

Amman water authorities say 45% of drinking water wasted

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA) will this year implement sewerage projects in the northern, southern and western parts of Amman at the cost of JD 7.5 million, according to AWSA Director General Mohammad Saleh Al Kilani.

He said one of these projects will carry out at several sites. These are Umm Al Summaq, Prince Rashed, Baiader Wadi Seer, customs officials housing estate and Marj Al Hamam and Quesnech districts.

This will cost JD 5 million; and the other, estimated at JD 2.5 million, entails laying sewer pipes at Wadi Al Marbat, Jabal Al Has which is not accouter for.

He appealed to house owners to have these faulty pipes replaced and new ones laid in such a way

him, Jabal Nuzha, Marka and Wadi Nasr.

This month two tenders will be announced for the implementation of these projects which will be completed in November, Mr. Kilani said.

Mr. Kilani, who was speaking in an interview with the daily Al Dustour, referred to the drinking water problems in the capital. He said that the water metres count only 55 per cent of the total water consumption. The rest is leaked away and AWSA never recovers any of its cost.

At present AWSA is in contact with the World Bank to despatch a special team to Amman to try and find a solution to the problem, Mr. Kilani said.

According to him, much of the pumped water runs through worn out pipes that carry water to homes and these pipes are mainly responsible for the loss of water



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that they can be inspected from time to time, and so avoid waste of more water, Mr. Kilani said.

6,000 homes linked

According to him, almost 50 per cent of the capital's homes are now linked to public sewers, and in the past year AWSA linked 6,000 homes to the main sewers.

In reply to a question about the exorbitant water bills which sub-

scribers are sometimes requested to settle, Mr. Kilani said that AWSA receives comparatively very few complaints — one thousand out of 70,000 subscribers every three months.

Those who complain often forget that they consume a lot of water in the summer and they also forget that they water their gardens and neglect to fix faulty water cisterns and pipes, Mr. Kilani pointed out.

'Best water meters'

As for water meters, they are the best that can ever be found, he explained, and denied that those meters could ever be the cause of excessive consumption, Mr. Kilani said.

In summer, the rate of water consumption increases by 30 to 40 per cent over winter time and almost 100,000 cubic metres of water are pumped daily to various parts of the capital around the clock, according to Mr. Kilani.

AWSA plans to replace the old mains in Amman with a new network at the cost of JD 300,000 and this will take place during the current year, Mr. Kilani added.

Art exhibit at Thursday

stand out — the lovely coastal landscapes with their gentle colours and verticals of Farid Saoud Bokies and Abdullah Al Ma'hrikeh's three marvellous old men with their toothless grins who are "Laughing at Destiny".

Central Bank staff hours increased

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Central Bank of Jordan has decided to increase the working hours of its staff by one hour a day. According to the new system the bank staff will work until 3 p.m., a bank spokesman said.

Archaeological trips to be planned

Jordan Archaeological Museum

Arbor Day celebrations will be held on Jan. 15

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Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Arbor Day celebrations will be held in Jordan on Jan. 15 under Royal patronage in the grounds of Al Fateh Mosque at Shabatta in Amman.

The mosque built in 1933 is regarded as one of the oldest monuments in the city. At the same time other Arbor Day celebrations will be held in other parts of the country.

According to the director of Afforestation at the Ministry of

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500,000 visit Jordan pavilion

BAO (J.S.A.) — Petra — The Jordanian pavilion at the Baghdad International Fair was visited by about 500,000 Iraqis over the duration of its opening period which ended Tuesday. Pavilion Director Mohammad Al Naser said all those who had visited the Jordanian wing had expressed admiration and appreciation of the high standard of Jordanian industrial products. They also praised the progress achieved by Jordan in various fields.

Yarmouk University budget JD 14.115m

AMMAN (J.T.) — Yarmouk University's 1984 fiscal budget is JD 14.115 million according to a spokesman for the university's Royal Commission which endorsed the budget. He said that the new budget's recurrent and other expenses amount to JD 8.262 million, capital expenses including buildings and installations would cost JD 4.845 million and the rest are allocations for covering the cost of transferring installations and other facilities from the university's temporary site to the permanent site.

University of Jordan exhibits books