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■ Bahrain-based recruitment services agency Propel Consult distributed Iftar and Ramadan gifts to help underprivileged workers in Manama. Organised in association with the Migrant Workers Protection Society (MWPS), the gift distribution is envisaged as becoming an annual event, said Propel Consult director Barry Prost. Above, Mr Prost, second from left, with MWPS chairwoman Marietta Dias, centre, and other officials and beneficiaries at the gift distribution.



■ 196 Telecommunication Group staff members took part in a charity drive by serving Iftar packs to public in their vehicles at traffic signals. Above, the staff after distributing the Iftar packs.

Former Alba chief jailed for corruption

By AVINASH SAXENA

FORMER Alba chief executive Bruce Hall has been sentenced to 16 months in prison and ordered to pay £3 million (BD1.9m) by a British court.

Found guilty of conspiracy to corrupt in relation to contracts for the supply of goods and services, Mr Hall received £2.9m in corrupt payments between 2002 and 2005, including BD10,000 in cash from a former Bahrain Finance Minister and ex-Alba chairman, Southwark Crown Court heard.

The case, brought by the UK's Serious Fraud Office (SFO), also resulted in Mr Hall being ordered to pay £500,000 (BD321,000) in compensation to Alba and £100,000 (BD64,000) in court costs.

If he fails to fulfil the £3m confiscation order by next Tuesday, he could face a further 10-year jail.

Mr Hall was charged in 2012 in relation to the SFO's case against Jordanian-born billionaire Victor Dahdaleh, who was accused of paying millions in bribes to former managers of Alba. That case collapsed after Mr Hall, who was the main prosecution witness, changed his testimony and two key US witnesses refused to take the stand.



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