

Fireworks for National Day, pantry items for BAC

Hot contest going on at Tender board to grab government contracts

● EWA invites bids for providing internal audit services and Citrix software maintenance

● Bahrain Airport Company looking for pantry item and printed stationery suppliers

● Bapco's contract is for IBM Enterprise server platform renewal

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Bahrain tender board yesterday opened more than 35 bids tabled by private sector players for various government contracts in the Kingdom, tender board's website said.

Gulf Air, Electricity and Water Authority, Bahrain International Circuit, Bahrain Airport Company, Tatweer Petroleum, Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco), Bahrain Polytechnic, Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company and the University of Bahrain are the purchasing authorities according to the board's data.

Most numbers of bids were for winning Gulf Air's contract to supply various type of Biodegradable plastic bags. Eight companies are competing for the contract. Tatweer's contract for network upgrade has six bidders, while five companies are competing to win EWA and BIC contracts.

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dit (BD 129,150,000), Protiviti Member Firm (Bahrain) SPC (BD 93,240,000) and Ernst & Young Middle East ((Opt. 1 - BD 145,683,000, Opt 2 - BD 192,666,000).

Biodegradable plastic bags

Some eight companies are competing to get a contract to supply various type of Biodegradable plastic bags to Gulf Air. Kairun Co, Kaelis On Board Services, Manama Packaging Industry, Genprise Co, Maskati Bros & Co., Bagasse International, Maskati Commercial Services and Al Salem Trading ENT are the bidders for which the value is not disclosed.

Some five bidders are also competing to win a contract to supply Books for University of Bahrain & Bahrain Teachers College. Awal stationery, friend book library, Growmore Learning Solutions, Middle East Consultancy Centre and STM Middle East are the bidders. The bid value is not disclosed.

newal bid shows a value of BD 423,133,200. Bahrain Business machines is pursuing the tender which states, "lowest price bidder is not necessarily awarded the tender."

Award of the tenders, Tender Board website says, are subject to technical and financial evaluation. "The price shall be the principal criterion in case of fulfilment of technical and other criteria."

Pantry items for BAC

Bahrain Airport Company's tender to Supply Pantry Items with a total value of BD 2,625,290 received a bid from Madaris Trading Co. Meanwhile, the company's tender to supply 'Printed Stationery' received two bids - from Awal Printing

Press (BHD 6,886,000) and Union Press Company. Union Press co's bid now stands suspended.

Fireworks Displays for National Day 2020

Bahrain International Circuit's tender for 'Fireworks Displays for National Day 2020' and 'Formula One Race 2021' received a total of five bids ranging from BD 420,713,000 to BD 29,925,000.

Pico International, Faalyat, Nash Media, Motivate Events and Media, and Groupe F are the bidders. NASH Media is the highest bidder.

Internal audit- EWA

The Electricity and Water Authority placed two tenders, the first is to conclude a main-



Representative picture (Courtesy of Tender board)

tenance contract for CITRIX programme and the second for providing internal audit.

Tender for Citrix software Maintenance contract received two bidders - Bahrain Business machines and Almoayyed Computers Middle East SPC. Bids range between BD 43,718,850

and BD 30,843,750. Almoayyed Computers is the highest bidder. EWA's tender for conducting internal audit has five bids. The bidders include PricewaterhouseCoopers ME Limited (BD 215,250,000), BDO (BD 88,200,000), Grant Thornton - Abdulaal Gulf Au-

Defying the odds of disability

Muhammad Uthman inspiring journey of grit and perseverance

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Conquering the world is not an easy task, for the gruelling challenges it unleashes in each moment. To overcome it, one must fight hard. Not to say what would it be for a differently-abled person.

But, hats-off to Muhammad Uthman who has defied all the odds to become one of the top scorers from Isa Town Secondary School for Boys.

Uthman feels overwhelmed with joy and pride in the result he achieved.

Overcoming all the health condition, the differently-abled student went on to score 92.1 per cent in this year's school examination.

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happen," said Uthman.

The school, Uthman said, was ready to integrate deaf students with the ministry of education providing all necessary facilities, including teachers specialised in sign language.

The support was continuous and extensive throughout the academic period, Muhammad Uthman told Al Ayam.

The atmosphere was so welcoming that communication was not difficult, Uthman added.

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When asked about future plans, Uthman expressed op-

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timism.

Uthman said the plan is to pursue university studies in graphics, 3D designs or electronics to help contribute to the development of the country.

Before closing, it would be apt to recall a famous quote by Stephen Hawking, who was one of the world's most famous scientists and most famous disabled

people, a true inspiration to the disabled and the abled.

"My advice to other disabled people would be, concentrate on things your disability doesn't prevent you from doing well and don't regret the things it interferes with. Don't be disabled in spirit as well as physically."

This made him a role-model and inspiration to many.

'Abusive' mother: Court lets 17-year-old daughter go with grandparents

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A Bahrain court has accepted a 17-year-old girl's plea to live with her grandparents, rejecting the custody request of her mother, whom the court found as 'abusive'.

The dramatic incidents occurred in the Minor Sharia Court recently in a case involving the girl, her mother, grandfather and her aunt.

The girl's Bahraini mother moved a case against the others demanding her daughter's custody.

However, the court, based on evidence showing that the mother abused her daughter both verbally and physically rejected the case.

According to the defence attorney, Ebtissam Al Sabbagh, the 17-year-old girl was the eldest of the Bahraini woman's three children - two girls and one boy.

Incidents leading to the case occurred when the girl who was travelling abroad took refuge at her grandfather's house after landing back, refusing to return to her mother's house.

Learning about the abuse the girl suffered, the grandfather and her aunt filed a complaint with the police and also took the girl to the Child



Defence attorney, Ebtissam Al Sabbagh

Protection Centre for psychological therapy.

The attorney told the court that the grandparents enrolled the girl in a school and helped her improve her academic performance also resulting in the girl's psychological-health improving noticeably.

Al Sabbagh argued that the mother resorted to abusing the girl, who was very much attached to her late father, claiming that the man "didn't leave enough money behind for them to survive."

In reaching the verdict, the court accepted the girl's testimony, her demand to live with her grandparents, statements of the Police, Child Protection Centre and the pledge of the aunt, who is an unmarried doctor, to bear all financial responsibilities of the girl.