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KING SALMAN INAUGURATES RIYADH METRO PROJECT



On Wednesday, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz, inaugurated the Riyadh Metro Project, which is considered the backbone of the "public transport network in Riyadh" and a key component of the city's transportation system, according to the Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

An introductory video revealed the high design and technical specifications of the metro, which consists of a network covering 6 train lines with a total length of 176 kilometers, 85 stations, including four main stations. The Riyadh Metro Project has a capacity to accommodate up to 3.6 million passengers daily. The project was designed with six major routes spanning 176 kilometers, covering densely populated areas, government facilities, and key commercial, educational, and health institutions. It also connects to King Khalid International Airport, King Abdullah Financial Center, major universities, downtown Riyadh, and the public transport hub.

The metro system features four main stations located in high-density areas and at key intersections. The project is part of a broader plan for sustainable public transportation in Riyadh, aligned with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030.





SAUDI PORTS AUTHORITY AND LLOYD'S REGISTER SIGN AGREEMENT TO STANDARDIZE OPERATIONAL AND MARITIME PROCEDURES

The Saudi Ports Authority (Mawani) and British classification body Lloyd's Register have signed a partnership agreement to standardize operational and maritime procedures at Saudi ports. This collaboration aims to separate regulatory and operational roles in the port sector, aligning with the national transport and logistics strategy. The agreement focuses on developing improved procedures, including quality and environmental manuals (ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015), establishing a code of good practices, and creating a specialized technical guide. The initiative will enhance operational efficiency, customer satisfaction, and sustainability while reducing emissions and operational costs.





SAUDI CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY APPROVES ANNUAL PERMITS FOR PRIVATE AIRCRAFT OWNERS

The General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) has approved annual permits for private aircraft owners using foreign-operated planes for non-commercial personal use. This move allows easy travel to and from the Kingdom without the need for a permit for each individual flight, while continuing the current single-flight permits. GACA emphasized that this aligns with the National Aviation Strategy to enhance cooperation and build partnerships for safe, sustainable, and efficient transportation. It also supports the general aviation roadmap, which includes increasing private aircraft flights and streamlining related procedures.



SAUDI MOTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY (MEKIN) SIGNS MOU WITH SAR TO ENHANCE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE

Saudi Motor Manufacturing Company (Mekin) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Saudi Railway Company (SAR) aimed at enhancing the railway infrastructure and developing sustainable maintenance capabilities in Saudi Arabia.

The agreement includes providing integrated solutions for SAR's engine and machinery needs, such as supplying and maintaining engines, generators, and offering after-sales services. Additionally, Mekin will supply high-speed mtu engines to meet SAR's operational requirements. The MoU also envisions long-term maintenance agreements, strengthening operational efficiency and sustainability within Saudi Arabia's railway sector.



SAUDI PORTS AUTHORITY HOLDS STRATEGIC MEETING WITH GLOBAL FEEDER SHIPPING COMPANIES



The Saudi Ports Authority (Mawani) held a strategic meeting with leading global feeder shipping companies under the theme "Sail to Saudi Ports" in Dubai, UAE, aimed at enhancing and expanding the connectivity between Saudi ports and global ports. This initiative aims to increase the competitiveness of Saudi ports regionally and internationally.

The meeting discussed the significant developments at Saudi ports, including improvements in infrastructure, container handling equipment, and the introduction of service vessels to boost operational efficiency. Additionally, the latest technologies and increased capacity at the ports were highlighted to ensure high-quality operational services. The importance of cooperation with global feeder shipping companies was emphasized, focusing on enhancing port connectivity, providing logistics services, and facilitating trade flow. This step aligns with the Kingdom's goal to solidify its position as a global logistics hub and a connector of three continents, in line with the National Transport and Logistics Strategy and Vision 2030.



SAUDI ARABIA RE-ELECTED CHAIR OF THE ARAB CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY COMMITTEE FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE TIME



This re-election underscores Saudi Arabia's pivotal role and its positive efforts in managing the challenges of the aviation industry both regionally and internationally. It highlights the Kingdom's prestigious international standing in civil aviation forums, as well as its active role in specialized international aviation organizations.

On this occasion, Mr. Mohammed Al-Fawzan, Deputy CEO of Aviation Security and Head of the Middle East Aviation Security Cooperative Program (CASP-MID), expressed gratitude to King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman for their unwavering support for the civil aviation sector. He emphasized the importance of strengthening Arab cooperation in aviation security and continuously meeting the highest safety standards. Saudi Arabia has consistently supported ACAO's initiatives since its founding, including hosting the CASP-MID program's headquarters in the Kingdom and contributing a \$1 million donation to the ICAO's "No Country Left Behind" initiative.





SAUDI CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY APPROVES LAUNCH OF TRANSAVIA FRANCE FLIGHTS BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND FRANCE

"The Saudi General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), through the Air Transport and International Cooperation Sector, has approved the commencement of regular flights by Transavia France between Saudi Arabia and France. Starting from December 12, 2024, Transavia France will operate two weekly flights from Lyon and Paris to Jeddah during the winter season.

This initiative is part of GACA's ongoing efforts to enhance air connectivity and strengthen the Kingdom's global ties, in line with the objectives of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030. The goal is to position the Kingdom as a global logistics hub and create new opportunities for travel, aligning with the National Aviation Strategy.





SAUDI CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY CONCLUDES PARTICIPATION IN THE 35TH AFCAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Saudi General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) concluded its participation in the 35th General Assembly of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) held in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, from November 26-29. The assembly was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Congo, Anatole Collinet Makosso, with the participation of AFCAC President, Silas Odamenko, and Secretary-General Adfonki Adeyemi, as well as civil aviation authorities from African member states and African Union representatives. During the main session, GACA's Deputy CEO for Air Transport and International Cooperation, Ali bin Mohammed Rajab, presented the achievements of Saudi Arabia's national aviation strategy. He highlighted the Kingdom's role as a global logistics hub, connecting the world, and its commitment to investment in the aviation sector with a \$100 billion investment, aimed at handling 330 million passengers, 4.5 million tons of air cargo, and 250 international destinations by 2030.



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