

# Work on Bahrain's largest public school 'completed'

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The Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry (MoW) has completed the work on Shaikha Moza bint Hamad Al Khalifa's Primary and Secondary Girls' School in Jau.

The school building has been handed over to the Ministry of Education.

Works Affairs Undersecretary at the MoW, Ahmed Abdulaziz Al Khayyat, said that the school is the largest public school in the Kingdom in terms of capacity, cost and facilities.

Covering a total area of 50,000 square metres, and a building area of 26,500 square metres, the school consists of four academic buildings that accommodate 1,440 primary, intermediate and secondary students and includes 48 classrooms.



The educational facility consists of four academic buildings.

It also includes all modern educational facilities, including multi-purpose laboratories, a library, offices for the educational and administrative staff, a multi-purpose sports hall that is designed to host various sporting events in the Kingdom, in addition to service facilities, including a cafeteria, bathrooms, stores and a room for the guard, the under-secretary said.

Costing BD10,847,560, the mega project was implemented within the GCC Development Project, supported by the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) and built by the Bahraini-Saudi Arabian consortium of Al Moayed and Nasma Contracting, he added.

Mr Al Khayyat pointed out that

the project had won the Smart School Building Award during the third Smart and Sustainable Cities Conference 2018, as it was designed to meet the requirements of modern schools and sustainable green buildings, as well as to conserve energy and

preserve natural resources.

To improve the facility's ease-of-use, a parking lot was developed close to the main entrance for drivers with special needs, and slopes were developed at each building entrance, the official said.

Non-slippery vinyl flooring is used to make the school safer for special groups, for whom lifts and toilets have been specially designed as well, he added.

Sources said that solar panels have been installed on the roofs of the school buildings in co-ordination with the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA), which will contribute to rationalising energy consumption and saving about 30 per cent of energy.

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Bahraini dinars is the cost incurred to complete the project.

## Al Mashaaer Metro 'transported over one million pilgrims in 45 hours'

**Mina**

Al Mashaaer Al Mugaddassah Metro has transported 1,087,320 pilgrims in 45 hours, Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported on Sunday.

This covered several stages, including the Ascent, Nafrat and Stoning of Jamrat Al-Aqabah during this year's Hajj season, as announced by the Saudi Railways Company (SAR), operator of Al Mashaaer Al Mugaddassah Metro, in coordination with the Makkah Region Development Authority (MRDA).

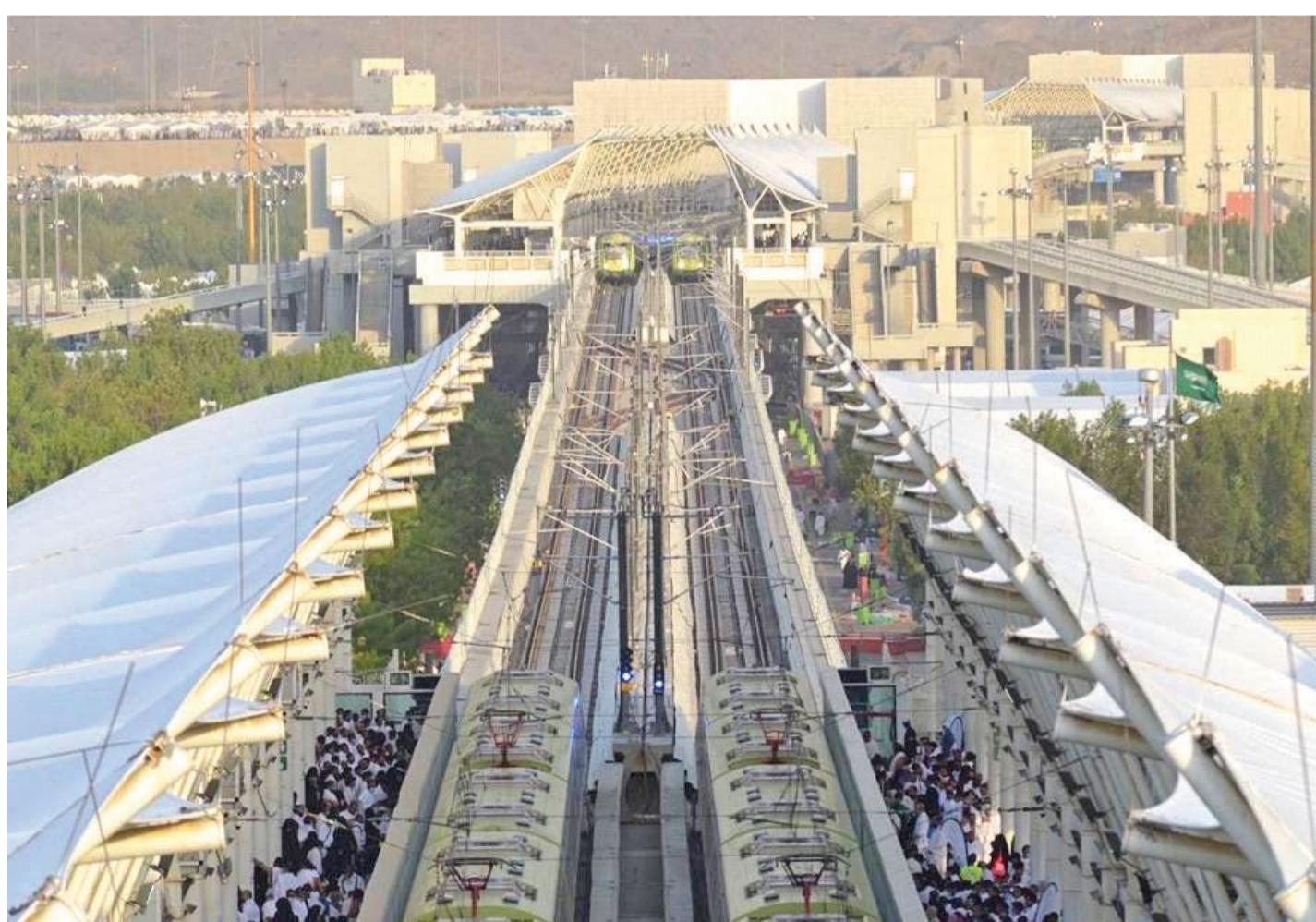
The Supervisor of Al Mashaaer Al Mugaddassah Metro Muhammad Fida said that the first stage of the metro trips began at 4.00 am on the 7th of Dhul Hijjah.

The metro stopped at all the stations, ending service at 6.00 pm. During this period, over 16,000 pilgrims were transported between the nine stations.

Fida added that in the second stage 340,035 pilgrims were transported from Mina to Arafat to spend the day with the rest of the pilgrims on Arafat plain.

This stage began at 8.00 pm on Tarwiyah Day (8th of Dhul Hijjah) and ended at 11.00 am on Arafat Day.

The third stage of Al Mashaaer Metro started at 7.00 pm on Arafat Day transporting pilgrims during the Nafrat to Muzdal-



The metro network has been of great help to the pilgrims.

ifah, successfully transporting some 353,000 pilgrims in six-and-a-half hours.

Fida added: "As for the fourth stage, pilgrims were transported via the Jamarat station.

"In this stage, we were able to stone the Jamrat Al Aqabah in record time.

377,199 pilgrims to stone the Jamrat Al Aqabah in record time. This stage began at 1.00 am on



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the 10th of Dhul Hijjah and continued till 9.00 am."

Meanwhile, spokesman of Makkah Region Development Authority (MRDA) Jalal Bin Abduljaleel Kaaki said that this year the MRDA hired over 15,000 employees in seasonal jobs for crowd management in Al Mashaaer Al Mugaddassah Metro.

Kaaki said that crowd management plans this year have contributed effectively to the success of the movement of pilgrims to the Ascent and Nafrat and to the Jamarat Complex.

In this connection, the Authority provided its workers with training courses in crowd management before the onset of the Hajj season. This enabled the MRDA and the metro project to achieve the aspirated goals.

## Saudi leaders congratulated on Hajj success

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud over the Hajj success.

HRH the Crown Prince extended sincerest congratulations to King Salman on the great success of the Hajj season.

HRH the Crown Prince stressed that King Salman's dedicated efforts and keenness to harness all available potentials of various sectors had contributed to the success of this year's Hajj season, and enabled pilgrims to perform the Hajj rituals smoothly and easily.

HRH the Crown Prince wished Saudi Arabia and its brotherly people many happy returns of the occasion, under King Salman's leadership. HRH the Crown Prince also wished the Arab and Islamic nations further progress and prosperity.

HRH the Crown Prince sent a similar cable to the Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Fawzia Zainal, yesterday stressed that the outstanding success of this year's Hajj season adds to rich record of landmark achievements of Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of King Salman.

In this regard, the speaker lauded the tremendous efforts exerted by Saudi Arabia, under King Salman's leadership, to ensure easy and smooth performance of Hajj rituals, citing the facilities provided by the Saudi government for Hajj pilgrims, which, she said, reflects its leading role in serving Arab and Islamic issues at all levels.

She affirmed that Saudi Arabia's keenness to harness all its potentials to serve pilgrims is a Saudi message to the whole world highlighting its leading role in promoting the principles of Islam and tolerance.

She extended deepest thanks and appreciation to the Saudi people and government for the distinguished and effective procedures they have taken to ensure the success of the Hajj season.

The speaker extended sincere thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for his sound directives to the Bahrain Hajj Mission to provide all kinds of care for Bahraini pilgrims.

## People urged not to politically exploit religious occasions

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way that violated the law after Eid prayer.

"The case has been referred to the Public Prosecution," the Interior Ministry said in a tweet yesterday.

"Citizens are residents are urged to not politically exploit religious occasions," the tweet said.