

MoH recalls baby milk products of French origin

Manama

The Ministry of Health (MoH) has pulled four batches of baby milk products of French origin off the local markets shelves.

A circular issued in this regard warns consumers that the products were found to be polluted with "salmonella agona"

bacteria. In a statement, the Food Safety Control Department said it received a copy of the circular issued by the European Food Safety Commission from the Ministry.

Earlier this month, French authorities banned the sale of several baby formula milk and food products by dairy giant

Lactalis following the discovery of salmonella in babies less than six months old.

The recall, follows 20 cases of infection in infants, affected countries include: China, Taiwan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Morocco, Lebanon, Sudan, Romania, Serbia, Georgia, Greece, Haiti, Colombia and

Peru.

Reuters quoting French consumer protection agency DGCCRF said, "Lactalis had not managed contamination risk and has been ordered to conduct a product recall and halt the sale and export of several baby food products made at its Craon plant in western France since Feb. 15."

Affected products

As per the circular issued, the ministry has warned consumers to avoid using the following four batches imported to the Kingdom:

1. Celia AD 350g LOT No. 17C0012750, Expiry date: 9-11-2018
2. Celia AR 400g LOT No. 17C0012820, Expiry date: 22-11-2018
3. PreCelia 400g LOT No. 17C0013092, Expiry date: 11-01-2019
4. Celia AL/NUT 400g GCC LOT No.: 17C0013287 :Expiry date: 22-01-2019

National Guard signs MoU with Pakistan Army

Manama

The National Guard and the Pakistani Army yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to implement Joint Counter-Terrorism Exercise (Bader2).

His Highness Staff-Major Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Commander of Special Operations Unit in the National Guard, signed

the deal in the presence of the Head of Operations and Training Department.

Shaikh Salman affirmed that the National Guard is continuing its modernisation and development programme as per its 2020 strategic plan.

Bader2 will be realised in Bahrain following the successful implementation of Bader1 in Pakistan which includes practical military

drills to boost the efficiency of the participating military in the fight against terrorism.

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BDF military museum opens

Manama

The BDF Military Museum will be open to public on the occasion of the Kingdom's National Day celebrations on December 16-17, the General Command of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) has announced.

The Museum will remain

open on Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm. Throughout the two days, Military Music Band will perform patriotic songs.

The opening marks the anniversary of the establishment of the modern state of Bahrain as an Arab

and Muslim country in 1783 by its founder Ahmed Al-Fateh, the 46th Anniversary of its accession to the UN as a full member, the 18th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne and the third anniversary of Commemoration Day.

BOC offers free flat foot test

Manama

Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC)'s National Sports Medicine Centre is holding a special campaign to promote a healthy lifestyle.

The centre is offering free

flat foot diagnostic tests to the public marking the Kingdom's celebrations of its 46th National Day and the 18th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne, on December 16 and 17.

Centre director Dr Khalid Al-Shaikh said the centre will also present a number of competitions and free gifts to all the attendees on this occasion, and invited everyone to join.

Malaysian PM to receive Bahrain's highest award

Manama

Prime Minister of Malaysia, Najib Tun Razak, will become the first foreign leader to be conferred with Bahrain's King Hamad Order for Development on Friday.

Star Online, in a report quoting Malaysian ambassador to Bahrain Agus Salim Yusof, said "This is the first time the country's highest award will be conferred on a foreign leader."

The Prime Minister, according to the report, will be conferred the King Hamad Order for Development by King Hamad Isa Al Khalifa at the Shaikh Hamad Palace

The award was created two years ago and the past recipients were all Bahrainis.

The report further states that Najib is scheduled to arrive in Bahrain today for a three-day official visit and is accompanied by his wife Rosmah Mansor and Defence Minister and Minister of Special Functions Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

Najib will hold discussion with HM the King before the award ceremony that will also see Hishammuddin receiving the country's Medal of First Degree from the Ruler, the report said.

The visit, Star Online said, is at the invitation of King Hamad, who made a state visit to Malaysia from April 30 to May 3 this year.



Agus also told Star Online that Najib would be the only foreign leader invited to attend the country's National Day celebration at Sakhir Palace on Saturday in the presence of King Hamad.

The ambassador described the Kuala Lumpur-Manama relationship as at an all-time high since both countries established diplomatic ties in 1974.

The report quoting Agus also revealed that Gulf Air is expected to resume flights from Manama to Kuala Lumpur and vice-versa from the middle of next year after its flight operations for the route ceased in 2012.

Najib is scheduled to leave for Sri Lanka on Sunday.

Line 6 project in full swing

Manama

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) is making steady strides in the construction of its landmark Line 6 Expansion Project to meet the First Hot Metal (FHM) schedule on January 01, 2017 according to a statement issued by the Chairman of Alba's Board

of Directors, Shaikh Daij Bin Salman Bin Daij Al Khalifa.

The statement was made following the fourth quarterly meeting for the year 2017, which was held yesterday at Alba.

The Board reviewed and approved the 2018 Annual Operating Plan, Corporate

Governance Report as well as Q3 2017 Financial Statements. In addition, the Executive Management gave an update on Safety, Line 5 Recovery and metal production, the progress of Line 6 Expansion Project, Project Titan - Phase II, Industry Outlook and the overall

Financial Performance of the Company.

Shaikh Daij Bin Salman Bin Daij Al Khalifa said: "As we approach 2017 year-end, we remain confident to have a strong finish in light of the market conditions coupled with the safe recovery of Line 5."