

Algeria to establish solar, gas power generation station

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ALGIERS, Jan 19 (KUNA) -- The Algerian energy sector will witness the completion of a new unique station to generate electricity using solar and natural gas energy, said an official source here on Saturday.

A source from the Ministry of Energy and Mines of Algeria said in a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that the station will produce 150 megawatts at an estimated cost of USD 350 million.

The station will be located in the Hasi sand region, the country's richest region with gas, as well as the availability of solar heat with a view of the desert location, the source added.

He explained that this station will be among four similar stations expected to be constructed over 1,500 hectares and equipped with huge mirrors stretching over 18 hectares and have 100-meter-long solar cells to generate electricity.

This project will be launched in 2010 and Algeria will be able to export electricity produced from solar energy to many countries, especially European.

He pointed a Spanish company specialized in renewable energies was overseeing the project.