

# New academic blocks, patrol boat for Bapco, aviation fuel for Gulf Air in Tel Aviv and more

Several tenders by ministries and government agencies are live on the tender board website seeking bidders

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Plans are on the anvil to construct new academic blocks for girls schools at Budaiya and East Riffa.

The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning said the additional academic blocks are for Girls Primary and Intermediate school at Budaiya and Girls Primary school at East Riffa.

For Budaiya, the ministry intends to demolish the existing admin block and construct a new block to shift 300 students from the existing ten portable cabin classrooms to the new building.

The new block will have ten classrooms, a room for special needs students, an audiovisual room, an admin room for 25 staff and other facilities.

Budaiya school has a total strength of 952, which includes 825 students and 125 staff.

Works Ministry tender for the project calls for finishing the works in 18 months.

Those having a valid Pre-qual-



Tender board's bid opening committee members

ification License registered with the Ministry of Works are eligible to bid for the tender, which required an initial bond for BD5,000.

The tender closes on Sunday.

### New 19 classrooms

For East Riffa school, the ministry said the new block should have 19 classrooms, various laboratories, teachers rooms and other services.

A tender issued for the project calls for finishing the works in 18

months. Bidders should provide an initial bond of BD5,000. The tender closes on 23rd June 2021.

### Advertising spots in Muharraq

Muharraq Municipality said it is renting advertising spots on 49 lighting poles on Khalifa Al Kaaber Street, Al Hidd Street and Diyar Al Muharraq Street and 46 lighting poles on Airport Road.

The contracts are for a year, where investors should pay the cost of advertising and releasing them to institutions and com-

panies.

Tenders have a closing date on 24th and 25th May, respectively.

### Bapco needs a patrol boat

A tender by Bahrain Petroleum Company said it is looking to buy a security patrol boat with a trailer for its Sitra wharf.

Contractors with a minimum of 10 years of experience are eligible to participate in the tender published on Thursday.

Interested parties have until 2nd June 2021 to make a deci-

sion. The tender calls for an initial bond of BD500 to participate.

### Opens 96 bids

The Tender Board, an independent regulatory body, also announced opening 96 bids received for 22 tenders by nine administrative bodies.

Works Ministry had two tenders opened on the day. The first was for doing comprehensive maintenance of the Arad Primary Schools for Boys and Arad Elementary Schools for Girls and received nine bids. The second for pre and post quantity surveying consultancy services for National Assembly found two bidders. HAJ Quantity Surveyors' BHD 112,325,000 was the lowest bid.

The Ministry of Education said it is looking to hire a contractor for holding Academic qualifications and practical experience auditing services for which received two bids. The tender board said Quadrabay verification services was the lowest bidder. They quoted BHD 181.650 for the job.

### SMS service

The Information and eGovernment Authority tender for providing Bulk & Transactional SMS Services received three bids each from Zain, Bahrain Tele-

communications Company and Etisacom Bahrain Company. Zain made the lowest quote.

The ministry also had opened another tender for developing e-Service and Development Resource for which received three bids. Vam Systems FZC Foreign Branch emerged as the lowest bidder.

### Aviation fuel at Tel Aviv

In the aviation sector, the board opened five tenders for Gulf Air. The first for the supply of aviation fuel at Tel Aviv Airport (TLV) found a single bidder. The second for the management of the Unit Loader (ULD) also received a single bid, while the third for hiring a general sales agent in France (online) and Belgium / Luxembourg (offline) received three quotes. The fourth tender for fare filling through ATPCO Airline Tariff publishing company attracted five bids. The fifth for purchasing latex gloves attracted 14 bids ranging between BHD 47,522.365 and BHD 111,709.605. Syscon Trading & Mechanical Services made the lowest quote.

A tender by Bahrain Airport Company for the support and maintenance of Perimeter Intrusion Detection System attracted two bids. White Hawk Security Co was the lowest bidder.

# Gulf Air begins IATA travel pass trial on London, Athens and Singapore flights

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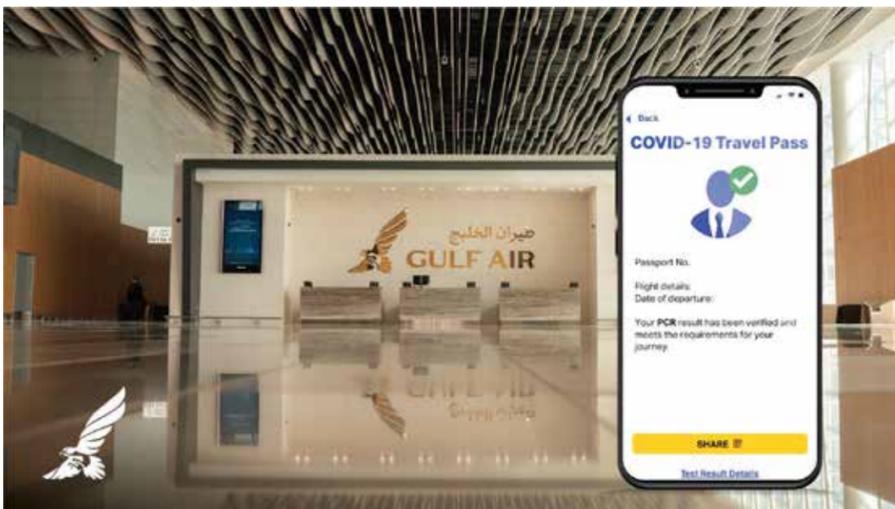
The International Air Transport Association is partnering with Bahrain and Gulf Air, the national carrier of Bahrain, for the trial of the IATA Travel Pass, which helps passengers "easily and securely" manage their travel in line with any government requirements for COVID-19 testing or vaccine information.

The trial began yesterday on Gulf Air flights from Bahrain to London, Athens and Singapore.

Passengers holding a biometric passport and flying to these destinations will be able to trial the app.

The system allows Gulf Air passengers to create a 'digital passport' to match their travel itineraries with the COVID-19 health requirements of their destination country and validate compliance.

Bahrain is one of the first governments to participate in the



and vaccination requirements of their destination.

Captain Waleed AlAlawi, the Acting Chief Executive Officer, said: "Gulf Air is proud to partner with IATA as one of the first airlines in the world to commence the trials, and we look forward to initiating it on three routes starting from today."

Nick Careen, IATA Senior Vice President for Airport, Passenger, Cargo and Security, said: "Managing multiple pieces of paper for COVID-19 health requirements for travel is inconvenient for passengers, unmanageable for airlines and airports and overwhelming for border authorities. The deal is an important step in enabling international travel during the pandemic, giving people the confidence that they are meeting all COVID-19 entry requirements."

Passengers flying directly from Bahrain to London, Athens and Singapore will receive instructions on how to sign up to be part of the trial.

Economy class passengers will receive access to the Gulf Air Falcon Gold check-in area and Falcon Gold Lounge at Bahrain International Airport. Passengers in the Falcon Gold cabin will receive free WiFi on board as a token of appreciation for their participation.

Gulf Air, one of the few airlines that never stopped flying in 2020, said it is closely working with authorities across its network to resume operations as demand for travel grows.

## Prominent Bahraini businessman dies



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KAbdul Salam (67), a well-known businessman in Bahrain, had passed away after a long battle with kidney-related ailment.

He was undergoing treatment in his native place in Karunagappally in the south India state of Kerala.

Salam, who reached Bahrain in 1976, runs an array of business establishments, including Al Khadi travels, Al Pessu restaurant, Arad Dental clinic, Al Hamad Dental clinic, and Al Pessu garage.

He is survived by his wife and son Hiram Abdul Salam, mother Zubaida and daughter-in-law Rubiaya. Late P.V Koyakutti is his father.

## Role of press hailed

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Bahrain's press freedom strides in the prosperous era of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa were hailed. In a statement, the Shura Council's Services Committee hailed the margin of openness and freedom of expression and opinion enjoyed by the fourth estate in the Kingdom.

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trial to help re-establish global connectivity while managing the risks of COVID-19.

IATA has authorised American Mission Hospital, Bahrain Specialist Hospital, Royal Bahrain Hospital and Royal Hospital for Woman and Children to send the test results to passengers via the app.

The IATA Travel Pass app will have an integrated registry of travel requirements to enable passengers to find accurate information on travel and entry requirements for all destinations regardless of their itinerary. Eventually, it will also include a registry of labs — making it more convenient for passengers to find testing centres and labs at their departure location which meet the standards for testing