

New Technological Revolution in Homeland Security in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Saudi Homeland Security Pioneers

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Developed Dimension for Information Technology Ltd (DDIT – www.ddgis.com) announced today (insert date) that it has completed the first large scale deployment of electronic policing systems in The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the country’s Special Forces for Highway Patrols. The technology includes mobile digital recording of audio and video (DVR) and License Plate Recognition (LPR) reading both old and new Saudi license plates in Arabic and English.

His Excellency Sheikh Hesham Bin Hamad Al Saedan, DDIT CEO mentioned that this project came as a result of two years continuing developments and trials with many Saudi policing agencies and suppliers to ensure that the systems are fully Arabic compatible for the operators.

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Mr. Imad Alsayed, DDIT Managing Director, explained “The project was completed all over the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 3 Phases, initially in Riyadh Region followed by Western Province and finally in Eastern Province. DDIT installed over 100 systems but now” continued Alsayed “our main priorities have shifted to continue with the training of The Highway Patrol Officers in order to raise their capabilities in this critical sector of Homeland Security”.

The first phase covered the six main roads of The Central Region but the second phase was completed during the Holy Month of Ramadan where all parties completed their tasks with complete respect yet still managing to complete the task to international standards on time and on budget.

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It should be noted that LPR and DVR systems can be used to increase the security of new and existing security systems in areas such as Smart Access Control Systems and Advanced Command and Control Centres.

