

## Sewage water plant opened in Muthanna

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MUTHANNA / Aswat al-Iraq: Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Adil Mihawder on Thursday inaugurated a sewage water treatment plant in the province of al-Muthanna, adding the plant and another water desalination project cost 160 billion Iraqi dinars.

"The plant should filter the sanitary sewage water coming from al-Samawa network after the completion of a project to stretch the networks in the city, expected to be finalized within months," Mihawder, who is on a visit to Muthanna since Wednesday (March 9), said during the inauguration ceremony.

"The greater Samawa water project, referred for implementation at a total cost of 129.500 billion dinars, will operate at a capacity of 10,000 cubic meter per hour, which should secure the province's drinking water needs," he said.

"The plant envisages eight operational facilities to filter and recycle sewage water, three pumping stations, five service buildings and three lodges for engineers working on the project.

The total cost of this project exceeded 31.400 billion dinars," the minister told Aswat al-Iraq news agency.

He noted that the project's capacity is 32,000 cubic meters per day.

"The project, targeting the service of 128,000 local residents, stands over an area of 120 donums (300 square kilometers)."

One Iraqi donum equals 2500 square meters.

"The project would recycle sanitary sewage water to use in agriculture and also produce organic fertilizers," he said.

Samawa, the capital city of al-Muthanna province, lies 280 km south of Baghdad.