

GCC is 'perfect' to build a nuclear power plant

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The Gulf Cooperation Council, or GCC, is a perfect place to build a nuclear power plant, Lady Barbara Judge, Chairman of the UK Atomic Energy Authority said yesterday.

"All the things we need to build a nuclear power plant are here in the Gulf," Judge told business leaders at a conference in Dubai.

Abu Dhabi is planning to build two nuclear power plants.

Judge said the key reasons were the politics and the money.

"It's easier to build a nuclear power plant in a country that is not a democracy," Judge said, adding the stable nature of non-democratic countries meant there was less likely to be a change of government attitude towards nuclear power.

She also said GCC countries were rich enough to build and maintain quality power plants and a burgeoning press could deliver the positive message of modern nuclear power plants which emit 10% waster compared to older models.

Furthermore, government emphasis on education and universities would produce engineers and graduates to run the plants, she added.