

The Effect of High Rise Buildings on the Human Behavior Within The City of Amman Ground and First Floors in Commercial Buildings /Kaled bin Al Walid Street, Amman¹

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Abstract

During the 1990's we have seen a giant leap in building and development of high rise buildings in Amman, and what we have seen within the last few years huge number of such building mainly, hotels, commercial, and office buildings, such as the Sheraton, Four Seasons, Regency hotels, and Zara commercial building. And in the 2001 La Royal hotel in Jabal Amman was constructed with a height of 97 meters, with a spectacular architectural language. The location of such a huge bulky building in the middle of Amman's cultural center has forced La Royal as sore element with difficult traffic circulation. Buildings of such magnitude have raised so many issues related to human behavior within Amman urban area.

The experiment of high rise buildings in Amman with commercial buildings is a leading experience in urban development of high rise buildings. The purpose of this research is to look at the effect of these buildings from a human dimension point of view. This paper sheds light on the commercial building within Amman Great Municipality with a case study focusing on Al-Hussein Mountain Area with special attention to these buildings as invited landmark; also as an open urban spaces scape element and to find out the impact of such structure on the local people and their behavior within Amman.

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