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Logistics Partnership Council Holds 23rd Meeting at University of Jeddah

Chaired by Deputy Minister of Transport and Logistic Services Dr. Rumaih Al-Rumaih and attended by University of Jeddah President Dr. Adnan Al-Humaidan, the Logistics Partnership Council held its 23rd meeting at the university. Public and private sector representatives discussed various logistics topics. Talented students from University of Jeddah attended to learn about the challenges and achievements in transportation and logistics services.

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Mawani Signs MoU with Marseille Fos Port to Enhance Logistics Cooperation

The Saudi Ports Authority "Mawani" signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Marseille Fos Port to enhance cooperation in digital transformation and smart ports during the Gulf Vision Forum (VISION GOLFE 2024) in Paris. The MoU aims to improve international trade, support the marine environment, and promote green ports. It was signed by Mawani President Omar bin Talal Hariri and Marseille Fos Port CEO Hervé Martel. The MoU will boost innovation, exchange expertise, and develop the logistical capabilities of Saudi ports, aligning with the National Transport and Logistics Strategy.

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Saudi Investor Alliance Signs Contract to Establish Logistics City in Djibouti

A Saudi investor alliance signed a contract to establish a Saudi logistics city in the free zone at Djibouti port. The agreement includes leasing 120,000 square meters of land for 92 years to create a permanent exhibition for Saudi industries and facilitate exports to Africa. Hassan Al-Huwaizi, President of the Federation of Saudi Chambers, stated that the project aims to provide a maritime gateway for Saudi industries, with significant cooperation from Djibouti in overcoming challenges. The logistics city will feature a trade exchange area, facilities, and warehouses, enhancing the reach of Saudi products to Africa via Djibouti port. During the Saudi Chambers delegation visit, the contract was signed in the presence of over 100 businesspeople, promoting economic and trade cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Djibouti. The trade volume between Saudi Arabia and Africa reached 74.7 billion SAR in 2023, with a trade surplus of 23 billion SAR. Establishing the logistics city strengthens economic ties between Saudi Arabia and African countries.



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Saudi Arabia Completes First Air Taxi Trial in Mecca to Revolutionize Hajj Travel

Saudi Arabia conducted its first air taxi trial in Mecca to transform Hajj travel for millions of pilgrims. The General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) led the initiative, partnering with the Ministries of Transport, Hajj, and Interior. The trial used the EH216-S pilotless eVTOL aircraft in protected airspace to improve mobility, reduce congestion, and promote sustainability. This trial is a significant step toward enhancing the Hajj experience.

Saleh Al-Jasser, Minister of Transport and Logistics Services, emphasized its role in creating faster, more efficient, and sustainable travel for pilgrims. The successful trial supports GACA's Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Roadmap, focusing on safe and sustainable air transport solutions. Air taxis are expected to reduce travel and delivery times, enhance emergency services, and improve overall mobility during Hajj. By 2030, these solutions will support thousands of pilgrims and generate substantial revenue. Abdulaziz Al-Duailej, President of GACA, highlighted the trial's importance in advancing mobility solutions across Saudi Arabia.



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Saudi Airlines Awarded "World's Most Improved Airline" by Skytrax 2024

Saudi Airlines received the "World's Most Improved Airline" and best economy class catering awards at the Skytrax 2024 ceremony. This achievement was based on a global customer satisfaction survey covering over 375 airlines. Saudi Airlines' ranking improved from 82nd in 2017 to 20th in 2024. The "Tawarak" transformation program contributed significantly by focusing on enhancing guest experience and operational efficiency through digital transformation and advanced technologies. The airline also maintained its position among the top 10 global airlines for on-time performance in 2023 and ranked fifth globally for on-time arrivals in May 2024. Ibrahim bin Abdulrahman Al-Omar, Director General of Saudi Airlines Group, stated that this success reflects the airline's commitment to excellence and achieving the highest quality standards in aviation. He highlighted the company's focus on innovation and improving the guest experience. Saudi Airlines recently signed deals with Boeing and Airbus to purchase 154 new aircraft and upgrade guest cabins.



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King Abdulaziz Port in Dammam Receives 80 Electric Trucks from SANY

The Saudi Ports Authority "Mawani" announced a contract between the Saudi Global Ports Company "SGP" and Chinese manufacturer SANY to supply King Abdulaziz Port in Dammam with 80 electric trucks. This is SANY's largest electric truck supply contract, making the port the largest in the Middle East with such a fleet. The initiative aims to develop the port into a flexible and sustainable logistics hub. The contract was signed at the China Transport and Logistics Expo 2024, attended by Saudi and international officials. These electric trucks will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower operating and maintenance costs, enhancing the port's environmental sustainability. This project aligns with Saudi Vision 2030 and strengthens the Kingdom's position as a global logistics hub. King Abdulaziz Port recently won the "Port of the Year" award for its infrastructure achievements.



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Riyadh Air Partners with CellPoint Digital to Enhance Digital Payment Solutions

CellPoint Digital announced a partnership with Riyadh Air to provide innovative digital payment solutions ahead of its 2025 launch. Riyadh Air will use the Payment Orchestration platform to improve transaction processing and simplify local and international payments. The new airline aims to connect travelers to 100 destinations by 2030, supporting Saudi Arabia's vision as a global aviation hub. This partnership will enable Riyadh Air to offer a seamless and fast payment experience, aiding in its expansion and innovation plans.



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SAL Logistics Signs Agreement with Air China

SAL Logistics Company announced signing an agreement with Air China to provide cargo handling services at Saudi airports. SAL will offer comprehensive air cargo handling and land connectivity between its stations in Saudi Arabia and GCC destinations. This partnership enhances SAL's position as a trusted partner in the aviation industry and confirms its commitment to expanding services in the global logistics market. CEO Faisal Al-Baddah emphasized that the partnership will enhance air cargo services and deliver added value to customers.



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