

Bahrain: Electricity consumption hits all-time high

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Electricity consumption peaked this week reaching an all-time record of 2,650 megawatts on Monday.

As temperatures soared across Bahrain reaching highs in excess of 40 degrees Celsius, power consumption levels also increased to record highs with the Electricity and Water Authority confirming that consumption peaked on Monday but the Kingdom's power grid was able to withstand this challenge and no major power outages were experienced.

Minister of Works Fahmi Al Jowdar, who heads the authority, confirmed that Monday proved to be a difficult test and that the authority was able to face the challenge posed by the increase in consumption.

He affirmed that the minor power outages that occurred were limited and were fixed in record time.

The minister praised engineers and technicians at the authority who work around the clock to provide optimal services to citizens and to ensure that any emergencies are dealt with efficiently and effectively.

Speaking while visiting the majlis of MP Adel Al Osoomi from the Capital Governorate's First Constituency, the minister explained that the high levels of consumption are the result of growing urban development. He referred to the rapid progress witnessed in the Capital Governorate and stated that such development must be supported by a strong infrastructure that can meet the changing needs of a community.

During the meeting, the lawmaker welcomed the minister to his majlis and stated that his visit is significant for the residents of Hoorah and Gudaibiya who greatly appreciate the minister's efforts to strengthen the area's infrastructure.

The MP affirmed that all residents in the area can feel the improvement in the level and quality of water and electricity services, as well as improvements in the road and sewage networks.

During the meeting, the minister met with representatives from the community and with the heads of many families and discussed with them the development being witnessed in Bahrain under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.