

# Saudi national grid now covers 95% of kingdom

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POWER GRID: The transmission lines linking the southern region with the western region went active shortly before the month of Ramadan. (Getty Images)

**The Saudi Electric Company has completed linking transmission lines in most of the Kingdom, Minister of Water and Electricity Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al-Hussayen said in a statement to the Saudi Press Agency on Friday.**

"About 95 percent of electricity supply networks have been connected to a single national grid," said the minister.

The transmission lines linking the southern region with the western region went active shortly before the month of Ramadan. With this new line, the power generated in the plant in the Al-Shaqiq in Jazan will boost the power situation in the western region, the minister said.

The transmission line in the western region was connected with the central and eastern networks after the completion of the lines between Madinah and Qassim, which can pass power to and from the central and eastern regions. The western region is linked to the southern grid.