



'Obeidat's new centre Tuesday (Petra)

'Obeidat inaugurates new JEA nerve centre

# Control centre to ensure electricity supply constant

**AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat Tuesday inaugurated the National Electrical Control Centre (NECC) which monitors and controls power transformer and generator stations around the country.**

Following the opening ceremony, Mr. 'Obeidat toured the centre's sections and was briefed by Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) Director-General Hisham Al Khatib on the services and the responsibilities of the centre.

NECC controls power grids from Irbid in the north to Aqaba in the south and also carries out technical repair work at transformer and generator stations, Dr. Khatib said.

The prime minister praised the efforts of JEA technicians and officials and expressed his deep satisfaction with their achievement.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sulaiman Arar, Ministers of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Finance, Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment as well as National Planning Council President Omar Abdullah Dakhqan, directors of electricity companies in Amman and Irbid and other officials.

Later, the prime minister chaired a meeting of the ministerial development committee at the centre to review the general electricity situation in the country and the various power projects being undertaken by JEA.

## Rural electrification

Among the major topics discussed was the electrification of rural regions undertaken by JEA and the Amman and Irbid electricity companies.

Agreement was reached at the meeting that 480 villages will be supplied with electricity during 1984.

These villages are inhabited by 890,000 people and they constitute 33 per cent of the total population in Jordan's rural regions.

In 1985, a total of 549 villages

are scheduled to be supplied with electricity.

Also discussed at the meeting was co-ordination of work among various departments for speeding up the implementation of the electrification projects.

JEA Public Relations Director Marzouq Al Hadid told the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, that the centre, which cost JD 1.5 million, was established to provide a constant supply of electricity to all parts of the Kingdom.

The centre is operated and maintained by a team of Jordanian technicians who employ a computer system in monitoring and controlling the various stations, Mr. Hadid said.

He added that the centre will ensure that consumers, factories, companies and other institutions will have a constant supply of electricity around the clock.

## Chamber talks discuss trade with France

**AMMAN (Petra) — Means of promoting economic and commercial relations between Jordan and France and establishing joint projects were discussed Monday during a meeting at the Amman Chamber of Commerce conference hall between the chairman and members of the Federation of the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC), and the Amman Chamber of Industry on the one hand, and the Franco-Arab Chamber of Commerce delegation which is currently on a visit to Jordan.**

Chairman of the FJCC, Hamdi Al Tabba'a, paid tribute to the commercial role of the French, and described it as "active and supportive of the Arab causes."

He also praised the trade relations between his country and France, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

Head of the French delegation, Mr. Michael Habib, lauded the economic relations between his country and Jordan and paid tribute to the Jordanian citizen, whom he described as highly-qualified, Petra concluded.

## Parliament to appoint new Jerusalem deputy

**AMMAN (J.T.) — The Lower House of Parliament will hold a regular session Thursday to elect a deputy for the vacant seat of Jerusalem.**

The seat became vacant two weeks ago after the death of its occupant Mr. Emile Al Ghouri.

Five nominees from Jerusalem will contest the seat. The nominees are Mr. Fuad Faraj (a former cabinet member), Dr. Suheil Khouri, Mr. George Nuzha, Mr.

Konstantine Theodori and Mr. Bassem Mubarak.

The House will also discuss a number of laws and will refer them to the Legal Committee for a detailed study.

Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat is expected to brief the members on the results of last week's round of talks between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

## No drinking water crisis this summer, says Water Authority director-general

**AMMAN (J.T.) — The drinking water situation for this summer is good despite the fact that the quantity of rain which has fallen in Jordan this winter is so low, according to the director-general of the Water Authority, Mr. Mohammad Saleh Al Keilani.**

Mr. Keilani, who was speaking

