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SAUDI ARABIA ENHANCES GLOBAL LOGISTICS ROLE WITH NEW SHIPPING SERVICE AT KING ABDULAZIZ PORT

The Saudi Ports Authority "Mawani" announced that the Qatari navigation company "Milaha" has added the new shipping service "Milaha Gulf Express 2" (MGX-2) to King Abdulaziz Port in Dammam. This service connects Saudi Arabia with ports in China and India, enhancing the port's competitiveness. With 43 fully equipped berths and a capacity of 105 million tons, the port plays a key role in global logistics. This aligns with Saudi Arabia's national strategy to establish the Kingdom as a global logistics hub.





SAUDI AUTHORITY HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF DRIVER CARDS FOR LOGISTICS SECTOR EFFICIENCY

The Saudi Transport General Authority stressed the importance of driver cards for truck drivers, as they are crucial in enhancing road performance, safety, quality, and compliance within the logistics sector. The authority offers electronic issuance and renewal of these cards through the "Logisti" platform (logisti.sa). Additionally, beneficiaries can communicate and submit suggestions or complaints via the unified number 19929 or the official website (tga.gov.sa).



SAUDI PORTS AUTHORITY AND MAERSK LAUNCH LARGEST INTEGRATED LOGISTICS ZONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AT JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT



The Saudi Ports Authority "Mawani" and Maersk have inaugurated the largest integrated logistics zone in the Middle East at Jeddah Islamic Port, with an investment of 1.3 billion SAR. Spanning 225,000 square meters, the new zone offers a range of logistics solutions that facilitate supply chain movement and handle 200,000 TEUs annually, creating over 2,500 direct and indirect jobs.

This launch is part of Mawani's initiatives to increase the number of logistics zones to 30 by 2030. The Jeddah logistics zone includes storage and distribution areas for exports and imports, refrigerated warehouses for food products, and zones for transshipment, air freight, and e-commerce fulfillment. The zone is fully powered by solar energy, uses electric trucks to reduce emissions, and implements decarbonization solutions to achieve net zero by 2040.



RIYADH AIR AND NOON PAYMENTS FORGE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO REVOLUTIONIZE DIGITAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCE



Riyadh Air, the new Saudi national carrier, has partnered with Noon Payments, a leading e-commerce payment platform owned by the Public Investment Fund (PIF) and part of the Noon Group. This strategic alliance aims to enhance the passenger experience by offering secure, innovative digital payment solutions through Noon Payments' integrated gateway. Passengers will benefit from a seamless digital payment process with various options, setting new standards in the travel industry. This partnership aligns with Riyadh Air's commitment to innovation and supports Saudi Arabia's broader economic goals. It is also part of Riyadh Air's ongoing efforts to form strategic partnerships with global leaders in digital innovation since its launch in March 2023.

These collaborations, including partnerships with Lufthansa Systems, IBM Consulting, AS-Swiss, Accenture, CAE, and Microsoft, aim to enhance passenger experiences and promote sustainability within the aviation sector, further solidifying Saudi Arabia's position as a leader in digital and sustainable aviation.



SAUDI ARABIA'S MARITIME SECTOR ATTRACTS OVER \$6.66 BILLION IN INVESTMENTS THROUGH STRATEGIC

Saudi Arabia's maritime sector has attracted over SR25 billion (\$6.66 billion) in investments, driven by successful partnerships between the Saudi Ports Authority (Mawani) and private sector partners. Omar Hariri, president of Mawani, announced these developments during the launch of a new logistics zone at Jeddah Islamic Port. The sector has seen significant growth over the past four years, including the addition of 47 new shipping routes and the development of 17 logistics zones at Jeddah and Dammam ports. A notable partnership with Maersk led to the company's largest global investment of SR1.3 billion at Jeddah Port, further solidifying Saudi Arabia's role as a key global logistics hub. The new logistics zone at Jeddah covers 225,000 square meters and features advanced storage and management systems, contributing to the Kingdom's Vision 2030 goals by enhancing operational efficiency and supporting economic growth. The zone also emphasizes gender diversity, with a dedicated women's academy providing specialized training programs.



SAUDI PORTS RISE TO 15TH GLOBALLY, WITH THREE PORTS AMONG WORLD'S TOP 100 FOR CONTAINER HANDLING

Saudi Arabia has advanced its global ranking in container handling from 16th to 15th according to the 2024 Lloyd's List report of the world's top 100 ports. Jeddah Islamic Port climbed from 41st to 32nd globally, handling 5.6 million TEUs in 2023, a 12.6% increase from the previous year. King Abdullah Port improved its ranking from 71st to 70th, with a 0.8% increase in container throughput, while King Abdulaziz Port in Dammam moved from 90th to 82nd, recording a 13.1% increase. These advancements reflect Saudi Arabia's growing status as a global logistics hub, supporting the goals of Vision 2030. The Saudi Ports Authority has recently signed development contracts worth nearly SR17 billion to boost the capacity of container terminals at Jeddah and Dammam ports. Additionally, Saudi Arabia continues to enhance its maritime connectivity, adding 31 new shipping services in 2023 and establishing six new logistics zones with investments exceeding SR6 billion.





SAUDI ARABIA SUBMITS BID TO HOST 2034 WORLD CUP, SHOWCASING OPERATIONAL READINESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Saudi Arabia's submission of its bid to host the 2034 FIFA World Cup highlights the Kingdom's operational readiness and robust infrastructure, proving its capability to host global sporting events. The national transport and logistics system is committed to providing exceptional transportation and integrated logistics services to facilitate the movement and comfort of visitors and sports fans, ensuring they have an extraordinary experience in the Kingdom.





SAUDI CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY GRANTS SECOND SEAPLANE LICENSE TO RED SEA GLOBAL FOR SHIBARA ISLAND

The Saudi General Authority of Civil Aviation has awarded Red Sea Global an operational license for Shibara Island's seaplane base, marking the second seaplane base in Saudi Arabia after the Ummahat Island base. This milestone, celebrated in the presence of key officials, reflects the Kingdom's commitment to creating an investment-friendly environment while ensuring the highest standards of aviation safety. The license is a critical step toward the upcoming launch of the Shibara Island resort, with Fly Red Sea set to offer seaplane services. Red Sea Global, the first operator of seaplanes in Saudi Arabia, anticipates significant growth in passenger numbers by 2024.



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