

Election fever heats up

10 candidates vie for seat in Muharraq's First constituency

● Saleh Al Sada and Abdullah Al Sehli emerge as latest potential candidates

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The race for the vacant seat in Muharraq's first constituency is heating up, with over 10 candidates officially declaring their intentions to run in the upcoming by-election.

The seat became available after the previous representative, Mohammed Al Hussaini, was disqualified due to holding dual citizenship at the time of running in the elections, held in 2022.

The election is scheduled for September, and the campaign period officially begins next week.

Already, candidates are actively engaging with voters, hosting meet-and-greets, and utilising social media platforms to spread their messages.

Among the declared candidates are prominent figures like Dr Essam Al Alawi, businessman Ibrahim Al Shaikh, Khalid Sulai-beekh, Saleh Al Sada, Khawla Al Busmait, Nada bin Shams, Abdullah Al Sehli, Ahmed Al Tamimi, and Shaikh Mohammed Al Qallaf.

Range of issues

The candidates are focusing on a range of issues, including economic development, social services, and addressing the concerns of local residents.

Several candidates have already launched initiatives aimed at improving the lives of those



Dr. Essam Al Alawi

living in the constituency.

The first constituency, located in the Al Busaiteen area of Muharraq, comprises four electoral blocks, and the upcoming by-election is expected to draw significant attention from voters.

Competitive elections

The first constituency in Muharraq, which Al Hussaini previously held, is known for its competitive elections, particularly the recent November 2022 election, which went to a second round between Al Hussaini and Dr Al Alawi.

Thirteen independent candidates ran in the first round of the previous election, marking the first time that candidates from the associations were absent.

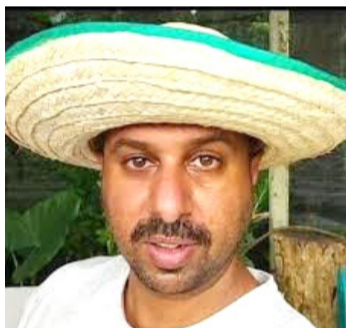
The constituency was previously a stronghold of the Asalah Society, with former MP Adel Al Mawda holding the seat for several legislative terms.

Intense campaign

Observers predict that the by-election will see an early and intense campaign, with a high number of candidates expected



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Mohammed Al-Jowder

to announce their candidacy in the coming weeks.

The results of the first round of the previous election, in descending order of votes, were as follows: Mohammed Al Hussaini (2505 votes), Dr. Essam Al Alawi (1645 votes), Abdulaziz Al Mannai (1130 votes), Hamad Al



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Kooheji (1078 votes), Ghazi Al Murbati (831 votes), Mohammed Al Mutawa (775 votes), Ahmed Al Tamimi (345 votes), Jamal Al Jowder (149 votes), Khawla Al Busmait (116 votes), Subah Al

Thawadi (108 votes), Jassim Al Hamadi (63 votes), and Saleh Al Sada (50 votes).

The second round saw Dr. Al Alawi and Mohammed Al Hussaini compete, with Al Hussaini winning with 63% of the vote compared to Al Alawi's 37%.

Needs

Potential candidate Saleh Al Sada announced his seriousness in running for the available seat through the "Instagram" platform, confirming that he is aware of the needs of the constituency and its people, in addition to following everything that concerns the citizens during the current period.

As for the potential candidate Ibrahim Al Al Shaikh, he opened his Majlis a week before the of-



Dr. Nada Ali Bin Shams

icial announcement of the candidacy, where he received the people of the constituency.

Initiatives

Meanwhile, the potential candidate Abdullah Al Sehli appeared in various recorded clips, announcing a number of initiatives in case he wins the seat of the constituency, the most prominent of which is the establishment of the Social Fund to serve the people of Al Busaiteen and the donation of 80% of his salary in the Council of Representatives if he wins the seat of the constituency.

Last week also witnessed the announcement by Shaikh Mohammed of his intention to run in the by-election, stating that he will be addressing many hot files that concern the citizens in the House of Representatives in case he wins the seat.

Moreover, Dr Nada Bin Shams also announced her intention to run for the elections.

The First Constituency in the Muharraq Governorate includes 4 blocks, which are 225, 226, 228, and 229.

University student's appeal against expulsion rejected by court

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A Bahraini university student who was expelled for attempting to hack into the university's electronic systems has had his appeal rejected by the Administrative Court.

The court upheld the university's decision, stating that the student's actions were proven through an administrative investigation and a final criminal judgment against him.

The student had argued that the expulsion was arbitrary and excessive, claiming that the university had overreacted to his actions. He requested a reduction in the punishment.

"I am deeply disappointed by the university's decision to expel me," the student told the court during the trial. "I believe they have overreacted, and the punishment of expulsion is excessive. I am hoping the court will reduce the penalty."

However, the court ruled that the university's assessment of the severity of the student's misconduct was justified considering the circumstances.

The court emphasised that its role in reviewing disciplinary measures is limited to ensuring



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the student's guilt and the legality of the punishment.

It does not extend to evaluating the appropriateness of the penalty, as the university has the authority to determine the severity of the offense and the corresponding disciplinary action within legal limits.

The student's offenses included stealing a fellow student's password, impersonating her, and attempting to damage the university's computer systems by installing malicious software.

These actions were deemed to be serious breaches of university regulations and traditions.

The university's disciplinary code outlines a range of penalties for student misconduct, including warnings, suspension, and expulsion.

The court recognised that expulsion is a severe penalty but deemed it appropriate in this case, given the seriousness of the student's actions and the university's authority to impose such sanctions.

Two face trial for illegal fishing

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The Head of the Public Prosecution Office for Ministries and Public Entities announced that investigations into two incidents of illegal fishing and trading of undersized fish have been concluded.

Two defendants, one of Arab and one of Asian descent, have been referred to the Second Minor Criminal Court.

The case is scheduled for hearing on August 19, 2024.

The incidents were brought to light following reports from the Fishing Ports Administration of the Supreme Council for the Environment.

The reports detailed the monitoring of two boats returning from the sea, carrying 77 kilograms of hairtail and safi fish.

The fish were found to be below the legally permitted size.

The Head of the Public Prosecution Office emphasized the importance of adhering to legal regulations designed to protect marine resources.

He stressed that compliance with these controls, including the prohibition of catching undersized fish, is crucial for sustaining fish stocks and preserving marine biodiversity.

Fatal vehicle accident



The Ministry of Interior reported a tragic road accident this morning on Al-Quds Street in Isa Town, resulting in the death of one individual and injuries to several others. The incident occurred when a vehicle overturned and collided with a tree. The Ministry announced the accident via its official account on the "X" platform. The injured were transported to the hospital by the National Ambulance service, while the competent authorities are currently conducting investigations at the scene.