

Wadi Hanifah Restoration Update



Since my last article on the Wadi Hanifah Restoration Project in the Winter 2004 edition of the RGBB magazine, people have been asking, "Graeme what's going on down in the Wadi?" The reply is "The Arriyadh Development Authority's (ADA) vision to restore the Wadi back to its original state is well on its way to being realised".

Work has been ongoing on the 500 million SR project for almost 2 and half years over a stretch of the Wadi from Hanifah Dam (near the Diplomatic Quarter) to Al Hair dam a distance of some 46km. In addition a 25km section of the Wadi from Al Amariyah road to Hanifah Dam has just commenced.

The image above shows the old town of Diriyah with Wadi Hanifah to the Right of the Picture

The construction works have removed almost 1.25 million cubic metres of construction waste as well as other inert and non-inert waste that has been dumped in the Wadi over many years.

There has also been a restoration of the Wadi channel to cope with a 1 in 20 year storm and to contain the water in times of flood. Prior to this work when it rained the rubble and illegal building within the Wadi led to widespread flooding by impeding the flow of water in the Wadi.

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Before



After



Before



After