

Saudi Arabia joins Zain's One Network

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Zain Malawi announced that Malawians can now easily link with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, after launching commercial services on 26 August 2008, in that country.



Zain, a mobile operator in 22 countries across the Middle East and Africa said that since many Malawians are doing trade with Middle East countries, the launch will prove a convenient facility for them.

“With the launch, the Kingdom joins and connects to One Network, the world's first borderless mobile service...” says a statement from the company.

It said the service is potentially available to 500 million people and 16 Zain Africa and the Middle East operating countries, serving some 45 million customers currently participating in One Network.

The said countries include Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Chad, the Republic of Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Malawi, Niger, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

“Ghana will join on commencement of commercial services. Zain plans to roll-out One Network in all its operations, subject to regulatory approvals,” said the statement.

“The One Network service is automatically activated upon crossing the geographic border into one of the countries, with no prior registration required or sign-up fee,” the statement said.

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