

Bahrain plans to double water production by 2030

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WATER PLANS: New water stations and a desalination plant will be built under the plans. (Getty Images)

Bahrain plans to nearly double its daily water production capacity by 2030 to meet growing demands, a top official has said.

Dr Abdulmajid Al Awadhi, chief executive of the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA), told the Gulf Daily News, a series of projects, including building new desalination stations, are planned.

Currently the kingdom produces 142m gallons of water a day, but this will increase to 242m gallons by 2030, Al Awadhi said.

"Bahrain consumes 140m gallon of water per day, so we need to have 420m gallon to be enough for three days if an emergency strikes," he told the paper.

The first project aims to produce an additional 48m gallons per day by the summer of next year, at a cost of BD150 million, the paper reports. While, the second phase will add another 52m gallons daily.

According to the report, another water plant will be built to facilitate the extra production and new water networks will be set up.

Al Awadhi added that Bahrain's high water consumption rate needed to be addressed. He told the paper one person in the country consumed about 125 gallons of water a day, compared to 60 gallons in Japan.