



### **Air Navigation announces: The year 2021 is the safest year for the company's operations**

The Saudi Air Navigation Services Company (SANS) announced that the year 2021 was the safest year ever for the company's operations in managing the Saudi airspace. This honorable achievement reflects the qualitative leap witnessed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in various fields, including air navigation services.

The company explained in a statement that the unlimited support that the transport sector enjoys from our wise leadership and the attention and follow-up of His Excellency the Minister of Transport, Eng. Saleh Al-Jasser, and His Excellency the President of the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), Mr. Abdulaziz bin Abdullah Al-Duailej, had a great impact in reaching this achievement. This in addition to proper planning, healthy environment and the diligent and dedicated work of all company employees.

The company has made it clear that, since 2017, it has begun to develop an ambitious plan to enhance the safety culture in the company, represented in early preparation and forecasting of air traffic, the qualification and training of national cadres from the company's employees, proactive follow-up and safety assurance measures to detect errors and treat them before they occur. This in addition to the new navigational systems provided by the company, which is one of the latest global navigational systems.

The total air traffic amounted to more than 485,305 domestic, international and transit flights, which were efficiently and competently managed by 649 Saudi air traffic controllers, including 25 female Saudi air traffic controllers working around the clock in the various air control units in the Kingdom, totaling 17 in numbers.

It is worth noting that SANS achieved many accomplishments during the year 2021, most notably: obtaining the fifth place award globally in the field of safety, winning the Excellence and Innovation Award in the Middle East, and completing the modernization of navigation systems in the air control centers in Jeddah and Riyadh and other control towers in various regions around the kingdom.