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Dh30b rainwater drainage project approved for Dubai

NETWORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY 2033 AND SERVE EMIRATE FOR 100 YEARS

DUBAI
BY KHITAM AL AMIR
Chief News Editor

A Dh30 billion project has been approved in Dubai to develop the emirate's rain drainage network.

One of the emirate's largest strategic infrastructure initiatives, the Tasreef project was approved by His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, yesterday.

"Today, we approved an integrated project to develop Dubai's rainwater drainage network at a cost of Dh30 billion. The largest rainwater collection project in a single system in the region, the initiative will increase the capacity of the drainage network in the emirate by 700 per cent, ensuring the emirate's readiness to face future climate-related challenges," Shaikh Mohammad said.

Sustainable infrastructure

Shaikh Mohammad emphasised that the continuous enhancement of Dubai's sustainable infrastructure is integral to its growth and prosperity. The initiative aims to create a drainage infrastructure that is advanced, safe, flexible, and ready to face future challenges.



■ Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum approves the rain drainage network project for Dubai in the presence of Shaikh Maktoum Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

"Covering all areas of Dubai, the project will raise the drainage network's capacity to more than 20 million cubic metres of water daily, meeting our needs for the next hundred years. We have directed the immediate implementation of the project, which will be completed in phases by 2033. Dubai continues to drive infrastructure and urban advancements, enhancing

safety and security for everyone living in the emirate," Shaikh Mohammad said.

Massive capacity

The project aims to enhance rainwater and surface water drainage services with a sophisticated and highly efficient infrastructure, improving operational efficiencies and reducing costs associated

with station construction, operations and maintenance by 20 per cent and increasing the network's lifespan.

Additionally, the rainwater drainage capacity through tunnels will reach 20 million cubic metres per day, with a flow capacity of 230 cubic metres per second, making it the largest rainwater collection project in a single system in the region.

West Indies exit in T20 World Cup shock

India deal huge blow to Australia's semifinal hopes

DUBAI
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The ICC men's Twenty20 World Cup 2024 should rank as the most unpredictable cricket tournament in recent times. Cricket heavyweights Pakistan and New Zealand never made it past the first round, while debutants the USA did, only to lose in the second round — the Super Eight.

The West Indies, co-hosting the tournament with the USA, crashed out in the Super Eight, losing a crunch match against South Africa in Antigua earlier yesterday. Australia are at risk of following suit after captain Rohit Sharma's 92 powered India to a 24-run win in St Lucia last night.

Australia's chances

The loss has jeopardised Australia's semifinal prospects, and the Mitchell Marsh-led team's progress will depend on Afghanistan's game against Bangladesh today. An Afghan victory or a big Bangladesh win will end Australia's dream.

The spicy pitches in the United States were blamed for the low-scoring games, although some were thrillers. As the matches moved to the West Indies, several fixtures produced above-par scores,

but there were also low-scoring fixtures like the Afghan upset of Australia.

Defending champions England were lucky to make the Super Eight after splitting points with Scotland (the match was washed out) and losing to Australia in the first round. But they advanced thanks to Australia's win over Scotland.

England were in some discomfort after a Super Eight loss to South Africa following a thumping win over the West Indies. But captain Jos Butler calmed their nerves with a powerful knock to floor the USA in Barbados on Sunday and lift England to the semifinals.

South Africa's journey has been equally perilous. They beat minnows Nepal by a run in the first round, and along the way, they have had several close shaves, including yesterday's win over the West Indies, with Roston Chase threatening to derail them.

England, South Africa, and India have confirmed their semifinal slots, while Australia's fate hangs in a thread.

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