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Gulf Airports Invest in Jet Fuel Storage and Pipelines
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November 16, 2026 [Tank Storage Magazine]- Gulf airports are building more jet fuel storage and associated pipelines in response to the global increase of military attacks on energy infrastructure.

Dubai has considered more fuel storage at its Al Maktoum International Airport and a higher capacity pipeline from Jebel Ali; Abu Dhabi is investing $400 million (€363.5 million) in underground storage tanks near Zayed International Airport with a capacity to store 192 million litres of jet fuel; Qatar is advancing a 53km Mesaieed Industrial City to Hamad International Airport pipeline; and Jeddah Airports Company is in the planning stages of a new tank farm for Q2 2027.

Speaking to EnterpriseAM, Addison Schonland, founder of AirInsight Group, highlights the need for stronger storage bases as well as robust refineries to ensure a country's jet fuel infrastructure is protected: 'Additional storage buys time; redundancy buys resilience. A hub is resilient when it combines usable inventory with multiple fuel sources, physically independent delivery routes and redundant airport distribution systems.'

Sindy Foster, principal managing partner at Avaero Capital Partners, comments: 'A project that mainly adds capacity raises the volume the system can handle in normal conditions, while a resilience investment raises what it can sustain when conditions are disrupted. Some projects do both, but the benefit has to stay demonstrable as traffic and fuel demand grow. A resilience project should show how operations are protected during a defined disruption: how much flying can continue, for how long and how quickly supply can be restored.'

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