

# Research survey vessel for works ministry, new roads and more

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**W**orks Ministry is moving ahead with plans to build a research survey vessel for its Remaal project. Project details are not disclosed.

The ministry has also opened a tender for the project calling for competent and specialist suppliers to design, build and supply the vessel.

The successful bidder should complete the vessel in about 52 weeks.

The contract also calls for providing maintenance of the boat for three years after the warranty period.

The tender, which published on Thursday and closes on 19 May 2021, requires an initial bond of BD5,000.

## Isa town roads

The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning also unveiled plans to develop the roads at block 805 in Isa Town.

As per a tender, the ministry will construct a six-meter wide two-lane single carriageway internal roads, with asphalt paving



The bid opening process was attended by representatives of the administering authorities and the companies participating in the tenders

for a length of 2,750 meters.

The contractor should perform earthworks, construct drainage, kerbing, asphalt paving, instal footpath and road markings.

The successful bidder will have to finish the work in 36 weeks. The initial bond for participating in the bidding is BD4,000.

The tender opened on Tues-

day will close next month on the 19th.

## Malkiya Market

The Northern Area Municipality said it is looking for a contractor to invest and operate Malkiya Market at Malkiya.

The 35-year contract includes two floors of the supermarket, vegetable section, fish market and other areas.

A tender, which opened on 28 March 2021 and will close by 28th this month, calls for an initial bond of BD2,500.

The tender board, charged with supervising government bidding and bidding practices, also opened 47 bids received for eight tenders by seven administrative bodies.

## Maryam Bint Omran Primary

## Girls

A Works Ministry tender for the rehabilitation of Maryam Bint Omran Primary Girls School attracted four bids. The bids ranged from BHD 250,425.150 to BHD 377,378.000. Almoayyed Contracting quoted the lowest amount.

iWorld Connect, which quoted BHD 67,284.000, emerged as the lowest bidder for a contract to supply three IT consultants at the Ministry of Finance. The job attracted 13 parties.

## security guards

The Ministry of Labour and Social Development has 71 openings for security guards, for which the tender board received ten bids. The bids ranged between BHD 597,082.500 and BHD 999,810.000. G4S Secure Solutions Bahrain made the lowest quote.

A contract for the general maintenance of the facilities at the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs attracted four bids. Dadabhai Construction's BHD 48,914.765 was the lowest amount.

Further, the board opened two tenders for the Electricity and

Tender Board Ramadhan Timing	
<b>Working Hours</b>	
«Sunday- Thursday»	8:00 - 14:00
<b>Bid Submission</b>	
«Sunday- Thursday»	8:00 - 13:30
<b>Bid Opening Session</b>	
«Monday - Thursday»	9:00

Water Authority. The first for updating electricity transmission in the master plan of the Electricity and Water Authority received seven bids. The second for a fuser unit in overhead lines attracted two bidders.

The committee also opened a tender by the Bahrain Bourse for health and life insurance of Bourse employees. The tender received five bids.

Finally, the committee opened a tender for the General Poultry Company for supplying 2,925 tons of laying poultry feed for which received two bids. Delmon poultry company, which quoted BHD 479,449.280, was the lowest bidder.

# It's all about tackling a crevasse

Bahrain Everest team spend a day polishing their crevasse crossing skills

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**A**fter a day of recess, Bahrain's Everest team is back again and is on with taxing practice session in preparation for their final ascent.

The 16-member expedition team said they are practising some of the most dangerous climbs and crossings using ladders.

"The team practised some of the most dangerous parts of the climb today, ladder crossing the crevasses which sometimes are 2,3 or 4 ladders tied together across the bottomless crevasses. It makes it harder wearing crampons and carrying all your equipment," the team wrote on social media.

Pictures posted showed team members, kitted fully, practising the ladder crossing, which is one of the most important for mountaineering in a snow



country.

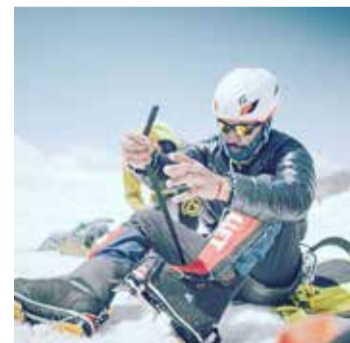
Experts say it is almost sure that one will encounter a crevasse on their way up, which is scary as it is impossible to spot them in advance and know its depth only when it appears.

If the journey is through the Kumbu Ice falls on mount Everest, then ladder crossing

is necessary.

Sometimes a single ladder will suffice to bridge a crevasse but will need to lash a couple of them for longer crossings.

The technique involves place a ladder or a combination of ladders over the chasm, fastening them to an object to avoid losing them.



Climbers use ice screws to fix the ladders to the nearest side of a crevasse.

Experts, however, point out that the tricky part is who will do it first.

The first person bears the entire risk, and he should be someone with experience in crossing

crevasses.

Once everything is secured at the other end, and after fixing hand lines, the rest of the team can cross the ladder, one at a time.

The mantra or key here is doing it slowly and steadily, as a miss-step could turn fatal.