

Education Ministry approves EtonHouse Kindergarten



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A decision is in force to establish a new privately-owned kindergarten in the Kingdom under the EtonHouse Kindergarten.

The new facility will be for children between the age of three and five, said Dr Majid Al Nuami, the Minister of Education.

The functioning of the facility will be as per Decree-law 25 of 1998 on private educational and training institutions and other related edicts and law in force in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The decree directs to collect the tuition fees as approved by the ministry and not to raise them or add any other fees without obtaining prior approval.

Al-Redha Kindergarten

The latest decision also follows a ministerial decision last week approving the establishment of a national Al-Redha Kindergarten for children aged 3 to 5.

The ministry, last week, also approved the establishment of a foreign-owned nursery under the name "Al Wisam Juniors Kindergarten", for children in the same group.

The minister has also endorsed turning the national "KidzWorld" kindergarten into a foreign establishment.

Three more COVID-19 deaths

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Three more COVID-19 related deaths raised Bahrain's overall death toll from the pandemic to 292.

Two Bahrain men both aged 70 years and an expatriate man, aged 62 years, are the latest casualties.

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Women-led tech startups on the rise

Around 48 per cent of the founders of emerging technology companies in Bahrain are women

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Bahraini women entrepreneurs establishing startups in the technology sector have reached 48 per cent of the total such businesses in the Kingdom, said a top EDB official.

According to the director of Business Development for Startups at Bahrain Economic Development Board, Bakiza Abdul Rahman, supporting this positive trend is more than 20 accelerators and business incubators in the Kingdom.

"These accelerators and incubators are supporting startups with fundings of up to BD 12,000 (the US \$ 32,000)," said Bakiza Abdul Rahman.

The top EDB official was hosting the "National Advising Programme for Bahraini Women eGuidance" organised virtually by the Supreme Council for Women.

Taking part in the programme were job seekers, entrepreneurs



Participants during a virtual meeting of "National Advising Programme for Bahraini Women eGuidance"

and retirees looking for options in the Bahraini labour market or develop commercial projects.

The Abdel Rahman stressed during the session that the Kingdom offers a lot of employment opportunities for Bahraini women for launching their own com-

pany or offer services through various online platforms.

The environment here is conducive to launching technical projects or working in them," said Rahman adding that Bahrain women have managed to prove their capabilities in the modern technologies within a short time.

Bahrain incubator friendly

Bahrain, the EDB official, said has many elements making it an incubator friendly environment to groom innovative ideas and emerging projects. "One amongst those is the advanced infrastructure in the field of information and communication technology, availability of

qualified and trained national cadres, flexible and advanced legislation, and the low costs of establishing and operating companies."

She said there are also multiple financing programmes that female entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs can benefit.

Startups have several options to explore like that offered by "Tamkeen" Labour Fund, or "angel financing" by companies such as "Tenmou", in addition to that from Bahrain Stock Exchange.

Bakizah called for following up the efforts of "Bahrain Exports", which support enterprises and companies to export Bahraini products and services to global markets.

Startup Bahrain

She also encouraged participants to visit the "Startup Bahrain" website www.startupbahrain.com to find out everything related to entrepreneurship and startups in Bahrain from News and events.

It is noteworthy that the "National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women" aims at raising the percentage of Bahraini women entrepreneurs, encouraging women to move towards non-traditional jobs, take



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up flexible work opportunities, and pursue innovative digital entrepreneurship projects. The programme also aims at sustaining women's contribution to the economy.

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Tender board opens 43 bids for 10 tenders

● Five tenders opened in aviation sector

● Others tenders were in Oil and gas, insurance and poultry

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Bahrain's tender board announced opening 43 bids received for ten tenders offered by five administrative bodies in the Kingdom.

One of the first tender opened was for the Electricity and Water Authority. This tender was for pre-qualification of contractors for the maintenance and repainting of water tanks belonging to the Water Transportation Department at the authority. Vying for the contract was 12 bidders.

Landing gear repair

In the aviation sector, the



Tender board officials inspecting the bids

board opened five tenders. All of them were for the national carrier, Gulf Air.

A tender for repairing the landing gear of Airbus A320 CEO fleet received four bids. ST Engineering Aerospace Systems Pte. Ltd. quoted the lowest amount of US\$1,470,000.000 (BD554279.08) for the work. Revima placed the highest quote of US\$ 2,217,600.

Another for the selection of the General Passenger Sales

Agency (GSA) in Bangladesh received five bids. I-Business Holdings Limited and Bengal Airlift Limited both quoted BHD 2,500,000, the lowest.

Two bids were for a tender for Buggy car services at London Heathrow International Airport - Terminal 4. Hawk Integrated Services quoted GBP 18,000 and the second bidder ARL Services (UK) Ltd GBP 121,691,000.

Gulf Air's fourth tender for choosing a travel agent in the

Philippines attracted four bids. The lowest bidder is Pan Euro International Inc which quoted BHD 81,155,000 and Airesources Inc. quoted USD 10,395,840,000, the highest.

The fifth tender for providing roasted coffee bags for Falcon Gold travellers received seven bids. The lowest bids were BD500 by Alpha Sky, and BD 52,626.200 by Abdullatif Khalid Alaujan Food Stuff. Al Wardah Food Stuff Packing Factory made the highest bid of BD 185,073,000.

Water treatment

In the oil and gas sector, the board opened a tender by Tawee Petroleum for sustainable and environmentally friendly treatment of the water produced from the Bahrain Petroleum Field. BAUER Resources GmbH was the sole bidder for the contract.

Chicken feed

The committee also said it

opened two tenders for the General Poultry Company. The first tender was for supplying 2,721 tons of chicken feed for which received two bids. Delmon Poultry Company quoted BHD 70,703,330, the lowest.

The second tender for supply of layer Mash also received two quotes. Gulf Feed Mill company Al-Ghurair Resources made the lowest quote of AED 3,847,690 (BD394972.30)

Health insurance

Finally, the committee opened four bids received for a tender by the Eskan Bank to provide health insurance service to its employees and its subsidiaries for three years. Tazur Company made the lowest quote of BHD 232,046.850 for the contract.

The bid opening process was in the presence of several representatives of the administering parties and the companies participating in the tenders.

Northern Municipality removes illegal construction

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Northern Municipality yesterday announced removing some of the violations related to building permits in the village of Al-Janabiyah in Block 579, following a court ruling.

Officials confirmed that they removed a building in there constructed in violation of Buildings Organization Law No. 42 of 2014.

The building was also outside the property boundaries, which constitutes an infringement of the rights of others.



Picture courtesy of Al Ayam

In this regard, the municipality called on citizens and residents to adhere to regulations and laws related to building permits and not to build or add to it without permits.

"Compromising building requirements will only result in endangering themselves as well as others," officials said.

Random additions made inside the house without following safety requirement are the causes of roof or wall collapse in most of the cases.

Officials said that licensing procedures related to these matters are simple and easy to follow.

Municipal authorities also warned not to create random electrical connections.

"Failure will increase the chances of fire hazard caused by sparks and faulty wiring, which also directly threatens the safety of the family members."

The municipality warned that all works done carried out without a permit will be considered a violation.