

Water, sewerage projects planned as part of Irbid's 1985 development plan

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IRBID — At last, Irbid will have its own sewers and digging for the project is due to start next month. According to Irbid Mayor Abdul Razzak Tubeishat preparations have been completed and work will go on as scheduled. Also in the coming month work will begin on laying a new water network for Irbid to replace the existing old one which has become worn out, the mayor said.

The final stages for a new water project have been finalised and water to Irbid will be drawn from Wadi Al Arab, a distance of 24 kilometres, Dr. Tubeishat added. He said that the project also entails setting up three pumping stations and a purification plant and water tower with a 110,000 cubic

metre capacity.

Dr. Tubeishat said that other important projects will be carried out during 1985 and public services will also be improved. He said that a total of 20 public gardens will be set up on a 300 dunum area in addition to three gardens for children. There will be new streets and the lighting will be improved, he added.

Libraries, museum

During this year, he said, the municipality will build a modern public library on a piece of land offered by the Irbid Development Corporation which had completed feasibility studies on the project. Also, the national museum will be developed and a children's public library will be built near Yarmouk University, Dr. Tubeishat said.

According to the mayor, the Irbid Development Corporation will support the municipality's work by building a cultural complex that will include a conference hall, library and bird garden.

Soon all the trucks and heavy vehicles will be prohibited from entering the city except by night for loading and unloading operations only, and all the mechanical garages and other related businesses will be moved out of town, the mayor said. He said that a parking area for trucks will be set up east of the city near the town of Huwara.

The brickmakers will not be allowed to stay in Irbid, he said, and all their workshops will be moved this year to Al Husn or other neighbouring towns because the presence of the brick shops in Irbid is endangering public safety and distorting Irbid's general appearance.

Numbering streets

Also this year will witness the numbering of the city streets and houses and this work will be carried out by a municipality team which divided the city into nine parts for the purpose, the mayor pointed out.

He said that more attention will be given to cleanliness and more garbage trucks will be operating in the streets. The present problem of mosquitoes will soon end, with the installation of the sewerage system and by spraying nearly 400 cess-pools with insecticides on a regular basis.



A view of the construction and development in Irbid (Al Ra'i photo)