

Lebanon To Launch Tenders For Dam Projects

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Lebanon's ministry of energy and water said it will soon launch tenders for projects to construct dams in the country, Beirut-based An Nahar daily reports Saturday.

The ministry said 26 local and foreign companies have submitted their documents as a prelude to their participation in tenders to build dams and artificial mountain lakes, the paper reports.

The classification of these contactors will be completed very soon then the tenders will follow and companies that haven't yet submitted their documents still have the time to do so, the ministry added.

Lebanon, which enjoys the highest annual rainfall in the Middle East region, suffers from some water shortages in the dry season, due to the lack of adequate infrastructure to tap its water resources.

The country is currently run by the government of the caretaker prime minister Saad Hariri. The prime minister-designate Najib Mikati, who was nominated in January, hasn't been able yet to form a new cabinet due to local political wrangling.