

# Election bells are ringing again

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Preparations are well on the way for the 2022 general elections expected to be held in November this year in Bahrain.

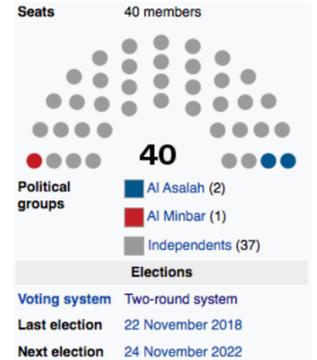
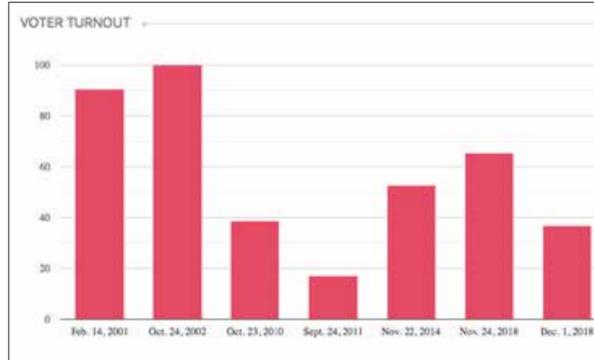
The largest democratic exercise, which will see the election of 40 members of the Council of Representatives, is going on to be an enormous task amid threats of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the emergence of monkeypox.

Bahrain, however, seems to be well up to the task with systematic and well-thought-out preventive measures, including against the new monkeypox scare.

The latest news on the upcoming election is that the Ministry of Information has got the ball rolling for ensuring extensive media coverage for the mega referendum.

For which, the ministry has launched a tender for providing advertising breaks for the upcoming "election for Kingdom".

It reads, "The purpose of this



tender is to provide the technical requirements to cover the event of Kingdom of Bahrain Election 2022."

Election coverage, the tender says, will be through television, creativity and eMedia, for which the board seeks bids from interested service providers. Bids should reach the tender board before the 31st of August 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.

Thus, the election, which polled over 134,000 votes when

held last time, is also expected to bring revenues to the state coffers.

## The election

Bahrain has a bicameral National Assembly (al-Jamiyah al-Watani) consisting of the Shura Council (Majlis Al-Shura) with 40 seats and the Council of Representatives (Majlis Al-Nuwab) with 40 seats.

In the Shura Council (Majlis Al-Shura), HM King appoints the 40 members. In the Coun-

cil of Representatives (Majlis Al-Nuwab), a majority vote determines the 40 members from constituencies to serve 4-year terms. The Council of Representatives (Majlis an-nuwab), are also sometimes translated as the "Chamber of Deputies".

However, if no candidate receives an absolute majority in the first round, the election will go for a runoff.

The last election for the council was on the 24th of November 2018, with the runoff on the

1st of December. People elected ten members each from the Capital and Southern governorate, eight from the Muharraq Governorate and 12 from the Northern Governorate.

In the 2014 elections, independents won 37 of 40 seats.

According to the 2018 data, there were 365,467 registered voters in the Kingdom.

## Runoff voting

The two-round system, also known as runoff voting, second

ballot, or ballottage, is a voting method used to elect a single candidate, where voters cast a single vote for their preferred candidate.

The election moves to a second round only if no candidate received a simple majority (more than 50%) in the first round.

Only the two candidates who received the most votes in the first round, or only those candidates who received above a prescribed proportion of the votes, are candidates in the second round. Others are excluded.



The 2018 data says Bahrain has about 318,000 registered voters out of a population of around 1.3 million.

Only Bahraini nationals are entitled to stand for and to vote in elections.

In 2018, nine out of 40 constituencies were decided in the first round, with the other 31 going to a runoff. According to the government, voter turnout in the first round was 67%, an increase from 53% in the 2014 elections.



## Focus on ensuring safety of road users

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Works are on the way to enhancing and upgrading Bahrain's road safety measures in line with international standards.

The move is part of the Bahrain Road Safety Assessment programme (BAHRAINRAP) to set future strategies, plans and safety interventions, for

which the ministry has also launched a tender.

The tender invites engineering consultancy firms registered with CRPEP, Bahrain, under Grade A, B and C, on or before the Tender issue date.

The contract duration as per the tender is 12 months.

Interested parties should enter their bids before the 7th of September 2022, with a BD100 bond and

BD100 tender fees.

The project will follow the parameters of the International road assessment programme (iRAP), which will provide the ministry with an evidence-based approach to road risk assessment.

iRAP is a registered charity dedicated to saving lives by eliminating high-risk roads around the globe. The agen-

cy works with governments, road authorities, mobility clubs, development banks, NGOs and research organisations.

The tender is for assessing and producing a risk mapping and the star rating of the 400 kilometres of major road networks in the Kingdom. The project also calls for conducting a star rating of five projects at the design stage and ten schools.



The network of roads and highways in Bahrain has a total length of 4,122 km, according to world data. For each of the country's 1.75 million inhabitants, this corresponds to 2.36 meters. This puts Bahrain in 165th place in the global ranking.

## Dawajin tender for poultry vaccines

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The General Poultry Company (Dawajin) has launched a tender for hiring a supplier of poultry vaccines.

The tender says the company is looking for a supplier who provides quality products at competitive pricing.

Make bids before the 24th of August 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.



## Stray dog menace in your locality? Dog hunters are on way

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Troubled by stray dog menace in your locality?

Some say they are chased by aggressive strays the moment they step out of the house.

Others say they have lost their sleep to incessant barking at night.

But, don't worry.

The works ministry is rolling out a plan to ease the canine trouble in the Kingdom.

They are now appointing dog hunters to remove aggressive stray from residential localities

in the Kingdom.

Once the ministry gets a complaint in this regard, the hunters will get launched into action.

This is according to the latest tender by the ministry that offers a two-year contract for hunting and catching stray dogs.

Interested parties should "trap stray dogs from all areas of the Kingdom in response to complaints."

The tender also adds that a contractor should transport dogs to a designated clinic and

then transport them from the clinic to non-residential areas as directed by Animal Wealth.

So, if anyone out there is willing to play a part in this, make bids to grab the job.

Bids should reach the tender board before the 24th of August 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD30 tender fees.



## Experienced Diesel supplier needed

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Bahrain Real Estate Investment (Edamah) is looking forward to hiring a supplier of Diesel for electricity generators at Al-Jazayer Public Beach.

A tender launched says

those interested should bid before the 21st of August 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.

Eligible suppliers should have a minimum of 2 years of experience in Petroleum supply.

## SIO offers maintenance contract

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The Social Insurance Organisation is offering a one-year contract for maintaining its offices for a year.

A tender launched says the contract starts from the 1st of February 2023 to the 31st of

January 2024.

Works include electrical, air condition, plumbing and emergency generator.

Interested parties should bid before the 31st of August 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.

## MoFNE wants external glass cleaners



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The Ministry of Finance & National Economy has launched a tender for hiring glass cleaners.

The services are for cleaning the external glasses of its headquarters.

The tender says those interested should

clean the outer glasses of the building once in two months, except the 11th and 12 floor, which needs monthly cleaning.

The headquarter building is in the Diplomatic area in Manama. In all, the building has 12 floors, including a ground floor. Make bids before the 23rd of August 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.