

About Qualifying Industrial Zones

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Qualifying Industrial Zones (QIZ)

Qualifying Industrial Zones (QIZ) are industrial parks that house manufacturing operations in Jordan and Egypt. They are a special free trade zones established in collaboration with Israel to take advantage of the free trade agreements between the United States and Israel.

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History of QIZ

Jordanian King Abdullah's support was crucial for the success of Qualifying Industrial Zones in Jordan

The concept behind a Qualifying Industrial Zone is credited to be the brainchild of a Jordanian businessman Omar Salah.

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Criticisms of QIZ

By far the biggest criticism faced by the establishment of these zones in Jordan is doing business with Israel. Popular sympathy to the Palestinian cause is widespread among the Arabs, and against Israel. Many Jordanians resent working with Israelis to get access to US markets.

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