

# KSA signs \$283 million water project deals

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**WATER CONTRACTS:** Saudi Arabia has signed contracts worth \$283m to build a freshwater pumping station and pipeline. (Getty Images)

Contracts totalling \$283.3 million for the construction of a freshwater pumping station and pipeline to transfer water between Taif and Baha were signed by Saudi officials this week.

The two contracts were signed in the presence of Baha Governor Prince Mishari bin Saud and Water & Electricity Minister Abdullah Al Hussayen.

The first, worth \$237.9 million, was signed by representatives from Arabian Pipe Projects and India's Jaihind Projects to build a 217.4 kilometre pipeline and a pumping station to supply 80,000m<sup>3</sup> of water daily to the cities of Sudaira, Shaqsan, Ghazayel and Khedan.

The second contract worth \$45.3 million was signed with Group Five to supply the pipework for the massive project.

Speaking to reporters after the signing ceremony, Prince Mishari said there is no plan to establish a separate desalination plant for Baha.

He said the existing plants in Shuaiba and Shaqeeq would meet water requirements of the province. "But when the two plants reach their limits we'll definitely establish one for Baha," he added.