

Home (<http://nna-leb.gov.lb/en>) / Economy (<http://nna-leb.gov.lb/en/news-categories/4/Economy>) / Inauguration of third German Arab Forum for Water in Jordan

Fri 12 Jun 2015 | 12:30

Inauguration of third German Arab Forum for Water in Jordan

Mon 01 Jun 2015 at 17:08



+ -

NNA - The third German-Arab Forum for Water, organized by Talal Abu Ghazaleh Group and the Arab-Euro-Mediterranean Organization for Economic Cooperation, on Monday kicked off at the Chamber of Commerce of Amman, under the auspices of Prince al-Hassan Bin Talal.

Lebanese Minister of Environment, Mohammad Mashnouq, spoke during the first work session, indicating that the water-related challenges the Arab region was facing was a key issue nowadays.

"Seven out of the ten most suffering countries from water scarcity worldwide are situated in the Arab world, whereas the share of each Arab citizen does not exceed 6% comparing to their counterparts in the world," he noted.

"The future of water in the Arab world depends on the ability to improve the means to run water resources (...) oil resources have contributed to modernization and human development in the majority of the Arab world. But a lot is still needed to be done," he said.

Furthermore, Mashnouq added that Lebanon and Jordan shared a huge concern, that is the dossier of the Syrian refugees. "Our country tried to obtain aids in order to reinforce the infrastructure in the regions hosting the refugees."

"We have always sought the assistance of the international community in that respect," he indicated.

"The current situation requires political commitment in light of the current regional juncture, which requires the enhancement of cooperation," he went on to say.

Separately, Mashnouq held a meeting with Prince al-Hassan Bin Talal, on the sidelines of the forum, in presence of Jordanian Minister of Energy.

====R.A.H.