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Letters to the Editor

Good alternative

The article “Mediterranean solar plan seeks inclusion of Jordan” (The Jordan Times, September 29, 2011)) urges the Kingdom to join the project.

This is welcome news indeed, after the many articles trying to convince us to accept uranium mining and the equally grim prospect of developing nuclear energy. Now we have an alternative to nuclear with fantastic potential and, above all else, it is safe.

This makes it impossible to understand why we are still considering the nuclear option. Jordan is invited to belong to a group of 43 countries across the Mediterranean that will develop a solar power network, a network that will not only satisfy our needs but also allow us to sell surplus electricity for profit.

The exciting thing about Medgrid is that Jordan can benefit from solar power the same way that other countries in the region benefit from their oil fields. Whereas oil reserves are finite, solar power is infinite.

We may not have water and other resources, but we are blessed with sunshine. The government would be mistaken not to join this solar power network and become a world leader in clean energy production.

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