

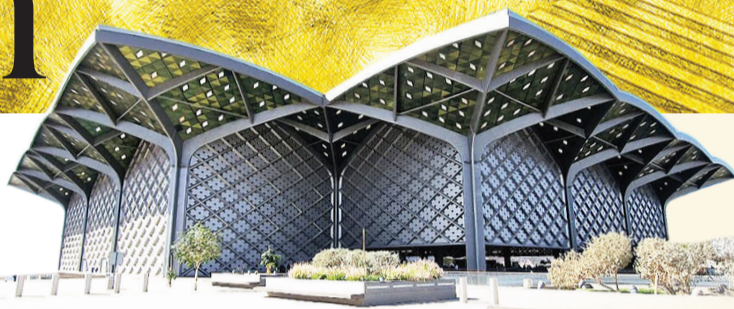
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HARAMAIN HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY AND MASHAIR TRAIN

The fast track to Makkah

Saudi Arabia provides seamless connectivity to the holy city



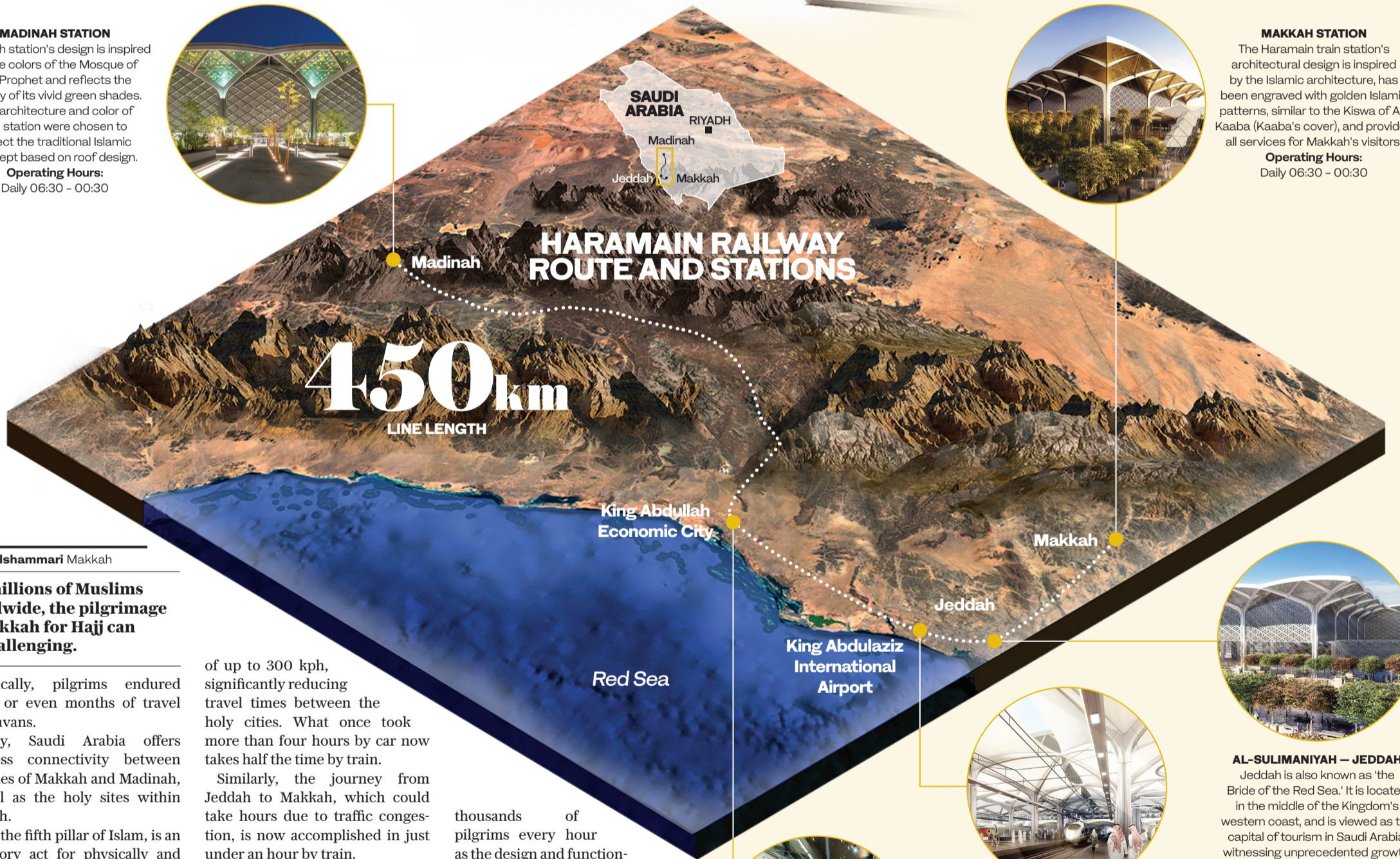
The stations are 'aesthetically iconic' buildings with designs which take into account Islamic

architectural traditions. They have shops, restaurants, mosques, car parking, a helpad and VIP lounges.

MADINAH STATION
Madinah station's design is inspired by the colors of the Mosque of the Prophet and reflects the beauty of its vivid green shades. The architecture and color of the station were chosen to reflect the traditional Islamic concept based on roof design.
Operating Hours:
Daily 06:30 - 00:30



MAKKAH STATION
The Haramain train station's architectural design is inspired by the Islamic architecture, has been engraved with golden Islamic patterns, similar to the Kiswa of Al-Kaaba (Kaaba's cover), and provides all services for Makkah's visitors.
Operating Hours:
Daily 06:30 - 00:30



Haifa Alshammari Makkah

For millions of Muslims worldwide, the pilgrimage to Makkah for Hajj can be challenging.

Historically, pilgrims endured weeks or even months of travel on caravans.

Today, Saudi Arabia offers seamless connectivity between the cities of Makkah and Madinah, as well as the holy sites within Makkah.

Hajj, the fifth pillar of Islam, is an obligatory act for physically and financially able Muslims to perform at least once in their lifetime.

Upon arriving in Makkah, Ameera Alnajjar, a pilgrim from Dammam, opted for the simplest and most modern mode of transportation — the Haramain High-Speed Railway, or HHR.

"Taking the train was an excellent choice," Alnajjar told Arab News.

The HHR's 450 km railroad network connects Makkah to Madinah via five stations, including Al-Sulimaniyah in Jeddah, King Abdulaziz International Airport, and King Abdullah Economic City.

Since its official opening in 2018, HHR trains have reached speeds

of up to 300 kph, significantly reducing travel times between the holy cities. What once took more than four hours by car now takes half the time by train.

Similarly, the journey from Jeddah to Makkah, which could take hours due to traffic congestion, is now accomplished in just under an hour by train.

"It's the safest and easiest way to head to Makkah," Refal Amin, a pilgrim from Mina, told Arab News.

"This is a form of hospitality, in my opinion. Taking care of our pilgrims is part of our Saudi nature. By providing high-quality train systems, we offer our guests a valuable gift."

Within Makkah's holy sites, the Mashair Train, plays a vital role in transporting pilgrims between the sacred sites of Mina, Arafat, and Muzdalifah during Hajj, mitigating traffic congestion.

Since its launch in 2010, the 18 km railroad has accommodated

thousands of pilgrims every hour as the design and functionality has focused on facilitating the movement of pilgrims, reducing congestion during boarding and disembarking.

In 2022, it transported approximately 70,000 pilgrims between Mina and Arafat every hour, at a rate of 3,000 pilgrims per trip, with a total of 2.35 million pilgrims throughout the season.

Both the HHR and Mashair Train operate under Saudi Arabian Railways, which has increased the number of HHR journeys for Hajj, offering more than 3,400 trips and over 1.5 million seats serving all stations between Makkah and Madinah, totaling 126 daily trips.



AL-SULIMANIYAH — JEDDAH
Jeddah is also known as 'the Bride of the Red Sea.' It is located in the middle of the Kingdom's western coast, and is viewed as the capital of tourism in Saudi Arabia, witnessing unprecedented growth. Hence, silver-colored patterns were used in the architectural design of the Haramain train station that portrays the sunlight's reflection on the beautiful sea.

Operating Hours:
Daily 7:30 - 23:30



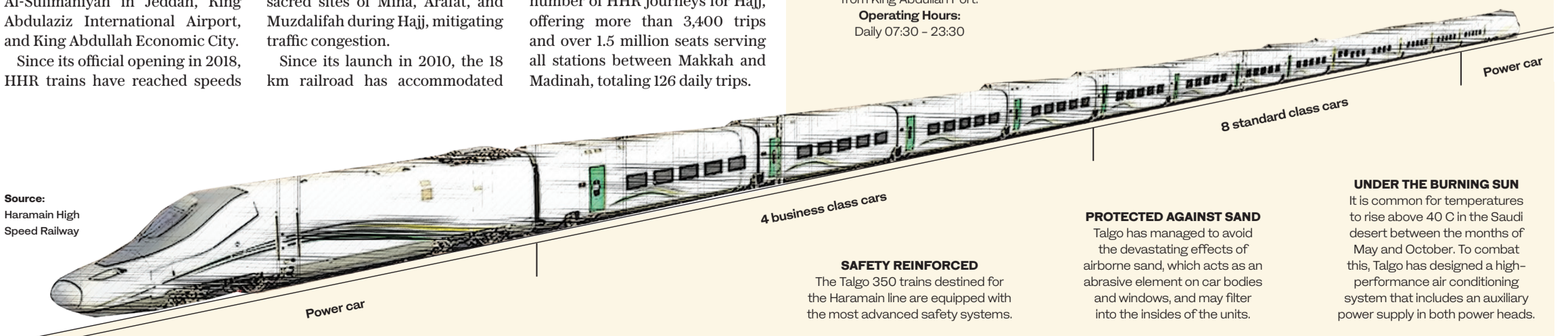
AIRPORT — JEDDAH
The railway station consists of a transport hub, connecting the new terminal with high-speed rail networks, buses, shuttles, taxis and car parking. The station has been designed to accommodate large numbers of travelers, especially during Hajj and Ramadan seasons, with the highest level of services to satisfy their needs.

Operating Hours:
Daily 06:30 - 00:30



KAEC
The railway station is located at the Hijaz Gate of King Abdullah Economic City, 18 km from King Abdullah Port.
Operating Hours:
Daily 07:30 - 23:30

Source:
Haramain High Speed Railway



SAFETY REINFORCED
The Talgo 350 trains destined for the Haramain line are equipped with the most advanced safety systems.

PROTECTED AGAINST SAND
Talgo has managed to avoid the devastating effects of airborne sand, which acts as an abrasive element on car bodies and windows, and may filter into the insides of the units.

UNDER THE BURNING SUN
It is common for temperatures to rise above 40 C in the Saudi desert between the months of May and October. To combat this, Talgo has designed a high-performance air conditioning system that includes an auxiliary power supply in both power heads.