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RIYADH: Falconers rely on a variety of traditional hunting techniques, with Al-Manashbia being among the most notable, requiring extensive experience and precision.

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involves an iron

wire net set up in the shade of large trees. After a falcon eats its prey, it seeks shade, where it then falls into the trap.

Khamis Al-Saqri, a falconry enthusiast, said that constructing Al-Manashbia takes one to two days, depending on the hunter's experience. It is considered a difficult and complex method due to the need for a professional and innovative arrangement of the net holes.

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While Al-Manashbia is well-known, other techniques exist as well, including Khadj Al-Tayr, where falcons are followed and captured with a large net after sunset.

Falconry involves training rituals, such as Haddad Al-Tayr, where falcons are released for long distances to train them to hunt prey. Another technique involves the use of a melwah, a decoy bird or bait, to attract

and accustom a falcon to hunting.

Al-Hamad Desert in the Northern Borders region is a popular destination for falconers from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Cooperation Council.

It is along a migratory route for falcons, including the peregrine falcon. Many valuable falcons are released or sold at auctions held in the region.

Khalaf Al-Anzi, a skilled craftsman with a visual impairment, has captivated visitors at the International Saudi Falcons and Hunting Exhibition with his handmade falcon trapping nets.

Al-Anzi, who has been crafting these nets for over 30 years,

demonstrated his expertise at the exhibition, held in Malham, north of Riyadh, from Oct. 3 to 12.



Khalaf Al-Anzi has become a regular participant in falconry-related events throughout the Kingdom. (SPA)

He inherited this craft from his forefathers and hopes to pass it on to the next generation in Turaif, the Northern Borders region.

With the assistance of his sons, he has become a regular participant in falconry-related events throughout the Kingdom, especially during the falcon migration season in the fall.

The process of creating falcon


trapping nets involves meticulous work. Al-Anzi told the Saudi Press Agency in an interview that he uses silk threads and thin nylon wires to handcraft these lightweight nets, which weigh only a few grams.

The nets are attached to pigeons or jerboas (hopping desert rodents) as bait to attract falcons. It takes Al-Anzi over half an hour to create a single net.


Al-Anzi said his handmade nets are highly sought after by Saudi falconers, who often visit him at home to buy them.

He ships his nets to falconers and enthusiasts in the Gulf countries, relying on his craft as a primary source of income.


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service
providers,
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representatives

entities
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RIYADH: Under the patronage of King Salman, the fourth Hajj Conference and Exhibition will be held from Jan. 13-16 in Jeddah, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

Organized by the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah in partnership with the Pilgrim Experience Program, the event aims to enhance pilgrim services, promote innovation, and foster transparency and competitiveness in Hajj-related industries.

The conference

will bring together ministers, diplomats, academics, Hajj service providers, and representatives from 250 entities across 87 countries.


It will feature 47 panel discussions, 50 workshops, and a specialized exhibition with 280 exhibitors showcasing the latest Hajj technologies and services.

The ministry invites global experts and participants to join the event. Registration details are available at hajjconfex.com.


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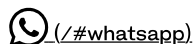
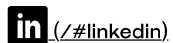
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- 'By bringing together key players we are building a stronger foundation for sustainable water management' – CEO of SWPC



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RIYADH: The Saudi Water Partnership Company hosted a forum and award ceremony in Riyadh, bringing together key stakeholders, government officials and

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industry for a day of dialogue, innovative workshops and strategic networking aimed at advancing the sustainability and resilience of Saudi Arabia's water sector.

The forum was a platform for discussing advances in water management and sustainability and exploring opportunities for collaboration in the public and private sectors.

Subjects discussed included water sustainability, government

collaboration,
and public
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sessions
provided
actionable
insights and set
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Saudi Arabia and
the broader
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Khaled
AlQureshi, CEO
of SWPC, said:
“The SWPC
Forum and
award ceremony
is a testament to
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key players from
across the water
sector, we are
building a
stronger
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sustainable water
management and
aligning with the
Kingdom’s
strategic goals
for the future.”

The workshops

provided participants with in-depth insights into key topics such as optimizing tendering processes, building robust water infrastructure, financing water projects, and exploring long-term off-take partnerships.

Industry experts shared case studies and best practices, fostering knowledge exchange and equipping participants with actionable strategies to address complex challenges in water management.

Panel discussions delved into the nuances of stakeholder engagement, sustainable development, and the integration of advanced

technologies.

The exhibition area displayed cutting-edge innovations and solutions, giving attendees a firsthand look at advances shaping the water sector.

These elements collectively positioned the forum as a pivotal event for driving innovation, sustainability and strategic collaboration.

The forum concluded with the SWPC Awards Ceremony inaugurated by Abdulrahman bin Abdulmohsen Al-Fadhli, the minister of environment, water and agriculture.

The ceremony celebrated excellence in water management, with awards

recognizing
innovation,
operational
excellence, and
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partnerships.


Notable winners
included projects
in desalination,
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RIYADH: The secretary-general of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Musonda Mumba, visited the Farasan Islands Protected Area as part of advancing global cooperation on wetland protection.







The islands, one of the convention's most prominent sites in the Kingdom, play a vital role in

sustainable
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biodiversity.

The visit
included field
tours and a
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RIYADH: French President Emmanuel Macron's arrival in Riyadh for a three-day state visit is a testament to the deepening ties between France and Saudi Arabia. His visit, which follows an invitation from Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, reflects the shared ambition to enhance cooperation across various sectors and to align with Saudi Vision 2030 and France 2030.

The state visit underscores a partnership rooted in mutual respect and long-term collaboration. It

is the latest of several high-profile exchanges, including Macron's Gulf tour in December 2021, which concluded in Jeddah, and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's visit to Paris in June 2023, accompanied by a ministerial delegation. These meetings set the stage for France's endorsement of Saudi Arabia's successful bid to host Expo 2030, marking a milestone in bilateral relations.

Macron's schedule includes high-level meetings, a visit to Riyadh Metro, the Saudi-French Economic Forum and cultural stops in Diriyah and AlUla. Elysee Palace views Saudi Arabia's ongoing

modernization and reforms as vital to the strengthening of the Kingdom's position as a central player in a more interconnected Middle East. Accordingly, it supports Saudi bids for major global events, such as hosting Expo 2030, 2034 football World Cup and Winter Olympics, considering them as opportunities for deeper cooperation.



Two statues from the fifth to first century BC are displayed during the exhibition "AlUla: Wonder of Arabia" at the l'Institut du monde arabe in Paris on Oct. 7, 2019. (AFP)

The historical relationship between the two nations predates the Kingdom's establishment. France opened its first consulate

in 1830 in Jeddah in a part of the Arabian Peninsula that would later emerge as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It was also one of the first countries to recognize Saudi Arabia as a sovereign state in 1926. Nearly a century later, the two countries share common values in international relations, including sovereignty, non-interference and respect for international law.

This partnership has evolved to address contemporary challenges. At the Summit for a New Global Financial Compact in June 2023, Saudi Arabia and France emphasized the need for an inclusive financial system

to combat inequality, fund green transitions and achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Their shared vision highlights the alignment of priorities between the two leaders, united in their commitment to development and innovation.

Through the centuries, France has positioned itself as a global power in defense, energy, engineering, diplomacy, art and culture. But modern France is also undergoing a transformation aimed at adapting its economy to new emerging industries, collectively termed the Fourth Industrial Revolution, empowering its youth, and addressing climate-related

challenges.

This transformation into a greener, more technology-driven economy aligns with Saudi Arabia's ambitions under Vision 2030. Both countries have prioritized clean energy, with Saudi Arabia emerging as a significant player in renewable energy. Its investments in solar, wind, and hydro projects are matched by its leadership in the circular carbon economy, all key pillars of its Saudi Green and Middle East Green Initiatives. These initiatives resonate with France's own climate goals, fostering a natural synergy between the two nations.

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- **The number of French companies operating in Saudi Arabia has increased by more than 43% since 2020.**

- **French investors in KSA: Air Liquide, Airbus, Alstom, Crédit Agricole, L'Oréal, Sanofi Aventis, Thales, Total and Veolia.**

Economic collaboration continues to flourish. French

companies are integral to the Kingdom's economic diversification efforts, spanning sectors such as energy, healthcare, retail and tourism.

Organizations like Business France and the Saudi-French Business Council play pivotal roles in facilitating trade and investment.

Initiatives like Vision Golfe, an annual gathering of French and Gulf Cooperation Council ministers, entrepreneurs and executives, further cement this partnership through dialogue and innovation by offering a platform to promote business cooperation in markets with high growth potential.

Security and stability remain

central to this relationship, particularly in addressing global challenges such as the Ukraine conflict. France has sought Saudi support in navigating the war's human and economic repercussions and its impact on global supply chains. Energy security has also emerged as a focal point, with Saudi Arabia supplying hydrocarbons to Europe while advancing its role as a clean energy provider and one of the world's biggest investors in renewables like solar, wind and hydro.

Saudi Arabia's investments in renewable energy resources are part of a broader environmental strategy, being implemented as part of Vision 2030, Saudi Green Initiative

and Middle East Green Initiative, as well as the Kingdom's adoption of the circular carbon economy



French foreign minister Jean-Marc Ayrault, center, visits the construction site of a section of the Riyadh Metro under the contract of French company ALSTOM in Riyadh on Jan. 24, 2017. (AFP)

Regional developments will also likely figure prominently in the discussions during Macron's visit, particularly regarding Lebanon, which remains without a president after more than two years of political paralysis.

Saudi Arabia and France have both played roles in seeking solutions to Lebanon's crises, so any initiatives taken

by them in the wake of the devastating monthslong conflict between Israel and the military wing of Hezbollah will be eagerly awaited. Partnership and consultation with Saudi Arabia are viewed by France as crucial to restoring order to the chaos in Lebanon.

With regard to the Israel-Palestine conflict, Elysee Palace is pushing for a ceasefire, release of hostages and humanitarian protections in Gaza. To this end, it has emphasized the importance of Saudi contributions through the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to advance a two-state solution for Palestine.

In addition to these pressing issues, Macron's visit coincides with Saudi Arabia hosting COP16, a global platform addressing desertification under the theme "Our Land. Our Future."

Alongside this, he will attend the One Water Summit, co-chaired by France and Kazakhstan, which aims to address water resource management challenges in the face of climate change. These events underscore the commitment of both nations to environmental sustainability, a cornerstone of their partnership.

The relationship between Saudi Arabia and France is of course not limited to defense, business

and energy transition. Cultural collaboration also forms a significant part of the Franco-Saudi relationship. Saudi Arabia's rich heritage, from AlUla to Diriyah and the Sarawat Mountains, offers a canvas for joint initiatives. At the heart of this is Villa Hegra, a cultural institution in AlUla, the ancient Saudi city, established through an intergovernmental agreement in 2021.

Villa Hegra was officially established following an intergovernmental agreement signed on Dec. 4, 2021, by Saudi Arabia's Minister of Culture Prince Badr bin Abdullah bin Farhan Al-Saud and Jean-Yves Le Drian, the then

French minister of foreign affairs and current president of Afalula, the French agency for the development of AlAula. Villa Hegra serves as an incubator for artists and creators, fostering dialogue and collaboration while exploring the socio-economic impact of cultural projects on local communities.



France's Fabien Doubey and Paul Ourselin of TotalEnergies team ride during the first stage of the AlUla Tour cycling race in Al-Ula on Jan. 30, 2024. (AFP)

The duality of Villa Hegra, blending Saudi and French influences, mirrors the broader partnership between the two nations. Macron's

anticipated visit to AlUla will underscore the significance of these cultural ties and highlight Saudi Arabia's emergence as a regional hub for art and heritage. This emphasis on culture complements the Kingdom's efforts to diversify its economy, attract global talent and position itself as a tourism and investment destination.

Amid these developments, the relationship between France and Saudi Arabia remains firmly anchored in mutual respect and shared goals. Macron's visit offers an opportunity to build on a foundation that spans nearly two centuries, reinforcing partnerships in defense, energy, culture and economic

development.
The discussions
in Riyadh will
likely set the tone
for future
collaborations, as
both nations
continue to
navigate a rapidly
changing global
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After Macron
concludes his
stay, the focus
will shift to the
outcomes of this
visit, particularly
in areas like
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France's
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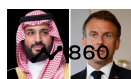
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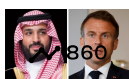
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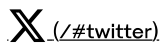
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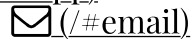
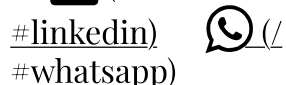
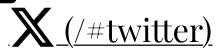
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clothing, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

KSrelief gave out 455 vouchers in Miniyeh district, and 420 in the Beirut and Akkar governorates, to orphans and people with special needs.

The vouchers enable people to buy winter clothing from approved stores.

The agency also distributed 164 shelter bags in Afghanistan, benefiting 984 people as part of a shelter project for people returning from Pakistan and those affected by this year's floods.



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