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CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE CONTAINER LOGISTICS BUSINESS INCUBATOR HELD IN JEDDAH

Under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Rumaih bin Mohammed Al-Rumaih, Deputy Minister of Transport and Logistics Services and Acting President of the General Transport Authority, and in the presence of H.E. Dr. Adnan bin Salem Al-Humaidan, Acting President of the University of Jeddah, the closing ceremony of The Container logistics business incubator was held at TheShopFloor in MODON Oasis, Jeddah. The event showcased innovative logistics projects, supporting Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 to position the Kingdom as a global logistics hub. The incubator provided mentorship, training, and funding to startups, fostering innovation and efficiency in the sector. The ceremony recognized outstanding projects and facilitated networking between entrepreneurs, investors, and industry leaders.



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Ministry of Transportation and Logistics Services Innovation Award

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS LAUNCHES INNOVATION AWARD

The Saudi Ministry of Transport and Logistics has launched the Innovation Award to promote creativity and excellence in the transport and logistics sectors. The award offers total financial prizes of 675,000 Saudi Riyals, distributed among five categories: logistics service development, mobility and safety management, environmental sustainability, services for people with disabilities, and digital transformation. Participants from various sectors can submit their innovative projects to enhance transportation efficiency and sustainability. This initiative aligns with the Kingdom's Vision 2030, focusing on advancing smart solutions and improving infrastructure. The award aims to encourage groundbreaking ideas that support the growth of the transport sector. Applications are now open for submission through the official platform.



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HARAMAIN HIGH-SPEED TRAIN INCREASES ITS OPERATIONAL CAPACITY TO 1.6 MILLION SEATS

The Saudi Supply Chain Conference 2024 concluded today, marking a successful two-day event in Riyadh. According to the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), the conference witnessed the signing of 91 agreements worth SAR 8.3 billion (\$2.2 billion) aimed at enhancing supply chain operations and efficiency.

The event brought together ministers, top executives, and global and local organizations, alongside public and private sector leaders, to explore growth opportunities in supply chain and logistics. Discussions focused on Saudi Arabia's competitiveness in global supply chains, in alignment with Vision 2030. Experts highlighted the role of artificial intelligence, data analytics, and digital innovation in strengthening logistics services.

The conference aimed to expand investment opportunities, foster private sector partnerships, and reinforce Saudi Arabia's position as a global logistics hub. Participants explored strategies to develop exports, improve supply chain performance, and drive economic growth. The event also showcased Saudi Arabia's growing role in global supply chain networks, reinforcing its strategic position as a key link between three continents.



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CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY”: ALLOWING FOREIGN COMPANIES“ OPERATING PRIVATE AIRCRAFT (BY REQUEST) TO TRANSPORT PASSENGERS INTERNALLY IN THE KINGDOM

The Saudi General Authority of Civil Aviation announced that foreign private jet operators can now transport passengers domestically within the Kingdom starting May 1, 2025. This decision aims to enhance competition, attract foreign investment, and develop the general aviation sector. It aligns with Saudi Arabia's plan to become a regional aviation hub, including infrastructure upgrades like new airports and terminals.



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A NEW SERVICE TO COMPLETE TRAVEL PROCEDURES FROM MAKKAH WITHOUT THE NEED TO GO TO THE AIRPORT

The Saudi Ground Services Company has announced the launch of a new service for air travelers in partnership with Qatar Airways. The company revealed that, starting from March 1, 2025, it will offer an off-airport check-in service in the city of Makkah. The initiative aims to ensure a smooth and comfortable travel experience for pilgrims and Umrah performers.



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FIATA AND SAUDI LOGISTICS ACADEMY SIGN MOU TO STRENGTHEN SAUDI ARABIA'S LOGISTICS SECTOR

On January 30, 2025, FIATA and the Saudi Logistics Academy (SLA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during the 2nd Global Labor Market Conference in Riyadh, reinforcing Saudi Arabia's position as a global logistics hub. SLA, a FIATA Association Member, was established to develop Saudi talent in logistics and supply chain management under the Ministry of Transport and Logistics Services, the Technical and Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC), and Vision 2030.

Under the leadership of Dr. Alabdulkarim, SLA has become a leading logistics training institute, delivering 900+ diploma certifications, 1,600+ short professional courses, and 130+ executive programs. The MoU will introduce FIATA training programs to Saudi Arabia, including the FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding and the Higher Diploma in Supply Chain Management, with SLA preparing for FIATA Logistics Institute (FLI) validation in Spring 2025.

With growing logistics demand in Saudi Arabia, this MoU represents a major step in professionalizing the workforce and supporting the Kingdom's global logistics ambitions. Additionally, FIATA and the Transport General Authority (TGA) are working to integrate FIATA's Digital Bill of Lading (eFBL) into Saudi Arabia's digital logistics platform, advancing the Kingdom's digital transformation agenda.



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PIF AIMS TO BOOST LOCAL CONTENT IN LOGISTICS TO 60% BY THE END OF 2025

The Public Investment Fund (PIF) of Saudi Arabia is actively working to enhance local content in the logistics sector, targeting a 60% contribution by the end of 2025. A PIF official highlighted the fund's commitment to developing infrastructure and services that support this goal, aligning with the Kingdom's Vision 2030 objectives. This initiative aims to strengthen the national economy by increasing reliance on local resources and reducing dependence on foreign services. The PIF's strategy includes investing in logistics companies and fostering partnerships to build a robust and self-sufficient logistics ecosystem within Saudi Arabia.



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SAL LOGISTICS ENHANCES DIGITAL SOLUTIONS AND SMART FACILITIES IN COLLABORATION WITH STC AND THE MADINAH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

SAL Logistics, a company specializing in cargo handling and logistics solutions in Saudi Arabia, has signed two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with STC Group and the Madinah Development Authority to enhance digital solutions, smart facilities, and operational efficiency in logistics operations. The MoU with STC aims to support and strengthen logistics operations, integrate operational efficiency with innovative technologies, and improve supply chain management to elevate the quality of services provided by SAL in alignment with the goals of Saudi Vision 2030. The memorandum was signed as part of the LEAP Conference agenda by Eng. Mohammed Al-Sheikh, Chief Strategy, Development, and Execution Officer at SAL Logistics, and Abdulaziz Al-Haider, Executive Vice President of Enterprise Accounts at STC Group, in the presence of senior executives from both companies.



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