

JORDAN

## BRIEFS

REGIONAL LAND COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT--Amman--Eng Muhammad Shahid Isma'il, director general of the Telecommunications Corporation, has stated that the Corporation is currently assessing international tenders for the implementation of a project linking Syria, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia through a regional land communications network. In a statement to [AL-RA'Y] Eng Isma'il said that a new project has been initialed for linking the Jordanian national network to the Egyptian network through the Aqaba Gulf and Sinai and to the international marine cable, which extends from Singapore to the European mainland in France passing through 20 countries. [Excerpt] [Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic 17 Nov 86 p 1 JN] /8918

AGREEMENT ON DAM LOCATION--An agreement was signed today between the Jordan Valley Authority and two firms, one British and the other local. Under the agreement, the firms will conduct studies on the most suitable location of a dam to be constructed on Al-Mallahah Valley, northwest of Al-Karamah town. The project aims at constructing an accumulation dam, 1.4 kilometers long and 42 meters high, capable of holding 55 million cubic meters of storm water for irrigation purposes in the Jordan Valley. A lake of 6 square kilometers will be built behind the dam, as well as a facility in the vicinity to pump water from the dam lake to eastern al-Ghawr canal to irrigate lands south of Al-Karamah. Final designs and tender documents are likely to be ready by the end of 1987. Work will start at the beginning of 1988 and it is expected to take 3 years. [Text] [Amman Television Service in English 2000 GMT 19 Nov 86 JN] /12624

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