(16,362)
Cash used in financing activity	-	(16,362)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(3,150,962)	(1,077,817)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	9,846,341	11,038,800
ECL transition reserve upon adoption of IFRS 9 on due from banks and financial institutions	-	(114,642)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	6,695,379	9,846,341

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NPRA adopts precautionary measures

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The Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) announced yesterday that it has taken, in cooperation with concerned authorities, precautionary measures to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The efforts include periodic disinfection operations for its building, holding online meetings, and reducing the number of staff by 50 per cent.

Meanwhile, the NPRA will introduce from April 5 a set of online services to enable applications to be processed without the need to visit the department.

Asian killed in motorbike accident

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A 28-year-old Asian man was killed yesterday evening in a road accident on Shaikh Salman road, the Ministry of Interior announced.

The incident occurred near the Salihya area on the lanes heading towards Manama.

The deceased was later identified as Indian national Ahmed Haya Amod from Hyderabad. He leaves behind his family, who are residing in Bahrain.

According to sources, the victim was riding his motorbike when he reportedly lost control and rammed into a divider at a signal.

The Interior Ministry said that authorities are proceeding with the relevant procedures following the accident.

No other information was available.

These statements have been extracted from the financial statements of United Bank Limited, Bahrain Retail Branch for the year ended 31 December 2019, which were audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers ME Limited, Kingdom of Bahrain, and approved for issue on 30 March 2020 by the management and signed on its behalf by Mr. Faraz Azam, General Manager.