

# Linking power grid to Hawar

First step towards promoting tourism potentials across six major islands to benefit national economy



Shaikh Khalifa interacts with officials during his visit to the island.



A master plan prepared by Edamah on developmental projects in Hawar.

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It will take almost two years to implement the plan of using submarine power cables to connect Hawar Islands to mainland Bahrain, it is learnt. The project, funded by the Saudi Fund for Development, is scheduled to be completed by November 2020, according to the office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Reconstruction and Infrastructure Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa.

The office of the Deputy Premier said

two of the main islands of the archipelago will be linked by one 25-km long cable that will run through the seabed.

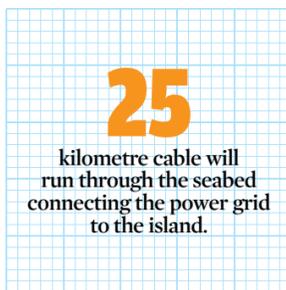
"The move comes as part of creating a permanent power network to boost future developmental projects in the island," a statement said.

Southern Governor Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa had recently announced that a number of developmental projects will be implemented on Hawar Islands in the near future.

This came as the governor visited the island to review the potentials for developmental projects.

The latest official statistics released

by the Southern Tourism Company showed that the number of guests at the islands' hotel and resort had increased



by 108 per cent in the first eight months of this year.

Southern Tourism Company operates under the umbrella of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company, the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom and is in charge of marine transportation to and from Hawar Islands, in addition to operating the hotel and resort.

The company also provides logistics transportation services to ministries and government bodies.

On its part, Bahrain Real Estate Investment Company (Edamah), the real-estate arm of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company, announced that it

will launch, in cooperation with the private sector, several tourism and investment projects on Hawar Islands, valued over BD350 million.

The company added that the projects are expected to create 3,000 jobs while generating revenues to benefit the national economy.

The Hawar Islands include six major islands, in addition to more than 30 small ones, covering a total area of about 51.4 square kilometres.

The maximum length of the largest island, Hawar, is nearly 17 kilometres, and maximum width is three kilometres.

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