

Alba launches summer safety campaign

Campaign titled "Stop, Think, & Act" aims to raise awareness of safety hazards and promote safe work practices

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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) launched its annual summer safety and health campaign yesterday at Alba's Oasis Hall.

The campaign, which is titled "Stop, Think, & Act," aims to raise awareness of safety hazards and promote safe work practices during the hot summer months.

In his opening speech, Alba Chairman Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa said that safety is a top priority for Alba.

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time," he said. "Safety is everyday and 24-hours seven days a week."

As part of the opening ceremony, Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali delivered a keynote presentation where he highlighted Alba's Safety Journey and ongoing measures -- acting responsibly, reporting unsafe acts and conditions -- to enhance safety during the challenging



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summer months.

Adding further, Al Baqali stated: "Accidents don't just happen, they are caused. If we make it safe to speak up about unsafe conditions, we can achieve a lot safely. The summer season presents many challenges and by providing the medium for our people to be involved in our Safety culture proactively, we will be able to make an impact

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CHAIRMAN OF ALBA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHAIKH DAIJ BIN SALMAN BIN DAIJ AL KHALIFA

together as we stand-up for Safety."

Guided by Alba's Objective for 2023 'Safety is our Operat-



Officials during a panel discussion at the launch event

ing Licence, the Campaign will continue until 24 July 2023, and include various panel discussions and presentations to cover different aspects of Safety and Health. The event's programme will feature Safety and Health experts from major companies in the Kingdom, including Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco), Gulf Petrochemical In-

dustries Company (GPIC), and Bahrain Steel as well as several major contracting companies that operate in Alba.

The Campaign also celebrated the achievement of 4 million hours without any Lost Time Injuries on 12 July 2023 thanks to the commitment of Alba employees and contractors' workers.



A delegation from the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi), headed by Mariam Al-Hammadi, Head of Experience Development Unit, recently visited Souq Al Baraha to learn about the success story of the Bahraini souq. During the visit, members of the delegation toured the different parts of Souq Al Baraha, where they were briefed about its main features and key elements as a prominent specialised commercial and retail project in the region, by highlighting the traditional architecture design developed by Diyar Al Muharraq, in partnership with Bareeq Al Retaj Real Estate company. Members of the visiting delegation expressed their appreciation for the prominent concept Souq Al Baraha was built upon

AMH sets new milestone in urology with successful ectopic kidney stone surgery

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King Hamad American Mission Hospital once again created history by treating a patient with ectopic right pelvic kidney stone.

The 67-year-old Bahraini patient presented with right lower abdominal pain and blood in the urine for one year with the pain increasing over the last one month.

He was seen at various hospitals in Bahrain and was advised conservative management, due to the patient having an abnormally placed right kidney in the pelvis with a renal pelvic stone measuring 1.8 cm.

The renal pelvic stone was



Dr. Monish Cherian

removed with a pyelolithotomy Surgery through a small incision.

The surgery was performed by Dr. Monish Cherian with the surgery lasting only 30 minutes and the patient being discharged after 60 hours.

Renal Ectopia with stone is



The stone removed through surgery

rare and as the stone is located in abnormally located kidneys poses a challenge to the urologist.

This is the first reported case of ectopic kidney with stone treated in Bahrain at the King Hamad American Mission Hospital successfully.

Norway threatens \$100,000 daily fine on Meta over data

AFP | Oslo

Norway's data protection agency said yesterday it would ban Facebook and Instagram owner Meta from using the personal information of users for targeted advertising, threatening a \$100,000 daily fine if it continues.

The business practices of US big tech firms are under close scrutiny across Europe over concerns about privacy, with huge fines handed out in recent years.

The Norwegian watchdog, Datatilsynet, said Meta uses information such as the location of users, the content they like and their posts for marketing purposes.

"The Norwegian Data Protection Authority considers that the practice of Meta is illegal and is therefore imposing a temporary ban of behavioural advertising on Facebook and Instagram," it said in a statement.

The ban will begin on August 4 and last three months to give Meta time to take corrective measures. The company will be fined one million kroner (\$100,000) per day if it fails to comply.

TRA and RIPE NCC host capacity-building workshops



Participants attend the workshop

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), in collaboration with the Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC), held a three-day capacity-building workshop in the Kingdom of Bahrain on the Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) and BGP "Border gateway protocol" operations and security.

The event was attended by representatives of leading Internet service providers, telecom operators, and RIPE NCC members.

The workshops delved into a range of topics, including IPv6 addressing plans, route reflectors, policy, filtering, route selection, and the crucial security aspects of the protocol. Interactive exercises were presented at the workshops to further develop participants' expertise in these critical areas. IPv6 is essential to the future scalability and growth of the Internet, whereas secure and stable Internet routing (BGP) is necessary to facilitate smooth Internet operations.

Philip Marnick, General Director of TRA Bahrain, said, "Workshops help collaboration between network operators and other industry stakeholders, allowing everyone to share best practices and

develop new ways of working. Additionally, they provide an opportunity to share knowledge and experience, which is invaluable in improving the quality and reliability of networks. Sharing experiences enables, network operators to ensure that their networks are secure, reliable, and efficient, whilst also helping to drive innovation and economic growth within the Kingdom."

Mohamed Alnoaimi, Director of Technology & Networks Security at TRA Bahrain, emphasized the significance of the workshops in enhancing the skills and knowledge of operators. He stated, "The capacity-building workshops conducted by RIPE NCC in collaboration with TRA Bahrain have been instrumental in equipping operators with the expertise needed to thrive in the ever-evolving Internet and its security landscape."

Chafic Chaya, RIPE NCC Regional Communications Manager, highlighted their commitment to facilitating the sustainable development of the Internet and providing technical expertise on critical issues. Chaya thanked TRA Bahrain for their unwavering support, remarking, "We are grateful to TRA Bahrain for their continued support for the development and resilient growth of Bahrain's Internet and digital infrastructure."

Global debt dominates G20 finance talks

AFP | Gandhinagar

G20 finance ministers and central bank chiefs opened talks yesterday on debt restructuring deals, multi-lateral bank reform and finance to tackle climate change, as they aim to bolster a sagging global economy.

Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, chair and host of the summit in Gandhinagar, began by telling finance leaders of "the responsibility we have... to steer the global economy towards strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth".

Key on the two-day agenda will be "facilitating consensus to intractable issues associated with rising indebtedness", Sitharaman



US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen (L) listens to India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during a press conference

man said, speaking to reporters alongside US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen.

Talks will also focus on "critical global issues such as strengthening the multilateral development banks and taking coordinated

climate action", Sitharaman added.

Yellen said: "The world is looking to the G20 to make progress on key challenges like climate change and pandemics as part of our work to strengthen the global economy."

She also cited work to tackle debt distress among the world's poorest countries, noting debt restructuring progress in Zambia, which she had discussed when visiting Beijing this month.

Italian Finance Minister Giancarlo Giorgetti said targeted interventions must "protect the most vulnerable sections of the population and promote investments to increase the potential of our economies against the risk of recession".