

Jordan, Britain agree on civilian nuclear cooperation

Jordan and Britain Sunday signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation in the field of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, the chairman of the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission (JAEC) Khalid Touqan said.

Touqan told reporters that he and visiting president of the UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) Lady Barbara Judge had signed the document, which paves the way for a nuclear cooperation agreement between the two countries before the end of the year.

Britain promised to put its nuclear know-how at the disposal of the JAEC for the exploration and mining of uranium ores in Jordan. It also promised to provide nuclear reactors in Jordan to ensure a stable nuclear fuel service at feasible prices, Touqan said.

Britain is the third western nation to sign a nuclear cooperation memorandum with Jordan. The Hashemite Kingdom inked a similar memorandum with Canada May 31 to follow an existing one with France.

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