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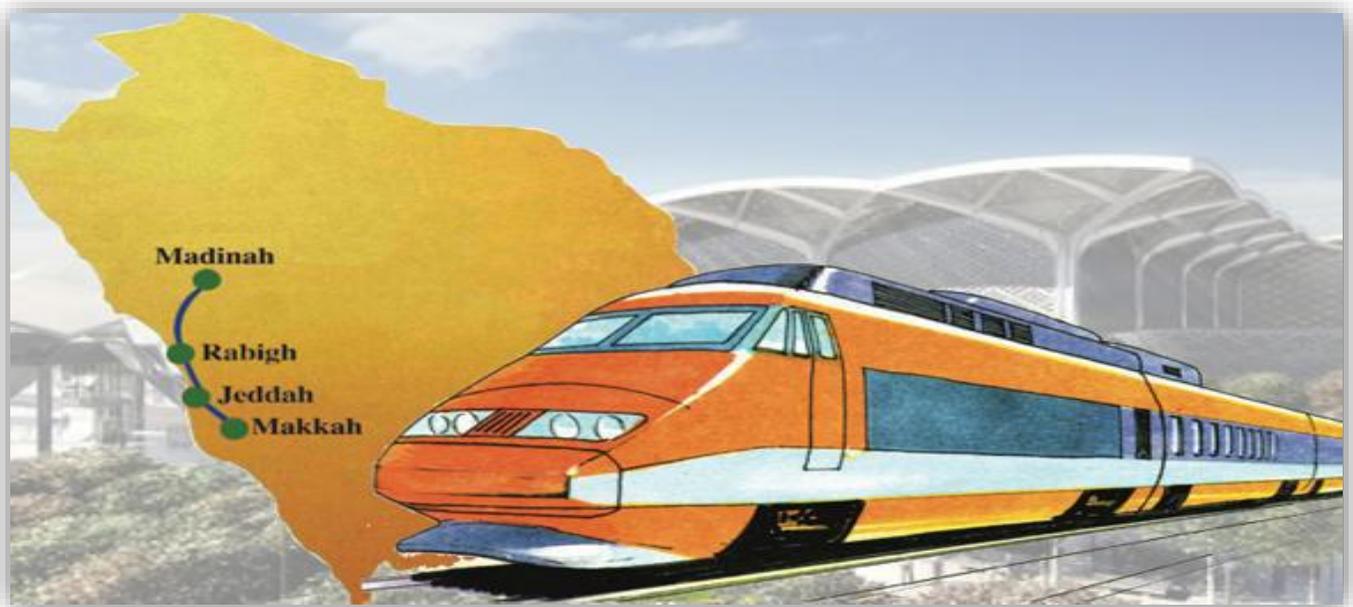
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Makkah-Madinah high-speed train service to start operating on September 25, 2018

Saudi Arabia, launched a high-speed railway linking Mecca and Medina named Haramain High Speed Rail at a ceremony held in Jeddah on Tuesday September 25, 2018.

The train, will transport pilgrims and regular travelers, 450 kilometers between the two cities in two hours. According to officials, 35 passenger trains that can travel at speeds of 300 km per hour will cut down travel time to 120 minutes.

The Makkah Region Development Authority has announced the completion of field work on the Haramain Express Train - linking Islam's holiest cities of Makkah and Madinah. The train will be managed with a world-class operating system and will connect the province of Jeddah to Makkah via a 78-km double-track line.



It provides a fast, convenient, reliable and safe mode of transport between Makkah and Madinah, as well as the cities of Jeddah and Rabigh.

The Makkah-Madinah high-speed railway will shorten the travel time between Jeddah and Makkah to about 21 minutes, and less than two-and-a-half hours between Makkah and Madinah.

The Makkah station is located at the main entrance to the city in the neighborhood of Al-Rusaifah.

The station is about 3 km away from the Grand Mosque in Makkah, while Al-Madinah station is located in the Knowledge Economic City (KEC) on King Abdul Aziz Road.

There are two train stations in Jeddah; the first is in Sulaymaniyah in the center of the city, and the second is at King Abdul Aziz International Airport.

The Rabigh station is located near King Abdullah University for Science and Technology

Earlier, the high-speed railway linking Makkah and Madina in Saudi Arabia, has been plagued by delays, will finally start operating in September 25, 2018, the Spanish consortium building the project said.

Saudi Arabia in 2011 awarded the contract worth 6.7 billion euros (\$7.1 billion) to the consortium of 12 Spanish companies and two Saudi firms for the project which aims to improve transport between the two cities during the annual hajj pilgrimage.

The contract — one of the biggest Spanish firms have ever undertaken abroad — is for the laying of the 444 kilometers (275 miles) of track between Mecca and Medina, providing 35 trains and maintaining the line for 12 years.





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