

Electric vehicle policy baghdad

Construction of Iraq's first electric car plant is under way, and it will be commissioned by the end of 2024. The Defence Industries Commission, a government military production arm, is constructing the plant in the capital Baghdad with an initial production capacity of 1,000 vehicles per year, the Commission's Director Ali Mohsen said in a ...

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A new World Bank report makes a strong economic case for wider adoption of electric vehicles in developing countries, with advantages that range from improved public health, to less urban traffic congestion, to a decrease in dependence on expensive imported fossil fuels.

Electric vehicle charging station (EVCS) identified for Baghdad and Riyadh cities. GIS and multi-criteria decision analysis were developed using twelve criteria. Baghdad city showed a suitable site for 179.99 km² (AHP) and 162.61 km² (FAHP).

Explore key policies and measures for EV deployment. The table highlights current as well as announced key policies and measures that support the deployment of electric vehicles (EVs) and zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) by region and country.

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Ali Mohsen Khudair, deputy manager of the company, told Al Sabaah newspaper that construction of Iraq's first environmentally friendly electric vehicle factory is 70% complete. He confirmed that the factory is on track to open by year's end, with production lines launching in phases.

Khudair revealed plans to equip security forces with these electric vehicles, which can reach speeds of up to 100 km/h and will be outfitted with special electronic systems for police use, including advanced cameras for monitoring suspicious activities. Traffic versions of these vehicles will feature systems for tracking traffic violations and accidents. As part of a trial production, one vehicle will be gifted to each unit, and there is an order in place to produce 1,000 vehicles for these security devices.

Khudair explained that the decision to establish the electric vehicle factory was inspired by the public's interest in affordable transportation options like Sotuta; and

“Tuk-Tuk,” despite their lack of modern features. “This led the company to explore the production of a locally manufactured car with international standards but at low costs. The proposed electric cars will include air conditioning, seat four people, and be environmentally friendly,” Khudair stated.

Khudair also disclosed plans to construct dedicated electric charging stations, similar to fuel stations, in collaboration with the Ministries of Transport and Oil.

Last October, Baghdad Gateway, a residential complex in Baghdad, introduced the city’s first fast charging station for electric vehicles. Located near the parking area, the charging station is freely available to all residents.

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