

Video: Time lapse King Abdullah Football Stadium

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Construction work started in 2012 and this time lapse video, from [EarthCam](#), shows how the building processes of the prestigious new King Abdullah Sports City in Jeddah, which opened on 1 May this year, came together.

The project is spread over three million square meters and has a world-class 60,000-capacity soccer stadium, royal suites and VIP cabins close to the ground.

The complex was initially planned to have a capacity of 100,000 seats but was later reduced to 60,000 seats. The government assigned Aramco to execute the project in 2009. Tenders were issued in 2010 and 2011 and the construction contract was signed with Belgium's BESIX, partnered by Al-Muhaidib Contracting Company of Jeddah.

This is the second big soccer stadium in the Kingdom along with King Fahd stadium in Riyadh.

The sports city has state-of-the-art facilities and meets FIFA standards to host international matches.

Home to Jeddah's two Premier League clubs, Al-Ittihad FC and Al-Ahli SC, it also has a mosque, 10,000-seater indoor sports arena, an outdoor athletics stadium, and several other outdoor sport facilities such as tennis courts and soccer practice pitches. And it has arenas for badminton, basketball, handball, volleyball, and track and field.

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