

Saudi localises insulin production

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The Global Health Exhibition witnessed the signing of an agreement to localise insulin manufacturing in Saudi Arabia yesterday.

This agreement was held under the patronage of the Minister of Health, Fahd bin Abdulrahman Al-Jalajel and with the participation of the Minister of Investment, Khalid Al-Falih, and the Minister of Industry, Bandar Alkhorayef.

The agreement was made in partnership with the Local Content and Government Procurement Authority, the the Expenditure and Project Efficiency Authority, known as Expro. It activated the contracting method to localize the industry and transfer knowledge. This method contributes



The deal signing

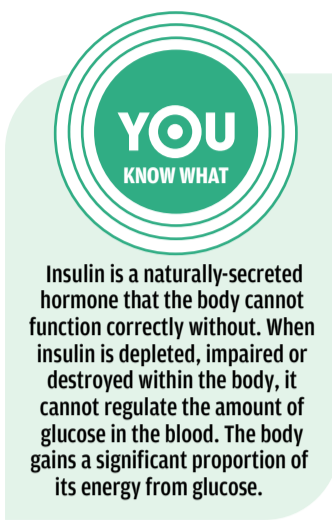
to maximizing the utilization of government purchasing power to achieve self-sufficiency in several strategically prioritized products.

The agreement was signed by the National Unified Procurement Company (NUPCO), Sudair Pharmaceuticals, and Sanofi.

The agreement aims to enhance the efforts of the government system, represented by the

Ministries of Health, Industry, Mineral Resources, and Investment, in localizing the medical and pharmaceutical industry. This, in turn, contributes to achieving healthcare security in alignment with the requirements of the Saudi Vision 2030 healthcare sector transformation program.

The World Health Summit to continue its activities until



Tuesday at the Roshn Front in Riyadh, offering visitors insights into the advancements and rapid digital transformations within the healthcare system.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank launches AI-Powered Chatbot

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Al Baraka Islamic Bank (AIB) has recently announced the soft launch of its multi-lingual AI-chatbot powered by ChatGPT.

The AI-powered chatbot aims to revolutionize the personal customer interactions through providing seamless and efficient support across a range of services with 24/7 accessibility to the chatbot services.

Eyad Alabbasi, Head of Digitalization and Card Center at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, stated: "We believe this innovation will not only streamline customer interactions but also set



Eyad Alabbasi

a new standard for the banking industry."

Currently, AIB customers are able to interact with the soft version of the AI-powered chatbot through Al Baraka Islamic Bank's website and official Instagram account.

Riyadh's Global Health Exhibition kicks off

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The Global Health Exhibition in Riyadh, which began yesterday, featured a panel discussion titled "Investing in Health in the Kingdom: Successes and Aspirations," where three prominent ministers shared insights.

This event showcased growing investment opportunities in public health and attracted a distinguished audience, including government officials and CEOs from local and international health organisations.

The panel discussion brought together Minister of Health Fahd Al-Jalajil, Minister of Investment Engineer Khaled



A panel discussion at the expo

Al-Falih, and Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources

Bandar Alkhorayef. The exhibition, operating under the

theme "invest in health," will run until tomorrow and features the participation of 300 global and local healthcare companies.

In its sixth edition, the Global Health Exhibition is the focal point of attention at the Roshn Exhibition and Conference Center (formerly known as Riyadh Front).

The event promises to unveil crucial partnerships in both the public and private sectors. Attendees can look forward to presentations of the latest medical innovations, a series of in-depth workshops, and 30 engaging discussions led by 100 leading industry experts.

Third Phase of 'Forever Green': NBB inaugurates Al-Estiqal Jogging Park



Planting a tree as part of 'Forever Green' campaign



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Al-Estiqal Jogging Park in Riffa.

The National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD) launched the third phase of 'Forever Green' a national campaign for planting trees supported by the National Bank of Bahrain.

A tree planting ceremony took place on Saturday, joined by Shaikha Maram Bint Isa Al-Khalifa, the Secretary-General of NIAD, NBB Group Chief Executive Officer, Usman Ahmed, General Director of the Southern Municipality, Isa Abdulrahman Al Sisi Al Buainain, and NBB employees who volunteered along with their families to take part in planting over 230 trees in the

Sheikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa said the 'Forever Green' campaign launched in 2021 seeks to support the plans of the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture to increase the green areas in the Kingdom of Bahrain, protect the environment, reduce the effects of climate change, enhance community partnership with the private and public sectors, the civil society institutions and other relevant parties.

Usman Ahmed, Group CEO of NBB, said: "We look forward to supporting future initiatives that contribute to fulfilling Bahrain's 2060 net-zero goals."

Bapco Energies launches groupwide awareness campaign

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Bapco Energies announced launching a group-wide Breast Cancer Awareness campaign 'BE Brave'.

Bapco Energies hosted a series of events throughout October to raise awareness among its employees across the Group. The 'BE Brave' campaign offered employees a comprehensive array of planned activities, including awareness sessions, free consultations in partnership with Awali Hospital, and a Group walkathon.

Mark Thomas, Group CEO of Bapco Energies said: "Through such initiatives, we aim to edu-



Participants during a group photo opportunity

cate our employees on the importance of screening and early

diagnosis as well as encourage them to conduct regular check-

ups through the right channels available in Bahrain."

Revving for a cause: THINKPNK 2023 ride roars for breast cancer awareness

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The motorcycle community of Bahrain came together to participate in the THINKPNK 2023 Ride on October 27th, 2023, a remarkable event dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness.

Riders of diverse nationalities hailing from both Bahrain and Saudi Arabia converged for this meaningful cause, donning pink attire, adorning their bikes with pink accents, and proudly displaying the iconic breast cancer ribbon, the universally recognised symbol of breast cancer.

This engaging two-hour event kicked off at the Avenues Mall in the morning, with more than



In pictures, bikers during the THINKPNK 2023 Ride event

600 enthusiastic riders revving up their engines. They embarked on a thrilling journey through the picturesque landscapes of Bahrain, even taking a few laps

around the tracks of the Bahrain International Circuit. The event culminated at IKEA Bahrain, where the bikers were warmly received and treated to a hearty



breakfast courtesy of IKEA and various vendors who had rallied together to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Roy Ribeira one of the Direc-

tors of Transworld IT and member of the organizing group Falcon Riders stated: "A woman's health reflects the health of the family. It is well-known that pre-

vention is better than cure, especially with breast cancer where early detection has played an imperative role in saving lives. We are here to spread the message on early detection of breast cancer, as well as express our strong support towards those who are and have been affected by this disease. It is known fact that every 14 seconds a Woman is diagnosed with breast cancer and can be cured 100% percent via early detection."

Globally, the month of October is recognised as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, during which various health campaigns are conducted to enhance awareness about the disease.