

Irani highlights Samra, Qatraneh plants

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Khalid Irani on Wednesday said the Samra and Qatraneh power plants, which will become operational next year, will provide the Kingdom with around 700 megawatts. During a meeting held at the Socio-economic Council to discuss the latest developments in the field of energy, Irani said that power demands have reached unprecedented levels, around 2,650 megawatts. He underlined that the growing demands are accompanied by a 15 to 20 per cent drop in the generating capacity due to technical problems and high temperatures. Irani noted that a tender will be floated to establish a new plant with the ability to produce 500 megawatts, adding that the plant will be ready by 2013. Irani highlighted the possibility of reaching a nuclear agreement with the US soon.