

Saudia Cargo successfully transports large number of wild animals to Riyadh Zoo

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Saudi Airlines Cargo has successfully moved a large number of wild animals from Johannesburg (South Africa) to Riyadh (Saudi Arabia). The operation, undertaken on behalf of Riyadh Zoological Garden, follows weeks of meticulous planning and coordination due to the special nature of the shipment.

The scale of the project was such that close cooperation between all parties was necessary in order to ensure that the logistical side of the undertaking was carried out according to plan. This included obtaining the required documentation and approvals from the various authorities for the transport of such a large quantity of live cargo to the Kingdom.

Using one of the airline's B747 aircraft to carry the 16 pallets comprising 141 animals which included Giraffe, Kudu, Hartebeest, Gemsbok, Impala, Springbok, Blesbok and Duikers, the animals were safely delivered to Riyadh. The Riyadh Zoo management team was highly impressed with the efficiency and assistance that it received from the airline's ground staff in processing the shipment.

"Due to the special nature of the freight, we needed to come up with a tailor-made solution for our client," stated Amer Abu Obeid, Regional Director (MENAT) at Saudia Cargo. "The success of this operation is a credit to the hard work and dedication of all those involved and serves to demonstrate our ability to handle a wide range and nature of cargo on an international level," he added.

Saudi Airlines Cargo operates a fleet of 15 freighters and sells the belly-capacity on 145 passenger aircraft for Saudi Arabia's flag carrier Saudia, spanning a rapidly expanding global also provides cost-effective and practical worldwide charter flight solutions from a growing fleet of dedicated charter aircraft.

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