Boosting food security, private sector focus of Bahrain Chamber, says Kanoo

Chamber's sector committees unveil two-year action plans

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ahrain Chamber unveiled plans yesterday to boost food security and projects to support the Kingdom's health, education and other vital sec-

Waleed Kanoo, the Head of the Committees Steering Group and vice-Treasurer, said the Chamber would encourage the private sector here to establish a food packaging and distribution factory and a manufacturing plant in the coming years.

The Chamber, he said, also aims to come up with projects in the education sector to help meet the job market demand.



Chairman of Bahrain Chamber Sameer Nass heads sector committees meeting yesterday

Chamber intends to commis- studies on the health sector.

Insurance Program "Sehati" on sectors. sion a regulatory authority for The studies will focus on the the private sector and the short- The developments emerged streamline its endeavours.

He also revealed that the the contracting sector and hold impact of the National Health age of health cadres in specific into actionable plans to help re-

as the sector committees of the Bahrain Chamber discussed their two-year action plans in the presence of the board of directors headed by Chairman Sameer Nass.

The plans by the ten sector committees, Kanoo said, aims at enhancing coordination and cooperation among committees and keeping members of the executive and the administrative body informed of the goals and objectives. In this regard, Kanoo underlined the role of the committees in translating the Chamber's vision and goals vitalise the private sector and

Al Baraka Islamic Bank launches "Spend and Win Credit Card Campaign

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Tn line with the ongoing ef-**⊥** forts to reward its customers, Al Baraka Islamic Bank, introduced its newest "Spend and Win" Mastercard campaign. The campaign will offer 20 customers every month the chance to win 10,000 rewards

The campaign provides exclusive opportunities to Al Baraka's credit card holders to enter the monthly raffle draw for the 10,000 rewards points with every payment transaction during the campaign's

Al Baraka Islamic Bank's at Al Baraka Islamic Bank Chief Retail Officer, Fatema AlAlawi, said: "Through the make and enrich their bank- Bank. ing experience by providing prizes."



Eyad Alabbasi, Head of Cards Center

chances of winning by collect- bank's website.



Fatema AlAlawi, Al Baraka Islamic Bank's Chief Retail Officer

"Therefore, we encourage ing points when making local 'Spend and Win' campaign, customers to take advantage of and international purchases, we wanted to give our credit using their cards when shop- as they can instantly redeem card holders, who constitute ping to increase their chanc- points in a multitude of ways, a large segment of Al Bara- es of winning and wish them which include flight reservaka Islamic Bank's customers, all the good luck" - stated tions with more than 1,200 something to look forward to Eyad Alabbasi, Head of Cards airlines, staying at more than with each transaction they Center at Al Baraka Islamic 100,000 hotels around the world, car rentals, in addition Credit card holders have the to redeeming points by cashthese monthly rewards and opportunity to increase their back or shopping through the

Google makes changes to Android in India after antitrust setbacks

Reuters | New Delhi

→ oogle said yesterday it will Gallow device makers in India to license its individual apps for pre-installation and give an option to users to choose their default search engine, announcing sweeping changes to how it promotes its Android

The move comes after the country's Supreme Court upheld stringent antitrust directives last week, rejecting changes across the ecosystem a Google challenge against a will be a complex process and pany abused its market posi- nificant efforts from partners, tion, ordering it to change how original equipment manufacit markets its Android system in turers (OEMs) and developers," a key growth market.

Google also made some billing system, which was at the as the directives were seen as centre of another Indian anti- more sweeping than those imtrust decision recently where posed in the European Comthe company was found engag- mission's landmark 2018 ruling had also said a lower tribunal ing in anti-competitive prac- against the operating system. tices by restricting the use of processing services.



A view of the main lobby of building BV200, during a tour of Google's new Bay View Campus in Mountain View,

India ruling that said the com- our end and, in many cases, sig-Google said in a blog post.

Google had been concerned changes related to its in-app about India's Android decision

third-party billing or payment smartphones in India run on continue to hear the compa-Android, while in Europe, the ny's appeal and must rule by "Implementation of these system accounts for 75% of the March 31.

550 million smartphones, according to Counterpoint Research estimates.

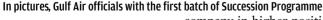
The CCI ruled in October that Google, owned by Alphabet Inc (GOOGL.O), exploited its dominant position in Android and told it to remove restrictions on device makers, including those related to pre-installation of apps and ensuring exclusivity of its search. It also fined Google \$161 million.

Hoping to block the implementation of the CCI directives, Google had approached the Competition Commission of will require significant work at Supreme Court, warning that growth of its Android ecosystem will stall. It said it would be forced to alter arrangements with more than 1,100 device manufacturers and thousands of app developers if the directives kick in.

> But the Supreme Court refused to block the directives as Google sought. The court where Google first challenged About 97% of 600 million the Android directives - can

Gulf Air celebrates first batch of succession programme





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Gulf Air Chief Executive Of-**¬** ulf Air celebrated the grad-ficer, Captain Waleed Al Ala-

development and promotions."

"We have witnessed a cultural Tuation of the first batch of wi, said, "Gulf Air Human Re- transformation within Gulf Air congratulate these graduates improvement and sustainable will contribute to the developits Succession Programme yes- sources is playing a vital role in recent years, with an empha- and look forward to the imple- success." terday, which aims to prepare in implementing a challenging sis on work-life balance, proud-mentation of the skills they obtalented Bahrainis to lead the yet important people-centric ly rewarding and recognizing tained in this program at their stitute of Banking and Finance workforce."

company in higher positions in strategy to engage and retain our achievements of staff, and pro- workplaces, as well as their (BIBF) for collaborating with talent pool for future internal viding opportunities for training succession to higher positions us to design this program that and career progression."

in the future to further lead aims at equipping future gen-Captain Al Alawi added: "I the national airline towards erations of professionals that

ment of the national carrier and "I also thank the Bahrain In- the advancement of its Bahraini