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Flydubai to operate to 5 points in Iraq, restart Sulaimaniyah flights

Flydubai first carrier from UAE to operate direct flights to Kurdish city

KUWAIT: Flydubai, the Dubai-based airline, announced yesterday that flights to Sulaimaniyah will resume from 10 May 2018. The carrier now operates to five points in Iraq including Baghdad, Basra, Erbil and Najaf. The decision to relaunch the flights was taken following the Iraqi authorities' announcement that the airport reopened in March 2018.

Flydubai is the first carrier from the UAE to operate direct flights to the Kurdish city with a twice a week service from its Dubai hub to Sulaimaniyah International Airport. The frequency is set to increase to three times a week from June this summer.

Flights FZ205/206 will operate between Dubai International Airport, Terminal 2 and Sulaimaniyah International Airport on Thursdays and Sundays and will be the 92nd destination on the codeshare list with Emirates.

Commenting on the commencement of flights to Sulaimaniyah, Ghaith Al-Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer of flydubai, said: "We are pleased to see the direct air links between the UAE and Sulaimaniyah return after three years of suspension. Flydubai first operated to the Kurdish city in 2010 and we have seen over the



years the positive demand from the region. We look forward to further strengthening our network in Iraq, a key market that has been witnessing a rise in investment, trade and tourism." Sulaimaniyah's economy today relies on tourism, agriculture and a rising number of

SMEs, most of which are involved in the building trade. The city is also home to the second biggest museum after the national museum in Baghdad, and hosts a number of Kurdish and ancient Persian artefacts dating back to 1792-1750 BC.

Iraq is an important market for flydubai



Sulaimaniyah

served by 46 weekly flights. Operating from Dubai's aviation hub, passengers from Iraq have access to a wide network of destinations in Europe, Asia, India and Russia. Flydubai recently announced the launch of flights to Helsinki in Finland and inaugurated a number of routes

including Dubrovnik in Croatia, Krakow in Poland and Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The carrier has grown its network to more than 95 destinations in 48 countries, served by a fleet of 61 modern Boeing 737 aircraft.

Burgan Bank announces winners of Yawmi account draw



KUWAIT: Burgan Bank, the second largest in terms of assets, announced yesterday the names of the daily draw winners of its Yawmi account draw, each taking home a cash-prize of KD 5,000.

The lucky winners are:

1. Emad Jumaah Ali Abdullah
2. Naser Khaleel Tayyar Zeri
3. Naser Merdas Mefleh
4. Faisal Faleh Ayed Alsubaie
5. Naseef Elias Dagher

In addition to the daily draw, Burgan Bank also offers a quarterly draw with more chances to win higher rewards, offering the chance to one lucky customer to win KD 125,000 every three months. The Yawmi Account offers daily and quarterly draws, wherein the quarterly draw requires customers to maintain a minimum amount of KD 500 in their account for two months prior to the draw date. Additionally, every KD 10 in the account will entitle customers

to one chance of winning. If the account balance is KD 500 and above, the account holder will be qualified for both the quarterly and daily draws.

Burgan Bank encourages everyone to open a Yawmi account and/or increase their deposit to maximize their chances of becoming a winner. The higher the level of the deposit, the higher the likelihood to win.

The Bank has continuously improved its performance over the years through an expanded revenue structure, diversified funding sources, and a strong capital base. The adoption of state-of-the-art services and technology has positioned it as a trendsetter in the domestic market and within the MENA region. Burgan Bank's brand has been created on a foundation of real values - of trust, commitment, excellence and progression, to remind us of the high standards to which we aspire. 'People come first' is the foundation on which its products and services are developed.

Kareena Kapoor Khan launches 216th global showroom of Malabar Gold & Diamonds in Delhi



NEW DELHI: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one among the BIG 5 jewelry retailers globally with a strong retail network of over 215 retail outlets spread across nine countries has strengthened its presence in India's capital region by opening a new store. The new store located at South Extension Part-1 in New Delhi, is the 216th store globally. Bollywood Star Kareena Kapoor Khan inaugurated this wonderful store to the public on 27th April in the presence of MP Ahamed, Chairman - Malabar Group, Shamal Ahmed, Managing Director - International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Abdul Salam KP, Group Executive Director - Malabar Group, Asher O, Managing Director - India Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Nishad AK, Group Executive Director, Malabar Group, management team members, media and well-wishers.

The jewelry retailer now has five outlets in the NCR and is also planning three more outlets in the region, apart from another four stores in Haryana and Punjab. Recently it opened a show-

room at Sector 18, Noida. "This is in sync with our well-laid-out expansion plans to open 500 showrooms by 2022, thus spreading our wings globally and emerging as the sole leader in jewelry trade. The customer trust is our biggest trigger for the expansion and growth over the last 25 years. The quality and the uniqueness of designs make Malabar a preferred choice for the customers world over. We are committed to the satisfaction of each customer we cater to" said Group Chairman MP Ahamed.

The company recently signed up Miss World Manushi Chhillar, as its brand ambassador, and it was the first brand endorsement by the petite Miss World who brought home the world crown after 17 years. Kareena and Manushi together recently kicked off the Brides of India Season-6 campaign based on the theme 'Celebration Bride', showcasing an extensive array of aesthetically crafted jewelry that perfectly blend with the themes and essence of different cultures and traditions across the country.

Aman Exchange launches Aman Kuwait mobile app

KUWAIT: Aman Exchange announced the launch of the Aman Mobile application known as "Aman Kuwait" on both IOS and Android platforms. The "Aman Kuwait" app is one of the most customer friendly Mobile applications developed in Kuwait for remittances. Aman Customers, who are already registered on the Aman Exchange Online application, can download the App and access Aman services.

Starting operations in July 2015, Aman Exchange has been in the forefront of providing digital services to its customers. Launching the service, General Manager of Aman Exchange, Adel Yousef Al-Muzaini, noted that needs of both IOS and Android

users have been addressed by the company. E D Titus, Head of Operations, said Aman Exchange has recently launched Western Union Digital Service as well. This service to all corridors has exclusively been launched by Aman Exchange amongst all exchange companies in Kuwait and it is offered at a very attractive introductory commission of KD 0.5 only for a limited period.

Adel Muzaini expressed his happiness on being able to successfully live up to the expectations of the remittance community for products making remittance a pleasant experience. With both Aman Kuwait Mobile App and Western Union Digital App, Aman Exchange becomes the pioneer money exchange company in Kuwait to offer the services of sending both cash on counter and credit to account digitally. Customers in Kuwait can now remit from the comfort of their home or office and forget parking worries or dust or heat!

The Aman Kuwait App can be accessed from the IOS store or the Android Playstore.



Adel Yousef Al-Muzaini (left) and E D Titus

The Western Union Digital App is also available on the website at WU.Com and can be downloaded from the Kuwait store on IOS and from Android playstore as well. Both the apps are accessible at www.amankuwait.com Aman Exchange Kuwait is always in the forefront of devising better ways to serve the customers in Kuwait.

VIVA launches Samsung Galaxy J7 Pro packages

KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait's fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, launched the new Samsung Galaxy J7 Pro, with postpaid commitments. Postpaid customers are now eligible to own this device upon signing two years commitments with one

of VIVA's postpaid packages starting at KD 10, and enjoy KD 10 balance minutes and 10 Gb + 10 GB bonus internet.

Samsung Galaxy J7 Pro is powered by Exynos 7870 Octa, a 1.6 GHz octa core processor, Mali-T830 MP1 GPU and 3 GB RAM with 16, 32 or 64 GB of internal storage and a 3600 mAh Li-ion battery.

It is fitted with a 5.5-inch FHD Super AMOLED screen and has a 13 megapixels rear camera with LED flash, f/1.7 aperture and auto-focus and a 13 megapixels front facing camera with f/1.9 aperture, also equipped with LED flash.



Flydubai receives industry recognition

KUWAIT: Dubai-based flydubai was recognized by Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al-Maktoum, Chairman of flydubai for the contribution and support it has given to the development of Dubai as a global hub for aviation. Hamad Obaiddalla, Chief Commercial Officer at flydubai, received the award on behalf of the airline.

In addition, flydubai was recognized by the readers of Business Traveller Middle East magazine at this year's Business Traveller Middle East Awards held during the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) at the Palazzo Versace, Dubai. The recognition reflects flydubai's commitment to enhance connectivity and deliver convenient and reliable travel services.

Ghaith Al-Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer at flydubai, commented on the occasion: "We are pleased to be recognized across the business by the industry during the Arabian Travel Market. It demonstrates the hard work of the flydubai team and the recognition by our passengers of the exceptional travel experience we offer across our network. In the last 12 months, flydubai embarked on a number of initiatives including an extensive codeshare partnership with Emirates offering passengers the opportunity to travel on a single ticket across the world and most recently the launch of Holidays by flydubai, for travellers to book holiday packages consisting of flights, hotels and optional ancillary services. This recognition marks the success of these initiatives as well as the introduction of our new Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft with a fully flat bed in Business Class."

flydubai was also recognized for its work with dnata, the Emirates Innovation Lab and IBM in successfully completing a Proof of Concept (PoC) using Blockchain Technology for Airfreight Transportation in Dubai. It received the Editor's Choice Award for Special Achievements in Air Cargo at this year's Logistics Middle East Awards.

Since the start of 2018, flydubai has announced the start of 10 new destinations



Mohamed Hassan, Vice President of flydubai Cargo (centre left) with Ghaith Al-Ghaith

on its network. With the recent start of flights to Dubrovnik, Kinshasa and Krakow and upcoming route launches to Catania, Helsinki and Thessaloniki flydubai's comprehensive network has grown to over 90 destinations in

47 countries. flydubai has taken delivery of six Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft which will enhance flydubai's operational performance, while offering passengers an exceptional travel experience.



Flydubai cabin crew with the Business Traveller Middle East Award