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Work on longest bridge to start soon

BD998m Manama Bridge will link Bahrain harbour to the east

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Work on the BD98 million Northern Manama Bridge, the longest bridge in the Kingdom, will commence this month.

"The total length of the bridge is expected to reach 2,840 metres. It will be a new landmark for Bahrain," said Minister for Works and Minister in-charge of Electricity and Water Eng. Fathi bin Ali Al Jowder.

The bridge will span the distance from the north to the Bahrain Financial Harbour. It will also serve as the main entrance to Bahrain, while linking Bahrain Harbour to the east. "The estimated cost of the project is BD 98,159,474. The work will start this month," said Al Jowder.

The project consists of a flyover at the intersection of King Faisal Road and Al Fateh Road.

The contract for this bridge has been awarded to Hajji Hassan company and Six Construct. While signing the deal, the minister stressed the importance of the bridge in easing traffic in the Kingdom. "The bridge will ease traffic blocks and facilitate easy movement of vehicles," he said.

Al Jowder said the Ministry of Works gave great importance to this project. Building of roads and bridges to modernise the infrastructure of Bahrain will continue, thanks to the unlimited support the ministry receives from the government, he added.

The ministry had invited tenders for the project in the beginning of 2009 and four companies submitted their bids.

