

Key product trade deal

Ministry of Industry and Commerce in Bahrain opens registration for Saudi enterprises in Takamul

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The Ministry of Industry and Commerce in the Kingdom of Bahrain has announced that registration is now open for Saudi establishments wishing to participate in the Local Value Program in Industry (Takamul).

This program, which is a key initiative of the Kingdom's Industrial Sector Strategy (2022-2026), aims to enhance the "In-Country Value" (ICV) of industrial products and improve supply chain efficiency.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce, H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, emphasised the importance of this initiative in strengthening the long and deep-rooted strategic partnerships between Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, highlighting the strong support from both governments and their leaderships to the different



joint programs and initiatives.

He noted that this positive development emanates from the outcomes of the third meeting of the Saudi-Bahraini Co-ordination Council, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

The Minister explained that the initiative reflects the commitment to reciprocity

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for products manufactured in both countries, where Bahraini products are treated as Saudi products in local government procurement in Saudi Arabia, and by participating in the Bahraini (Takamul) program, Saudi establishments, can work towards achieving a 75% ICV, which qualifies them for a certificate granting a 10% preference in future government tenders in Bahrain.

Bahraini youth hailed as ‘young ambassadors’

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The Minister of Youth Affairs, Her Excellency Rawan bint Najib Tawfiqi, expressed high praise for the youth of the Kingdom of Bahrain, describing them as the young ambassadors for the nation's principles and values in regional and international forums.

She emphasised their competence and the trust placed in them to showcase the Kingdom's efforts in youth empowerment and skill development.

The Minister highlighted the importance of celebrating successful young individuals who contribute to building a bright future for the Kingdom.

As the announcement of the participants in the second edition of the Bahraini Youth Ambassadors Program approaches, Tawfiqi reflected on the program's goals.

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fairs launched the Bahraini Youth Ambassadors Program with the noble aim of creating a platform for Bahraini youth to develop communication skills with their peers worldwide. The program also aims to represent the Kingdom in various youth forums and conferences while leveraging the energy of youth to highlight Bahrain's civilised image,” she said.

The Minister noted the success of the program's first edi-

tion, which saw young ambassadors participating in numerous youth forums and events.

Through these engagements, they effectively communicated with their global peers, exchanging experiences, knowledge, and skills.

These interactions also provided an opportunity to demonstrate Bahrain's strategy in empowering youth and supporting their projects and innovations.

Essential cybersecurity tips to protect your business

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In our interconnected world, the spectre of malware hangs over businesses of every scale, making cybersecurity a pressing priority.

The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption & Economic & Electronic Security calls for taking preemptive actions to shield your organisation from digital threats. Here are key steps to shore up your cyber defences.

First, maintaining up-to-date systems is critical. Regular updates for your operating system and applications often include security patches that address vulnerabilities exploited by malware.

Turn on automatic updates where feasible and regularly check for essential security fixes. Ignoring these updates leaves your systems open to attacks.

Next, a well-configured firewall is a vital barrier, blocking unauthorised access and preventing malware infiltration.

Ensure your operating system's built-in firewall is always turned on and restricts traffic based on your security policies. This protective measure is indispensable.

Removable storage devices, such as USB drives, can un-



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wittingly introduce malware.

Enforce strict policies limiting their use and encourage secure, cloud-based storage solutions.

By controlling access to removable media, you mitigate the risk of malware spreading.

Enhancing authentication through multi-factor authentication (MFA) adds an additional security layer.

MFA requires users to provide extra verification, like a one-time code or biometric data, alongside their login creden-

tials.

This method ensures that even if login details are compromised, your systems remain protected.

Employee education is crucial. Regular cybersecurity training equips your staff with the awareness to recognise and avoid potential threats, such as phishing attempts and suspicious downloads. Vigilant employees can greatly reduce the likelihood of successful malware attacks.

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Multi-vehicle accident

Traffic was heavily congested yesterday following an accident involving multiple vehicles on the Al-Kharta intersection bridge on Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway, heading towards Isa Town. The incident resulted in significant delays, as the competent authorities worked to manage the situation and facilitate the smooth flow of traffic.

