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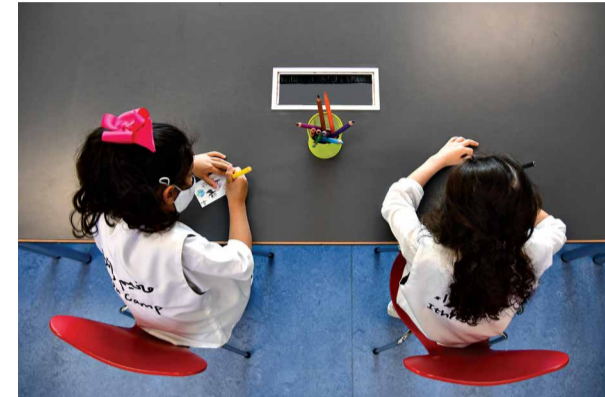


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Aramco signs public-private agreement for six East-West Pipeline residential compounds

Aramco has signed an agreement with a private sector real estate developer to build and operate six residential compounds along the East-West pipeline.

Aramco and the East West for Real Estate Development Company have signed 23-year long contracts to build, own, operate, and transfer six residential compounds along the 1,200-kilometer East-West Pipeline. The deal was signed last month.

East West for Real Estate Development is a special purpose vehicle composed of the Asyad Group, Lamar Holding, and the Wisayah Investment Company.



Waleed A. Al-Saif, executive director of New Business Development signs the public-private agreement as Abdulaziz M. Al-Gudaimi, senior vice president of Corporate Development (fourth from left) looks on. Other members of management include Faisal A. Al-Hajji, executive director of Community Services (third from left), Mohammad A. Al-Hatani, general manager of Pipelines (third from right), and Faisal K. Al-Nuaimi, manager of East-West Pipelines (far right).

Comprehensive infrastructure

The six compounds are complete and comprehensive stand-alone towns housing and serving approximately 1,700 employees. Infrastructure includes residential buildings, life support and recreational facilities, and full utility services over an area of nearly 770,000 square meters. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the second quarter of 2024.

This approach confirms Aramco's interest in working with key public-private partnership developers, in line with Saudi Vision 2030.

Investing in employees

Abdulaziz M. Al-Gudaimi, senior vice president of Corporate Development, said the agreement was another customary investment in employee welfare.

"Approximately 1,700 employees

across six pump stations anxiously await the successful completion of this project," Al-Gudaimi said. "The appreciation goes to whom participated in this undertaking for their hard work and dedication, including the bid review team, and our partners, Asyad and Lamar, for the exemplary collaborative effort."

A very exciting project

Faisal Alsayed, Asyad Group vice chairman, said the agreement was a very exciting project for his company. "We are honored and proud that our consortium has been selected by Aramco in such a tough competition," Alsayed said.

"Through Saudi Vision 2030, we believe that our consortium has the experience, scale, and capacity to deliver the project on time with the highest quality

possible in construction, operation, and maintenance through the project life span."

A world-class asset

Hani Abdulhadi, vice president at Lamar Holding, said the ambitious new project would ensure that Aramco had a world-class asset. "It will be delivered in partnership with the private sector to provide Aramco's personnel with state-of-the-art facilities for many years to come," Abdulhadi said.

"It demonstrates Aramco's commitment as a world-class employer and innovator, and we are honored to be partnering with them on this long-term project. We are fully committed to this new era of growth for the private sector."



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— Abdulaziz M. Al-Gudaimi

Your voice



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Three centuries of proven career wisdom in one brief summary

I have talked to many people who I believe are heroes who have served this country generously; people from different disciplines holding various positions who fought life until they reached the peak. Some of them have recently retired and some have completed more than three decades of service.

In an appropriate way that embraces the age we live in, they briefly answered my question, "As a young person seeking his or her own career or who has just started out, what should they do or avoid doing to achieve a career full of success?" Here is the wisdom of a collective 300 years of experience. I list the recommendations as follows:

- Take the big tasks that are known to be difficult. If you are offered such a task, accept it. If not, step in and get it. The experience will help you develop your skills and push you forward.

- Focus on qualitative rather than quantitative achievement.

- It is said, "If you don't design your

own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan." Take the initiative, draw your career line, and define your goals.

- As a start, you should have an expert model to consult and take his or her advice.

- Don't get bored of work, especially if you are working for years; let your inner drive be your morning alarm.

- To gain the trust of those around you, acquire the habit of attending early.

- Do not stop learning and try to learn everything new related to your business to develop it.

- Faraway workplaces are an opportunity to preserve years of effort to gain experiences and move forward in your career.

- The skills related to work culture help you to share your ideas and visions simply and effectively, and make you more convincing. Specialized skills add

to your professional career based on science and professionalism. Try to balance these skills.

- Work is not your life. Make it the means by which you achieve your life's ambitions.

- "Knowledge is power." Be aware of the culture of your organization and the governing structures of its different operations to make you a reference point.

- Take advantage of every meeting, especially external specialized meetings with experts.

- Discuss politely and accept others' opinions if you want to be treated the same.

- A last beautiful recommendation, "Smile before greeting."

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to my colleagues for their time and their eagerness to transfer their professional knowledge to our promising young people.

Aramco Mobility Center, a digital hub to keep Aramco moving

By Scott Baldauf

From the company's earliest days, Aramco has built its success on its mobility, the ability to get its people and equipment to where they were needed, when they were needed. Starting with a pair of borrowed cars in 1933, and later a Fairchild 7 aircraft in 1934, Aramcos traveled the length and breadth of the Kingdom to find the resources that would transform Saudi Arabia into an energy giant.

Today, with dozens of aircraft, more than 10,000 vehicles, hundreds of buses, and hundreds of ships, Aramco has inaugurated an intelligent center that integrates all mobility services under one roof. Based on three main aspects of business — emergency response, operational excellence, and customer care — the new Aramco Mobility Center in Dhahran is designed with the latest digital platforms to maximize efficiency and to optimize the use of transportation assets.

"This digital hub gives us the agility to transform the way we manage and control our readiness and response to emergency events," said Fahad M. Al Abdul Kareem, executive director for Industrial Services. "By joining all mobility services under one roof — ships, aircraft, buses and trucks — and integrating the latest technologies from the Fourth Industrial Revolution, we can identify what resources we have and direct them to the places where they are needed, and monitor them in real time."

Given the scale of Aramco's transportation network and the geographical range to be covered, the new mobility center could not have come at a better time. Here is a look at the company's transportation assets, managed by three different departments: Aviation, Marine, and Transportation and Equipment Services.

Marine

- Manages flights through two public seaports and six Aramco-owned ports, including Tanajib Marine, the largest port for an offshore support facility worldwide, supporting 300,000 vessel movements and annually transferring 1 million tons of cargo.



Amin Nasser and senior executives visit the newly inaugurated Aramco Mobility Center during a recent Executive Management Safety Review of facilities in the Dhahran area. The new center is designed to maximize efficiency and to optimize the use of transportation assets.

- Operates a fleet of more than 280 vessels to support offshore and industrial security operations.

Aviation

- Operates scheduled flights through 18 Aramco-owned airports along with eight government airports in addition to 500 helipads, utilizing a fleet of 17 airplanes and 27 helicopters, which makes the aviation services in Aramco one of the largest private operators outside the United States.

- Tanajib airport is the busiest in the Middle East in terms of takeoffs and landings, with an average of 40 to 60 helicopter landings and takeoffs each day.

- The aviation services transports approximately 1 million passengers annually to support the company's various operations.

Transportation & Equipment Services

- Performs more than 60,000 critical lifts, through six crane hubs located around major hydrocarbon facilities, supported with a total fleet of 200 cranes.

- Annually transports a total of 7 million tons of material and equipment to drilling operations, with a fleet of 1,500 specialized cargo trucks, with a total of 170 million kilometers driven per year.

- Manages 500 buses, transporting 9 million passengers annually, in addition to a fleet of more than 11,000 private company vehicles.

Digital technologies give the company an opportunity to manage and control all these assets more efficiently, giving the decision makers real-time information across various operations at the right time.

Through artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things, we can place cameras, location devices, and other sensors that provide real-time monitoring and remote access to marine vessels, aircraft, and in-land transportation vehicles and equipment.

Greater efficiency in our mobility services means greater efficiency in controlling costs, which helps us remain competitive in a fast-changing energy-driven economy. To date, the opti-

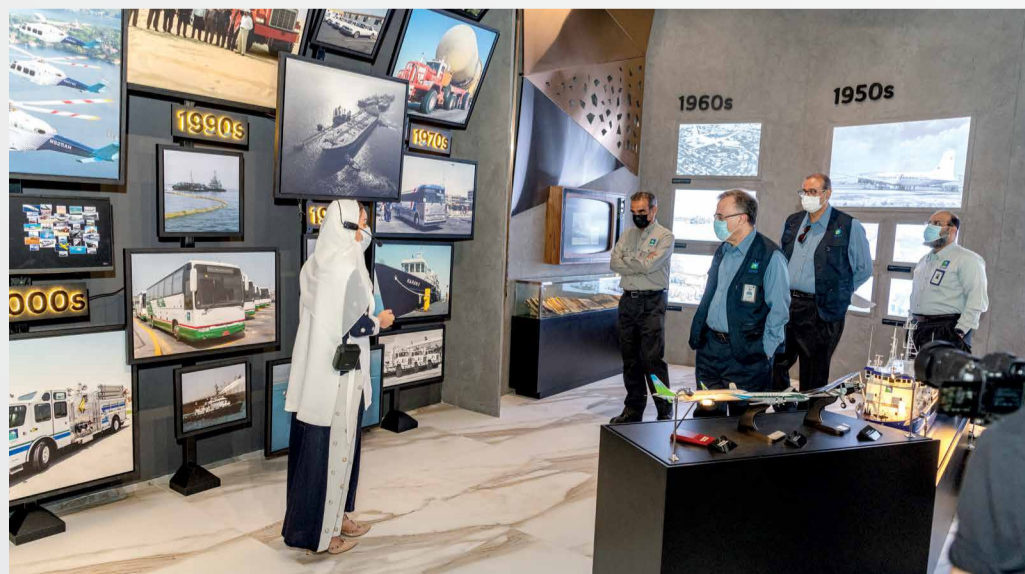
mizing of our transportation fleets has already brought dramatic cost avoidances, including:

- After the introduction of the Automatic Vehicle Location system in 2014, tracking and monitoring Aramco vehicle movements, we were able to introduce a digital car sharing platform that replaced the U-drive service, realizing 18% fleet optimization.

- Automated dispatching, and consolidation of shipments, has allowed truck drivers to receive new shipment waybills on hand-held devices, optimizing the truck fleet by 23%.

- Centralization of the administration of our bus service enabled Aramco to lower bus capacity by 50% in accordance to COVID-19 health guidelines, without affecting the quality of service.

As demand for energy increases, the Aramco Mobility Center is well placed to provide real-time information on transportation assets that help the company provide the energy to the world. The center will be open to visitors soon.



Zainab Al-Haddad gives a presentation on the history of the company's capabilities in aviation, marine, and vehicle transportation during a tour of the Aramco Mobility Center.



Industrial Services executive director Fahad M. Al Abdul Kareem points out some of the company's transportation assets during a tour of the Aramco Mobility Center.

Talented STEM students race for top honors in F1® in Schools World Finals

By Michael Ives

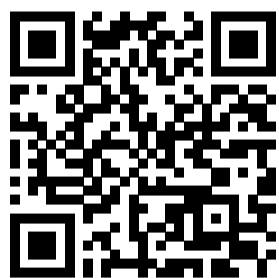
Over the past 18 months, the word “zoom” has come to mean meeting virtually. With the Aramco F1® in Schools World Finals, however, “zoom” has been reclaimed as a description of what more than 400 students from across the globe managed to get their meticulously designed F1® models to do on the race track.

Drawn from over 26,000 schools across 51 countries worldwide, the 43 teams that made it to the World Finals designed, tested, and manufactured model F1® cars using project management tools, engineering and enterprise portfolios, and sponsorship and marketing campaigns to race at the F1® in Schools U.K. headquarters and virtually from around the globe.

Inspiring Generation Z

The nonprofit F1® in Schools takes Formula 1 into the classroom, delivering exciting STEM learning opportunities, inspiring the next generation to embrace careers in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

Held from June 4 to 8, the World Finals combined a live racing event from the U.K. with appropriately powered zoom presentations to create an immersive, interactive, world-class competition. Welcoming the finalists at the event’s opening session, Aramco pres-



Watch Aramco president and CEO launch the 16th edition of the Aramco F1 in Schools World Finals.



ident and CEO Amin Nasser said, “The skills you have learned in this competition are ones that will last a lifetime. Not just in engineering or in project management, but in how to share your ideas. Making it all the way to the world finals is a great achievement. The experience you have gained will benefit you as you go on to do even bigger things.”

World champions crowned

The student teams attended the event virtually through 15 interactive zoom sessions, covering four different time zones. Across the packed five-day schedule, judged activities, head-to-head racing, and technical analysis concluded with the crowning of the new world champions, the British team “Britannia Red” from Robert Mary’s School — no small feat with such worldwide talent on display. With University College London Mechanical Engineering scholarships awarded to the winners, as well as the prized F1® in Schools World Champions trophy, Britannia Red shared their victory with their school support team, friends, and family — a truly life changing event.

Second place went to the Irish team “Quintolux” from St. Brigid’s College. Third place went to the Australian team “Nebula Racing” from Wesley College.

A passion for engineering

Complimenting the winners, Fahad K. Al-Dhubaib, general manager of Public Affairs, said, “Over 1.3 million students



across 26,000 schools around the world have taken part in this competition. You have made it all the way to the top. This is something to be proud of.

“Aramco is proud to serve as title sponsor of the F1® in Schools World Finals, not only because of our commitment to support STEM growth in new and exciting ways, but also because we see in these bright young students the very same passion for engineering and innovation that drives our work. As they think outside the box to build a better race car, they inspire us all with their ingenuity. In turn, we hope to inspire them to use their talents to change the world.”



Planning pundits ponder performance at first-ever financial forum

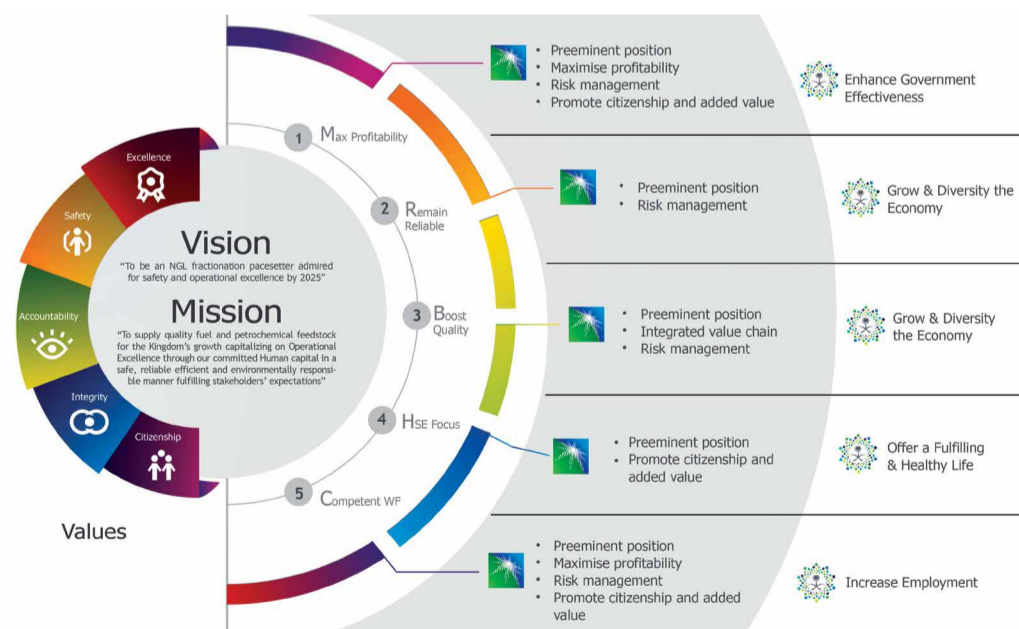
Almost 200 employees and contractors from across the company’s seven business lines attended a planning, financial control, and governance forum to share valuable in-house commercial knowledge.

The Financial Planning and Performance Virtual Forum was recently hosted by the Hawiyah NGL Recovery Plant Department (HNGLRPD), which hailed the event as the first-ever companywide gathering related to planning and performance.

The presentations were designed to improve organizational controllable cost tracking, business plan development, realized benefits reporting, forecast estimation, and the efficient use of SAP dashboards.

A money moment

Ahmed A. Al Arfaj, an engineer with the Loss Prevention Department, started proceedings with a financial moment on the importance of disclosing financial information, classifying and handling sensitive information, and the illegality of insider trading.



Abdullah A. Al Hadhrami, a planning and program operations supervisor with HNGLRPD, presented a comprehensive financial and business acumen session for chief position holders, planners, and engineers, covering topics including the planning and budgeting cycle, and the major components of business plans.

Managing budgets

HNGLRPD has developed a comprehensive three-year program for planning and performance management (P&PM) analysts to support plant activities by managing and controlling budgets.

Esmael M. Al Anazi, a P&PM analyst

with HNGLRPD, demonstrated the financial governance system to control operational expenditures. Al Anazi detailed the new maintenance work order SAP workflow review, verification, and approval process by P&PM analysts for items above \$50 million, emphasizing the importance of maintaining plant reliability, cost savings, and effective resource utilization.

Important processes

Ahmad A. Al Moghathawi, a P&PM analyst with the Yanbu’ NGL Fractionation Department, presented best practices in the strategic planning process, stressing the importance of the process in achieving an organization’s strategic goals.

Maintaining funds

Homoud Y. Al-Kulaiban, a P&PM analyst with the South Ghawar Gas Producing Department, spoke about financial planning and forecast estimation. The estimation is an outline each organization draws up by providing anticipated financial fluctuations to maintain adequate funds throughout a calendar year, he said.

Front-line simulator training academy opens Northern area gets hands-on with safety

By Janet Pinheiro

Robust training is key to managing the distinct safety risks inherent to working on the front line of the oil and gas industry.

Aramco's Northern Area Oil Operations (NAOO) organization received a safety boost last month when the Safaniyah Onshore Producing Department (SONPD) opened the Safaniyah Academy for Elimination of Risks (SAFER).

Keeping Aramco family safe

Every year, SONPD hosts a multitude of young and energetic new hires, and all are placed within one of the area's operational facilities.

"After completing their operations training, our newest members of the



Meshaal S. Al-Azmi, a multicraft foreman with the Safaniyah Onshore Producing Department (SOPD), demonstrates the use of arc flash gear to Mohammed A. Al-Shammari, a materials coordinator with the SOPD.



Salem M. Kulthum, an instrument technician in the Safaniyah Onshore Producing Department, explains the working principles of an H₂S simulator to Ali S. Ajmi, general manager of Safaniyah Area Producing, and the SAFER inauguration team.

Aramco family are placed at any of our onshore and offshore gas-oil separation plants, platforms, wells, crude handling facilities, or water injection and stabilization facilities," said Nader M. Al Saad, superintendent of the Safaniyah Producing Operations Division.

"They aspire to a life-long career with Aramco, and our priority is to keep each of them safe. Through an artificial environment of multiple simulators, our new academy provides hands-on training with real-life equipment, preparing them for the risks involved in hydrocarbon operations," Nader added.

Systems, equipment, hardware

Inside the academy — remodeled from the former Safaniyah Industrial Training Center building — is a lineup of actual systems, equipment, and hardware.

The range includes fire alarm systems, emergency sirens, fire hoses, gas testing devices, relief valves, sampling operations, firewater pumps, lockout/tag out devices, a battery room and uninterruptible power supply, personal protective equipment, arc flash equipment, plant excavations, and hydrocarbon equipment and hardware such as pumps,

pipes, vessels, and compressors.

To enhance the learning environment, training curricula are engaging, and a keepsake booklet helps to provide a lasting experience.

Classrooms equipped with audio and visual media accommodate no more than nine employees at a time to maximize trainer-student communication, dynamic interaction, and active participation.

600 employees test academy

To analyze SAFER's efficacy, the program was tested on more than 600 SONPD employees, with safety coordinators analyzing safety statistics before and after the simulated training.

Mansour F. Al-Dossary, manager of the SONPD, said the data analysis showed improved employee compliance with leading safety indicators such as incident reporting, improved behavioral safety observations, and better near miss reporting.

Spreading the knowledge

NAOO is committed to developing risk elimination e-Learning as part of its safety culture.

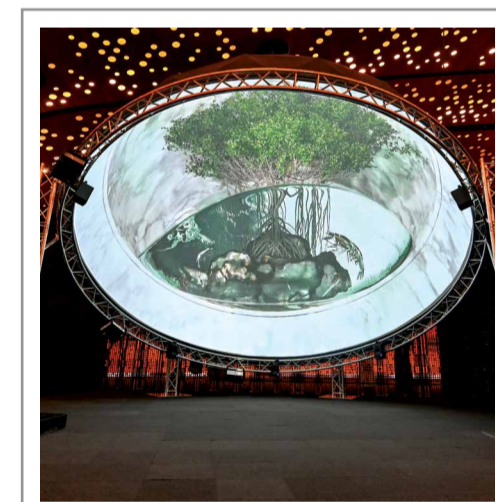
Al Saad said SAFER was like, "Vaccinating the maximum number of employees with a safety thought injection."

Ithra's environmental initiative on World Environment Day

The King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (Ithra) supported an initiative led by Ithra volunteers, highlighting the importance of World Environment Day, June 5, 2021, and spreading environmental awareness among members of the community. Over 90 volunteers, between the ages of 10- to 20-years-old, participated in the event along with Ithra employees, who accumulated a total of 140 volunteering hours.

The initiative resulted in 200 full trash bags being segregated into cans, paper, plastic bags, and bottles. Several Aramco departments supported the initiative, including Industrial Security, which provided patrols, Johns Hopkins Aramco Healthcare, which provided medical staff, and Transportation, which provided the buses.

The teams worked collectively to ensure that all COVID-19 precautions and guidelines were followed at each stage of the event.



Go on an environmental adventure of a lifetime at Ithra's new Terra exhibition. The exhibition continues until the end of September.



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Well-being

Caring for your health and wellness

Save lives, become a volunteer JHAH blood donor

On June 14, the world celebrates "World Blood Donor Day," thanking blood donors for their selfless act and raising awareness of the importance of donating safe blood.

Approximately 60% of the population is eligible to donate blood, yet less than 5% do.

Somewhere in the world, every three seconds someone needs blood. To meet this need, nearly 120 million units of blood are donated every year. Regular blood donations from healthy people are vital to ensure that safe blood is available to save lives when people need transfusions due to severe trauma from accidents, complex surgery, cancer treatment, or regular transfusions for conditions such as sickle cell disease. There is a constant need for blood donations because blood can only be stored for a limited time before use.

Be a hero by becoming a JHAH blood donor today. Read our expert advice on blood donation guidelines and how you can play a role in saving lives.

Who can donate?

Healthy people aged 17 and above, weighing at least 50 kilograms.

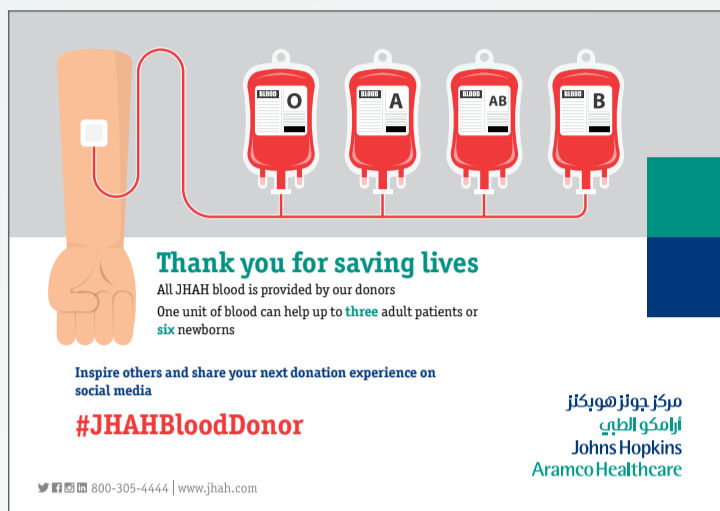
How does blood save lives?

Blood contains many lifesaving components. Within six hours of donation, blood can be processed into products required to treat a variety of medical conditions. Some of the products acquired from blood donations include:

- Red blood cells, which carry vital oxygen through the body. These are used for patients who have suffered blood loss due to trauma or surgery.
- Plasma, which is used mainly in the emergency treatment of shock or for severe burns.
- Platelets, which play an essential part in blood clotting. For instance, platelets are used to treat patients with severe hemorrhage or leukemia. Often, one single patient will need platelets from 10 or more donors within a short period. These cells have a lifespan of only five days. That is why blood bank stocks need to be constantly renewed.
- Cryoprecipitate, which contains the clotting substance absent in patients who suffer from hemophilia.

What are the benefits for donors?

- The satisfaction of knowing they are making a difference in the community by helping others.
- The knowledge and assurance that adequate supplies of blood are available for them, their family, and others.
- The benefits of checking blood pres-



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sure, hemoglobin, and pulse rate every time they donate blood.

Donating blood uses about 650 calories

Why should I become a regular blood donor?

- One unit of blood can save three adult lives or up to six newborns.
- There is no substitute for human blood.

Is donating blood safe?

Donating blood is safe; there is no risk of contracting any disease through donating blood. Each donor receives his or her sterile blood bag and needle each time.

How much can I donate?

You can donate 450 milliliters, three to four times a year. Each of us has about five liters of blood in our body, which is continuously replenished.

What are some of the guidelines that I should follow?

- Eat well-balanced meals and increase your fluid intake to help restore blood volume after donating blood.
- Practice regular physical activity to strengthen the body and improve blood circulation.
- Avoid tobacco products as they do not help the body to formulate new blood.
- Reduce caffeine intake, as caffeine reduces iron absorption, and do not drink coffee or tea or cola with meals.
- If you wish to use supplements, it is advisable to speak to your doctor and to go for complete supplements that contain all nutrients, including iron.
- Do not drive for long distances after donating blood.
- If you experience dizziness during or after donation, inform the blood bank technician, keep your head lower than the donation chair, and drink an adequate amount of water (around two cups). It is important not to leave the donation chair by standing up too quickly.

Where can I donate?

Call the JHAH Blood Bank at the Dhahran Health Center at 870-6638 or 870-6770 during regular working hours, or you can register at JHAH.com. Scan the QR code to visit our blood donation webpage.

Did you know?

There are dedicated blood donor parking spaces next to the JHAH Dhahran Day Surgery main entrance.



Save a life, sign-up today to become a #JHAHBloodDonor.



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JHAH Healthy Recipe Falafel Pita sandwich

Ingredients (6 servings):

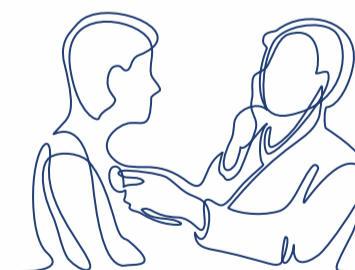
- 18 pieces baked falafel
- 3 tablespoons tahini (sesame sauce)
- 3 whole-wheat pita bread
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 onion, sliced
- ¼ cup fresh parsley, finely chopped

Preparation:

- Prepare baked falafels that are made from chickpeas or use ready-made falafel mix. Baked falafel is healthier than fried falafel, and has fewer calories and less fat.
- Heat the pita bread in the oven or the microwave and divide each into two halves.
- Stuff each pita bread half with three pieces of falafel and vegetables, and drizzle with tahini sauce.
- Serve with salad, nonfat or low fat yogurt, or laban to make your falafel more balanced and nutritious. Tahini paste can be replaced with yogurt.

Fat and calorie contents (per serving):

- Calories: 230
- Fat: 4 grams



Become a patient at Johns Hopkins Aramco Healthcare (JHAH)

Eligible Saudi Aramco employees and their dependents are invited to register for health care at JHAH.

For more information on how to change your registration, contact your local HR Service Center or visit HR Online, or scan the QR code below for detailed instructions.



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Ithra announces the launch of its Summer Camp: “The Universe ... Beyond the Skies”

The King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (Ithra) launched its fourth summer camp program under the theme “The Universe ... Beyond the Skies,” for boys and girls from the ages of four- to 12-years-old through six different tracks. The camp, which began June 7 and runs until August 26, provides 496 participants a series of workshops and fun interactive activities in the fields of engineering, technology, mathematics and art in Arabic and English.

The program strives to ignite participants’ curiosity, encourage them to ask questions, and inspire them to develop their passions and personal skills — such as planning, problem solving, critical thinking, and self-discovery — to become future astronauts or scientists in various fields.

The tracks designed for four to six year



olds include the “Planetary Guide” track. Participants will learn about galaxies, the solar system, planets and stars, and everything surrounding space. While the “Space Treasures” track focuses on the solar system’s resources and the environmental challenges related to space and the sustainability of life in it.

Seven- to nine-year-olds will be engaged in the “Mission to Mars” track to prepare an action plan that will help



them learn about the environment of Mars and how to build a spacecraft. In addition, participants will learn about space sounds and their types through the “Music Beyond the Sky” track.

The “Among the Stars” track for 10- to 12-year-olds allows participants to prepare and present an integrated play created from their imaginations. In contrast, the “Space Agent” track enables them to role-play as astronauts, as well as devel-



op many strategic plans to discover planetary environments.

The participants in the summer camp will also have a chance to visit Ithra’s interactive exhibition “Pioneers of the Planet,” which runs from June 4 through October 31, 2021. The exhibition introduces the experience of living on another planet and how to preserve the primary resources of water, energy, and oxygen, using modern science and technology.

Memory Lane: A look back at new websites, standout athletes, safety slogans, and strong shamals

Ten years ago, Aramco launched a major revamp of its website with a design to mirror the act of drilling for oil.

June 1, 2011

Company launches new website



Aramco announced this week the launch of its new website at www.saudiarabian.com.

Far more than a simple face-lift, the new website features an enhanced search capability, interactive multimedia, up-to-date content, and a fresh look meant to engage all website visitors. To reflect our position as a leading global petroleum enterprise, the dynamic, single-page construction is meant to imitate drilling and delving deeper through layers of data, just as drills bore down for hydrocarbons.

June 5, 1996

275 participate in Aramco Track and Field Meet

Athletes representing Dhahran, Abqaiq, ‘Udhailiyah, and host Ras Tanura gathered in the seaside community to participate in the Saudi Aramco Track and Field Meet. About 275 sixth-



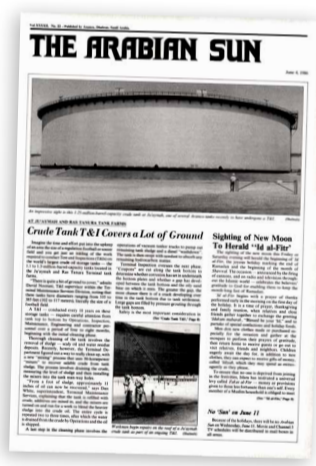
through ninth-grade competitors comprised more than 850 entries in 88 running, jumping, and throwing events.

Five all-company records were broken and 620 awards were presented to winners of the first five places. Also, more than 500 spectators watched the record-setting day, with records falling thanks to Ronnie Baptiste (long jump and shot put), Johnna Reynerston (discus), Shane McArdle (high jump), and the eighth-grade 800-meter medley relay team of Peter Bishouty, Adam Belvo, Matt Stephens, and Donovan Stewart.

June 4, 1986

Some smokers who stopped

A series of articles dealing with giving up smoking, published in the January issue of *The Arabian Sun*, were the inspiration for launching a Stop-Smoking Campaign in the Southern Area Training Department. A large number of the staff and trainees in the Industrial Training Center and Job Skills Training Schools in Abqaiq, al-Hasa, and ‘Udhailiyah — 350 of them — to a pledge to give up smoking.



This month, the 144 men who succeeded are receiving a certificate of recognition from Southern Area Training Department director Ali H. Twairqi, along with his congratulations for ridding themselves of a habit that is dangerous to themselves and others about them.

June 2, 1971

May’s winner in slogan contest



The company’s monthly safety slogan contest winner for May is ‘Abd al-Hameed Yasin of the Maintenance and Shops Department. An English approximation of Yasin’s slogan, selected from

a record 402 entries and winner of the SR200 prize, is: “Along every road, be a companion to safety.”

Starting with this contest, the Safety Slogan Committee has decided to award prizes of SR100 and SR50 to second- and third-best slogan winners. The contest is open to all Aramco employees, but entries must be submitted in Arabic.

June 6, 1956

Shamal weather will continue into early July, forecasters predict



Blinding, sand-laden shamal winds reaching speeds of about 52 miles per hour continued to lash the Eastern Province intermittently for the 32nd day. No immediate relief is in sight, as weather forecasters predict the persistent sandstorms will continue until early July.

The latest, and reportedly one of the worst shamals in many years started at 10 a.m. June 2. Reaching a maximum velocity of 52 miles per hour at 2 p.m. Visibility during the day dropped to about 2-1/2 miles and decreased in early afternoon to about half a mile.

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TAYMA



The Red Palace is a royal complex constructed by the last King of Babylon, Nabonidus, when he moved to Tayma and stayed for 10 years in the sixth century BC. The naming is due to the red rocks used in constructions.

By Musherf S. Alamri

Tayma, a little town of 36,000 people in the Tabuk region, has a historical depth and was known in ancient times for its riches, even enticing a powerful Babylonia king to reside there.

Tayma is located 260 km southwest of the city of Tabuk, and 230 km northwest of Alula. It is this location, on the edge of the Nafud desert, in combination with plentiful water supplies and farmland that made Tayma an important oasis for caravans on the ancient frankincense route.

Great Wall of Arabia

As people approach north of the city,

they will notice the fenced ruins of the ancient city's wall. With a length of 15 km, the city of Tayma's wall is one of the biggest ancient walls in the Arabian Peninsula. The findings from a Saudi-German expedition suggest that the wall was built in the middle of the 3rd millennium BC when the city was booming.

People can visit the remains of Arradam Palace, which is believed to have functioned as a guard house due to the close proximity to the city wall. It was built in the middle of the first century BC. Visitors can take a closer look at the Palace's wall to examine drawings and writing from the pre-Islamic and early Islamic eras. Additionally, a well in the palace is drilled into the rock, which is



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different from the techniques used to build the existing ones in Tayma, but similar to the ancient wells in the North of Saudi Arabia.

Then, visitors can take the five minute drive to the ruins of the Red Palace, named after the color of the rocks that were used in construction. It is believed to be the royal complex constructed by the last King of Babylon, Nabonidus, when he moved to Tayma and stayed for 10 years in the sixth century BC. Some believe that the king wanted to control the trade transiting the city, while others say he wanted to worship and mediate.

The well that keeps giving

Visitors can then drive for 10 minutes to the old town, which is composed of a thriving cluster of palm farms and a few mud houses and fortresses. The main attraction is Hadaj Well, which can water 100 camels simultaneously. The well perimeter is 65 meters, and its depth is around 12 meters, according to the Saudi Press Agency. Local tradition says that 400 years ago, a flood destroyed Tay-

ma, including the well, and then people moved in and began the reconstruction process.

Your final destination might be the Ibn Rumman Palace; certain parts of the structure were built 170 years ago. The palace is only a short walk or drive from the Hadaj Well. While the interior is not open to visitors, people can admire the craftsmanship of the external wall and towers.

Elusive, famous palace

Another historically important structure in Tayma is Al-Ablaq Palace whose owner Al-Samawal is a figure in pre-Islamic history. There is an active excavation on a historical structure, not open to the public, which may be the famed Al-Ablaq, although doubts remain.

The city's new museum is under construction, and the National Museum in Riyadh has a section with archaeological findings from Tayma. However, the government museums are currently closed due to COVID-19.



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