

DUBAI RADIO AND COLOUR TV (DRTC) - 1976

Jebel Hatta Mountain



The television transmitter was a 40kW UHF Marconi B7309 operating on Channel 41 and located atop of the Jebel Hatta mountain.

It was fed by a high quality Rhode and Schwarz receiver, attached to a simple Yagi antenna, which picked up Channel 33 from a Pye TVT 40kW UHF transmitter located at Zabil near the centre of Dubai town.

The power came from the Power House at the bottom of the mountain some 10Km away where there were standby generators.

Access during construction was by helicopter working from the base camp at Jebel where all stores were initially delivered.

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Jebel Base Camp



Peter Farnworth (left) the project manager speaking with Frank Gallagher (the Alan Dick engineer)



Mike Baker is shown here with the Dubai crew



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These were the main and standby generators situated in the Power House at the bottom of the mountain near Hatta DDF camp. There was also a smaller standby generator on the mountain top.

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