

# Insurance re-organ

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Tourism Jawad Al Anani said that the government is going to re-organise the insurance sector in Jordan in order to give due consideration to the protection it offers to the country's economy.

The minister, speaking at the opening of a three-day conference on "Engineering Insurance" at the Holiday Inn here, called on insurance companies operating in Jordan to give due consideration to engineering insurance in order to cover risks that ensue in the process of installing industrial instruments and equipment.

The insurance sector in Jordan has played a major role in providing security and protection for institutions involved in production and services in different fields, the minister said.

One of the fields that insurance

## Delegates to refugees conference depart

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's delegation to a conference of Arab states hosting Palestinian refugees in Tunisia will submit two working papers on the effect of Israel's settlement policies in the occupied Arab regions and the general conditions of Arabs under Israeli rule.

This was announced here Saturday coinciding with the departure for Tunisia of the three-member delegation led by Assistant Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs Usama Tahboub.

Topics at the three-day meeting, to take place at the Arab League headquarters, cover the situation in the occupied Arab lands and Israel's drive to re-locate Palestinian refugee camps in the occupied region.

Countries taking part in the meeting due to open Monday are Jordan, Syria, and the Palestine Liberation Organisation as well as representatives from the Arab League office.

## Exhibition



Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat chairs a meeting of the Higher Agricultural Council Saturday at which was discussed fruit growing and wheat production in the highland areas (Petra photo)

## Agricultural council discusses fruit trees, highland wheat production

AMMAN (J.T.) — Planting fruit trees in southern Jordan was among the major topics discussed by the Higher Agricultural Council which met here Saturday under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat.

The council, meeting at the prime ministry, heard a report on fruit tree growing in the highland areas and the establishment of a co-operative society for the production of apples in the Shobak region.

A committee was set up at the meeting to help establish the co-operative society comprising representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Water Authority.

The council also reviewed a report on wheat production in the eastern regions of the country, and

an experimental project for growing wheat at Wadi Al Disi in the south, and in Al Duleil and H-4 areas in the north east.

The prime minister urged those concerned to speed up the establishment of a grain council which is to be established under the chairmanship of Agriculture Minister Mohammad Bashir and which will be entrusted with debating all policies concerned with the production and consumption of grain in Jordan.

The council also heard a report on the establishment of a company to process and market agricultural products. The projected company will hold a meeting on Feb. 17 to elect a board and to handle several urgent issues.

The prime minister requested

the director-general of the Jordan Co-operative Organisation, Hassan Nabulsi, to carry out the necessary contacts with countries that produce potato seeds to purchase sufficient quantities for distribution to local farmers.

Also it was decided that tomato paste processing factories in the Central Jordan Valley region will open this Saturday to receive surplus tomatoes from local producers for processing.

The purchase price of these tomatoes will be announced Sunday.

Attending the meeting were Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sulaiman Arar, Agriculture Minister Mohammad Bashir, Minister of Supply Ibrahim Ayvoub and other members of the agricultural council.

## Yarmouk hospital will increase range of medical specialisations, says dean

AMMAN (J.T.) — Yarmouk University hospital, scheduled to be established on the permanent site of the university, will greatly contribute to changing the health and medical situation in Jordan, according to the dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the university, Dr. Sa'd Hijazi. Dr. Hijazi also pointed out that this hospital will include all types of medical specialisations.

In an interview with the J

countries in return for fees to be fixed by the hospital, Dr. Hijazi said.

Talking about the criteria for accepting students at the Faculty of Medicine, the dean affirmed that the number of students will be limited at the beginning. This is a deliberate policy, he said, aimed at concentrating on teaching to train our highly trained physicians.

Therefore, he added, the number of students which will be accepted at the faculty will not be as

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It will also be a very flexible faculty in terms of its programmes in order to adapt to the changing needs of society.

The faculty will teach and train paramedical staff from Jordan and other Arab countries. This is included.

