

Kuwait signs \$1.5b in power and water contracts

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Kuwait's Minister of Electricity and Water has signed five contracts totalling \$1.5 billion for projects that will increase the country's power and water reserves.

Kuwait came close to pushing its power capacity to its limits last summer as record highs placed extra pressure on power plants throughout the country.

The contracts signed are devised to relieve the pressure and include the second phase conversion of the southern Al-Zour power plant into the combined cycle system through installing additional gas turbines; the building and repair of five water reservoirs at a capacity of 80 million gallons each in western Finats area.

The reservoir project will cost \$170 million and take three years to complete.

Another contract covers the provision a repair of pipelines for drinking water that will extend from Abdullah Al-Jaded Port to western Finats area, while a fourth contract covers 220 water stations throughout the state which will cost \$25 million to install.

The fifth contract is related to a KD 7-million project for extending 300-kilovolts electricity cables.