

Jordan, Russia sign nuclear agreement

AMMAN – Jordan and Russia on Thursday signed a preliminary agreement on cooperation in the production of nuclear energy, the president of the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission (JAEC), Khaled Toukan said.

“The accord is a basic step for boosting Jordan’s nuclear programme as Russia is considered a key player...in the field of using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes,” Toukan said in a statement

He said the final agreement, which would be officially signed in Moscow end-March, will help Jordan to use nuclear energy for power generation and water desalination. It will also enable the building of research centres and mining of nuclear ores.

The accord was signed by JAEC deputy chairman Kamal al-Araj and the deputy head of Russian nuclear agency Rosatom, Nikolay Spassky

Toukan said Jordan planned to ink similar agreements later this year with Britain and Romania. The government have already signed nuclear cooperation agreements with Canada, France China and South Korea.