

Contractor wins Saudi Arabia airport package



- **Over a dozen domestic and regional airports in Saudi Arabia are set for renovation and upgrade**
- **Aviation regulator awarded four airport PPPs between March and April**

Saudi Arabia's [General Authority of Civil Aviation](#) (Gaca) has awarded local [Almabani General Contractors](#) the contract for the renovation and upgrade of the Al-Wajh domestic airport in Tabuk, located in the northwestern region of Saudi Arabia.

According to the contractor, the scope of work includes:

- **Upgrade of runway to cater to Code F aircraft**
- **Expansion of taxiway to serve as temporary runway for Code C aircraft**
- **Rehabilitation and expansion of drainage network**
- **Addition of simple approach lighting system including**

constant current regulator (CCR)

- **Relocation of existing illuminated guidance signs**
- **Two aprons**
- **2,500 square metre hangar for helicopters**

Local Zuhair Fayeze Partnership is consultant for the project.

Gaca has plans to upgrade and expand over a dozen domestic and regional airports in line with its multibillion-dollar airport modernisation scheme. These include airports in Jouf, Ahsa, Najran, Qaisumah, Turaif and Rafha, among others.

Three of these airports – Hail, Qassim and Yanbu – have been [awarded](#) as public-private partnership (PPP) projects in March and April.

A fourth airport, Taif International, is also being developed as a PPP.

Saudi Arabia currently has four international and 23 domestic or regional airports. Three more airports would have been completed by 2020, including Taif, Qunfudhah and the [under study airport in Jubail](#).

Ownership of airports in Saudi Arabia are currently being [transferred](#) from Gaca to General Aviation Holding Company, which will be fully owned by the Public Investment Fund (PIF).