

For Six Month Period Ending July 31, 2007  
(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant

The Gallacher Group, LLC

(b) Registration No.

5467

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

1800 N. Kent Street, Suite 975  
Arlington, VA 22209

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Residence address | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(b) If an organization:

- |                          |                              |                             |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Name                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

N/A

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
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(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement. N/A

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?  
Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period?  
Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. EXHIBITS A AND B

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No   
Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No  N/A

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

### III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?      Yes       No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

See Attachment A (Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia)

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below?      Yes       No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See Attachment B (Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia)

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals?      Yes       No

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>5</sup> The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14 . (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes  No

If no, explain why.

See Attachment C (Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia)

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies<sup>6</sup>

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
			Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

(c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
N/A			

<sup>6, 7</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

<sup>8</sup> An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

<sup>9</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?      Yes       No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?      Yes       No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

See Attachment D (Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia)

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
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Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS - THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS - POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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See Attachment D (Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia)

<sup>10, 11</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials <sup>12</sup>?  
Yes  No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

See Attachment E (Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia)

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV. broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Internet
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public Officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes  No

12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

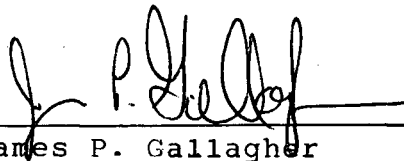
VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature )

(Type or print name under each signature<sup>13</sup>)

30 August 2007



James P. Gallagher

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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.





**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Criminal Division**

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*Washington, DC 20530*

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT -  
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SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

**Short Form List for Registrant: Gallagher Group, L.L.C.**

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name and Other Names</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Termination Date</u>	<u>Role</u>
Gallagher	James P.	03/03/2003		



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired
	N/A	

Signature: J. P. Gallagher

Date: 8/30/07

Title: President

## **ATTACHMENT A, Section III, #11**

### **Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia**

Pursuant to an agreement with Qorvis Communications, LLC, the Gallagher Group has provided services to the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in respect to the Embassy's relationship with the U.S. Congress. The Gallagher Group's activities have consisted of scheduling meetings with Members of Congress and Congressional staff, accompanying an Embassy representative to these meetings, and providing comments and advice regarding the content of Congressional communications. The Gallagher Group advised the Embassy on the status of legislation of interest to the Kingdom, strategies for dealing with Congress and U.S. government officials, and strategies for improving U.S.-Saudi bilateral relations.

## **ATTACHMENT B, Section III, #12**

### **Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia**

On behalf of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the Gallagher Group scheduled and accompanied Embassy representatives to meetings with Members of Congress and Congressional staff. The principle focus of every meeting was to discuss U.S.-Saudi bilateral relations and U.S.-Saudi cooperation in the War on Terrorism. Other topics discussed include oil and energy issues, economic development, government reform, education, role of women, human rights, the Saudi peace initiative, and Saudi charities. The dates and individuals with whom the Gallagher Group, LLC met with or called are as follows: Call to Lindsey Neas, Military Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Elizabeth Dole, 2/3/07; Call to Jared Dilley, Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Jim Jordan, 2/3/07; Call to Hector Arguello, Legislative Aide, Office of Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, 2/6/07; Call to Yleem Poblete, Minority Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2/7/07; Call to Ana Carbonell, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, 2/7/07; Call to Omar Franco, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, 2/7/07; Call to Ed McDonald, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Howard Coble, 2/8/07; Call to Jon Causey, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Patrick McHenry, 2/8/07; Call to Al Spencer, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Jo Bonner, 2/8/07; Call to Mark Morrison, Legislative Counsel, Office of Senator Bob Bennett, 2/9/07; Meeting with Laura Friedel, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Richard Shelby, 2/13/07; Meeting with Tom Hawkins, National Security Advisor, Office of the Senate Minority Leader, 2/13/07; Meeting with Lindsey Neas, Military Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Elizabeth Dole, 2/15/07; Call to James Mallar, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator George Voinovich, 2/20/07; Call to Ken Katzman, Analyst, Congressional Research Service, 2/22/07; Call to Kevin Hernandez, Military Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Burr, 2/21/07; Call to Yleem Poblete, Minority Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2/22/07; Call to Kenny Kraft, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Dave Hobson, 3/8/07; Call to Laura Friedel, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Richard Shelby, 3/8/07; Meeting with Maria Bowie, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Ken Calvert, 3/8/07; Call to Ken Katzman, Analyst, Congressional Research Service, 2/22/07; Meeting with Rep. Howard Coble, 3/14/07; Call to Ken Katzman, Analyst, Congressional Research Service, 3/22/07; Call to Maria Bowie, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Ken Calvert, 4/9/07; Call to Tommy Ross, Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. David Price, 4/17/07; Call to Chip Walgren, Deputy Majority Clerk, SAC-Homeland Security, 4/18/07; Meeting with Chip Walgren, Deputy Majority Clerk, SAC-Homeland Security, 4/24/07; Meeting with Alan Elias, Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Norm Coleman, 4/26/07; Call to Jason Yanussi, Professional Staff Member, Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee, 5/1/07; Call to Clyde Taylor, Military Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Saxby Chambliss, 5/6/07; Meeting with Brandon Milhorn, Minority Staff Director, Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee, 5/9/07; Meeting with Clyde Taylor, Military Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Saxby Chambliss, 5/10/07; Call to Blair Milligan, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Mike McIntyre, 5/23/07; Call to Wade Heck, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Terry Everett, 5/24/07; Call to Kevin Hernandez, Military Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Burr, 5/31/07; Meeting with Rick Dearborn, Chief of Staff, Office of Sen. Jeff Sessions, 6/12/07; Meeting with Les Munson, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Mark Kirk, 6/18/07; Call to Ken Katzman, Analyst, Congressional Research Service, 6/21/07; Call to Tom Hawkins, National Security Advisor, Office of the Senate Minority Leader, 6/26/07; Call to Matt Reynolds, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, 6/27/07; Meeting with rep. David Price, 7/9/07; and Meeting with Matt Reynolds, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, 6/27/07.

**ATTACHMENT C, Section IV, #14 (a)**

**Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>From Whom</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
6/27/07	Qorvis Comm.	Consulting Fees	\$120,886.89
		<i>Total:</i>	\$120,886.89

**ATTACHMENT D, Section IV, #15 (a)**

**Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia**

The Registrant's contract with Qorvis Communications. LLC does not allow for the billing of expenses. The Registrant did not incur any other expenses or expend any funds in connection with his activities. All material used by the Registrant was provided by Qorvis Communications. All travel to Capital Hill and elsewhere was done in conjunction with other client activities.

**Section IV, #15(c)**

**Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name of Candidate</u>
June 6	\$100.00	Sen. Richard Burr (NC)
June 20	\$500.00	Sen. John Sununu (NH)
June 21	\$500.00	Rep. Jim Jordan (OH)
July 16	\$500.00	Rep. Mike Turner (OH))
July 19	\$500.00	Rep. Mike Rogers (AL)

**ATTACHMENT E, Section V, #16-23**

**Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia**

16. The registrant did disseminate informational materials on behalf of the foreign principal. Materials are attached to this statement.
17. The foreign principal was the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia.
18. No
19. Press Releases
20. Public Officials and Congressional Staff
21. English
22. Yes. Material is attached to this statement.
23. Yes. All material is already labeled either by Qorvis Communications, LLC or the Gallagher Group, LLC.

**James Gallagher**

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**Subject:** FW: Ambassador Al-Jubeir presents credentials to State Dept.

Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia  
Washington, DC  
[www.saudiembassy.net](http://www.saudiembassy.net)

**Ambassador Al-Jubeir presents a copy of his credentials to the State Department**

WASHINGTON, DC [February, 21, 2007] - Saudi Ambassador to the United States Adel A. Al-Jubeir presented a copy of his credentials to Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte at the State Department in Washington today.

Al-Jubeir was appointed to the post by Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz on January 29, 2007. He succeeds Prince Turki Al-Faisal, who resigned last year for personal reasons.

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**James Gallagher**

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**Subject:** FW: Press Release - KSA and Darfur

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

May 3, 2007

**CONTACT:**

Saudi Information Office

(202) 337-4076

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**SAUDI ARABIA BROKERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUDAN AND CHAD  
ON DARFUR**

WASHINGTON, DC [May 3, 2007] – The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz today brokered an agreement of reconciliation between Sudan and Chad. President Omar Al-Bashir of Sudan and President Idriss Deby of Chad signed the agreement at King Abdullah's ranch in Janadriyah, outside Riyadh.

President Al-Bashir and President Deby agreed to political, economic and social cooperation between the two countries and respect each other's sovereignty and integrity, and non-interference in each other's internal affairs or harbor opposition groups. They also agreed to support international efforts by the African Union and United Nations to stabilize the Darfur region of Sudan and neighboring border areas in eastern Chad.

Saudi Ambassador to the United States Adel A. Al-Jubeir said, "This agreement represents a significant step in bringing stability and peace to the war torn region of Darfur."

The two presidents, who were invited to Saudi Arabia by King Abdullah, held talks at the Royal ranch in Janadriyah. King Abdullah congratulated President Al-Bashir and President Deby on the agreement and hosted a luncheon in their honor.

The Sudanese-Chadian agreement follows an understanding reached at the sidelines of the Arab Summit in Riyadh on March 29 between Sudan, the United Nations and the African Union to increase the number of UN forces deployed in Darfur. The March 29 decision was the outcome of a meeting hosted by King Abdullah between Sudanese President Al-Bashir, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the Arab League Amr Moussa and Chairperson of the African Union Alpha Oumar Konaré to discuss the situation in Darfur.

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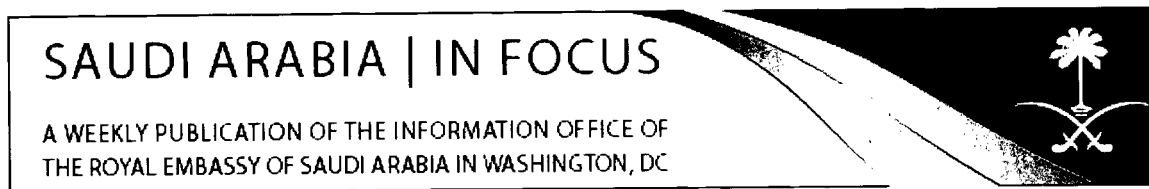
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**James Gallagher**

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**Subject:** FW: Saudi Arabia in Focus



February 20, 2007

## **FOREIGN POLICY**

### **Foreign Minister discusses Saudi-Russian relations, regional issues**

In his regular briefing February 14, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal welcomed the recent visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin and underscored the importance of cementing Saudi-Russian relations.

Prince Saud said the Kingdom does not see any obstacles to cooperating with Russia to develop a nuclear energy program. He pointed out that at last year's Jaber Summit in Riyadh, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) leaders approved in principle the use of nuclear energy in line with international non-proliferation protocols.

The Foreign Minister also lauded the Makkah Agreement between Fatah and Hamas, and expressed the hope that the agreement on a Palestinian national unity government would receive the necessary international support.

On Lebanon, Prince Saud decried the February 13 bombings on commuter buses outside of Beirut that killed three people. He urged Lebanese leaders to resolve their differences through dialogue.

### **Iraq reopens embassy in Saudi Arabia after 17 years**

Iraq reopened its embassy in Riyadh February 14, formally resuming diplomatic relations after 17 years.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari, who was on a two-day visit to the Kingdom, opened the embassy in a ceremony. He said that the reopening of the embassy in Riyadh was based on an Iraqi government initiative to restore full diplomatic relations with Arab and Islamic countries, beginning with Saudi Arabia.

## **FOREIGN AID**

### **Saudi Arabia donates \$1 million to WFP programs in Guinea**

Saudi Arabia has donated \$1 million to the World Food Program's operations in

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Guinea, which is struggling to cope with some 20,000 refugees from conflicts in neighboring Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire. The organization provides rations for the refugees, school meals for 200,000 primary school students, programs to improve nutrition for mothers and children, as well as food-for-work projects.

In a statement today, the WFP thanked Saudi Arabia for its donation. "WFP is extremely grateful for this donation from Saudi Arabia, which has once again shown that it is as anxious as we are to make sure that food reaches the most needy," Philippe Guyon LeBouffy, country director for Guinea, said in the statement.

Saudi Arabia has become an increasingly significant donor to the WFP, the statement noted. In 2006, the Kingdom donated nearly \$31 million, while Saudi individuals and associations donated almost \$10 million over the last two years. The Kingdom is the biggest contributor in the Middle East and the 16th largest overall. WFP operations in Lebanon, Cambodia, Palestine, Pakistan, as well as East and West Africa have all benefited from Saudi support.

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **King Abdullah opens annual Jenadriyah Heritage and Culture Festival**

On February 14, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz opened the 22nd Jenadriyah National Festival for Heritage and Culture. The weeklong event – organized each year by the National Guard – showcases Saudi Arabia's rich cultural heritage with exhibits including traditional arts and crafts, poetry, singing and dancing.

This year's festival also offers competitions on memorizing and reciting the Holy Qur'an, a book fair, a fine arts exhibit, lectures on various cultural and religious topics, plays, night poetry sessions, and the traditional camel race.

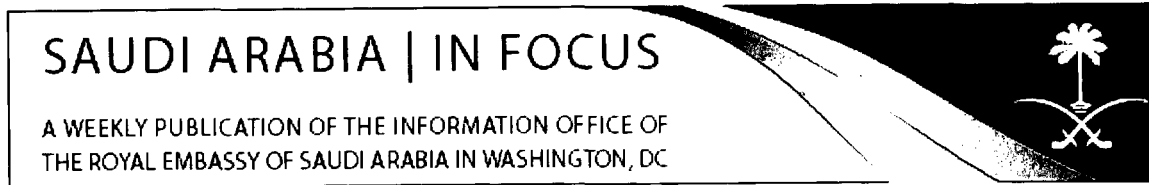


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**Subject:** FW: Saudi Arabia in Focus



February 27, 2007

## **SAUDI ARABIA - US**

### **Ambassador Al-Jubeir presents his credentials to President Bush**

Saudi Ambassador to the United States Adel A. Al-Jubeir presented his diplomatic credentials to President George W. Bush at the White House February 27.

Ambassador Al-Jubeir presented a copy of his credentials to Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte at the State Department February 21. He was appointed to the post by Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz on January 29, 2007.

### **Seven Saudi Guantanamo detainees return to the Kingdom**

Seven Saudi citizens who had been detained at the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay have returned to the Kingdom, the Ministry of Interior said in a February 21 statement. Minister of Interior Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz expressed appreciation to US authorities for their cooperation, and said that the Kingdom would continue its efforts to repatriate the remaining Saudi detainees.

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **Four French nationals killed in attack in western Saudi Arabia**

Four French nationals were shot dead Monday in an attack in western Saudi Arabia. The Ministry of Interior said that a group of French nationals – four men, three women and two children – were resting in a desert area about 10 miles from the Madinah-Tabuk Highway when an unidentified vehicle opened fire on them. Two of the French travelers, both male, were immediately killed in the attack. The remaining two French men in the group were severely injured, and later died of their wounds in the hospital.

Upon receiving reports of the attacks, Saudi authorities immediately rushed to the scene. The three Frenchwomen and two children were taken to Madinah. The Ministry said that some in the group were on their way to Makkah to perform the umrah when they were attacked. An investigation into the attack is underway, the Ministry said.

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Funeral prayers were held for two of the victims on Tuesday at the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah.

## **FOREIGN POLICY**

### **King Abdullah meets with Turkish prime minister**

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz met with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the Royal Palace in Riyadh February 24. The two leaders discussed international issues, in particular the Palestinian situation and Iraq. Matters of interest to the Muslim world and bilateral cooperation were also reviewed.

### **King Abdullah holds talks on Palestine, Iraq with Jordanian king**

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz met with Jordan's King Abdullah II for talks in Riyadh February 26. The Jordanian monarch is visiting Saudi Arabia and Egypt prior to his trip to the United States this weekend. The Saudi-Jordanian talks addressed Arab, Islamic and international issues, notably Palestine and Iraq.

### **Cabinet welcomes Quartet support for the Palestinian government**

In its weekly meeting chaired by King Abdullah February 26, the Cabinet reviewed the talks held by the Quartet (the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations) on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Berlin this past week. It welcomed Quartet members' statements of support for the Palestinian unity government, and expressed the hope that the blockade imposed on the Palestinian people and their legitimate institutions would be lifted.

## **MUSLIM WORLD**

### **International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation opens in Jeddah**

The International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) was inaugurated in Jeddah February 24. The ITFC is the first specialized organization dedicated to developing trade and finance in the Muslim world. More than 50 finance and planning ministers from the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) member countries attended the meeting.

With an initial capital of \$3 billion, the ITFC seeks to increase and finance trade among OIC member countries in accordance with the principles of Islamic law. It also aims to upgrade the export capacity of OIC countries.



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**SAUDI AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH UN SECRETARY-GENERAL  
ON DARFUR**

WASHINGTON, DC – [April 26, 2007] – Saudi Ambassador to the United States Adel A. Al-Jubeir today met with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the UN in New York to discuss the situation in Darfur and other regional issues.

At the sidelines of the Arab Summit in Riyadh on March 29, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz brought together Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the Arab League Amr Moussa and Chairperson of the African Union Alpha Oumar Konaré to discuss the situation in Darfur. The meeting resulted in a decision to increase the number of UN forces deployed in Darfur.

“The situation in Darfur is a human tragedy,” Ambassador Al-Jubeir said. “Enhancing security will save lives and allow for more effective distribution of humanitarian assistance. We commend the Secretary-General for his efforts in this regard.”

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### **TERRORISM**

#### **Saudi security forces foil major terrorist plots**

Saudi authorities arrested 172 militants who were planning major terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia and abroad, the Interior Ministry announced April 27.

As part of the Kingdom's ongoing counterterrorism efforts, authorities discovered several terrorist cells, some with links to militants abroad. The cells were arrested in simultaneous security operations throughout the Kingdom.

The detained militants planned to carry out terrorist plots including suicide attacks on public figures, oil installations and refineries, as well as military bases in Saudi Arabia and abroad, the Ministry said. Some of the militants had received flight training in preparation for attacks in the Kingdom.

The massive security sweep resulted in the seizure of weapons, more than \$5 million in cash, documents, communications devices and computers. Authorities are continuing to follow up on individuals with links to the detained militants.

In an interview published in the Arabic-language newspaper *Al-Riyadh* on April 28, Minister of Interior Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz said that more details would be provided about the suspects and their plots at a later date, including where some of the detainees obtained flight training. He added that Saudi Arabia's counterterrorism efforts remain ongoing.

In its weekly meeting April 30, the Cabinet praised the Saudi security forces and their successful efforts to foil terrorist attacks. It also lauded the public support for the Kingdom's counterterrorism efforts, and urged the public to be alert to the threat of terrorism and the falseness of militant ideology. Terrorism must be fought at all levels: family, word, advice fatwa and social work, the Cabinet said.

### **FOREIGN POLICY**

#### **King Abdullah meets with Japanese, Palestinian leaders**

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz met with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the royal palace in Riyadh April 28. The Saudi-Japanese talks focused on regional and

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international developments as well as bilateral relations.

Abe also attended the inauguration of the Saudi-Japanese Economic Forum, which was organized by the Council of Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry. In remarks upon the occasion, the prime minister highlighted Japan's interest in diversifying economic relations with Saudi Arabia. He said that his visit aims to increase strategic dialogue between the two countries in all areas.

King Abdullah also met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at Al-Yamamah Palace in Riyadh April 29. The meeting focused primarily on the situation in Palestine, although bilateral relations were also discussed. Abbas was in the Kingdom for a one-day official visit.

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **Kingdom unveils 2nd UN Development Goals report**

Minister of Economy and Planning Khalid Al-Qusaibi released Saudi Arabia's 2nd United Nations Millennium Development Goals Report in Riyadh April 25.

Al-Qusaibi said that the Kingdom has achieved a number the development goals set out by the UN, well in advance of the 2015 deadline. This feat was accomplished because the goals of the Eighth Development Plan (2005-2009) are similar to those of the UN, he noted. In fact, Saudi Arabia has made such great strides in the eradication of poverty – one of the Millennium Goals – that it expects to eliminate poverty in the country by 2009.

The Millennium Development Goals were agreed upon by the world's countries and leading development institutions at the 2000 UN Millennium Summit. They aim to increase global efforts to meet the needs of the world's poorest.

### **First Saudi-made UAV flight tested at King Abdulaziz University**

The King Abdulaziz University test flew the first Saudi-made Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) over its Jeddah campus on April 25, the *Arab News* reported this week. UAVs are aircraft without an onboard pilot.

The craft, known as the Desert Eagle, is the brainchild of eight students in the university's Aero-Engineering department and their tutor, Wael Harsani. It has been in the works for a year and a half. The remotely-controlled plane is made of wood and aluminum, and measures 2.7 meters long and 2.9 meters wide from wing to wing. It can reach speeds of up to 30 MPH and remain aloft for around 21 minutes.



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**SAUDI ARABIA BROKERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUDAN AND CHAD  
ON DARFUR**

WASHINGTON, DC [May 3, 2007] – The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz today brokered an agreement of reconciliation between Sudan and Chad. President Omar Al-Bashir of Sudan and President Idriss Deby of Chad signed the agreement at King Abdullah’s ranch in Janadriyah, outside Riyadh.

President Al-Bashir and President Deby agreed to political, economic and social cooperation between the two countries and respect each other’s sovereignty and integrity, and non-interference in each other’s internal affairs or harbor opposition groups. They also agreed to support international efforts by the African Union and United Nations to stabilize the Darfur region of Sudan and neighboring border areas in eastern Chad.

Saudi Ambassador to the United States Adel A. Al-Jubeir said, “This agreement represents a significant step in bringing stability and peace to the war torn region of Darfur.”

The two presidents, who were invited to Saudi Arabia by King Abdullah, held talks at the Royal ranch in Janadriyah. King Abdullah congratulated President Al-Bashir and President Deby on the agreement and hosted a luncheon in their honor.

The Sudanese-Chadian agreement follows an understanding reached at the sidelines of the Arab Summit in Riyadh on March 29 between Sudan, the United Nations and the African Union to increase the number of UN forces deployed in Darfur. The March 29 decision was the outcome of a meeting hosted by King Abdullah between Sudanese President Al-Bashir, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the Arab League Amr Moussa and Chairperson of the African Union Alpha Oumar Konaré to discuss the situation in Darfur.

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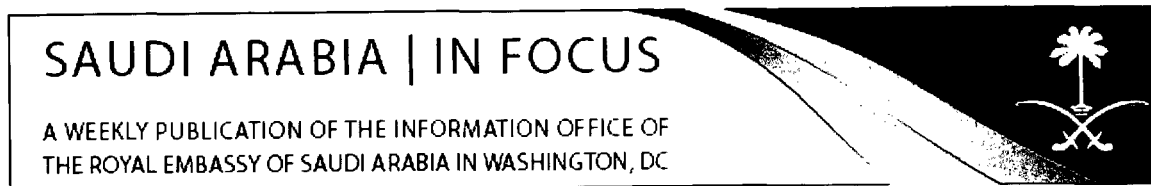
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## **SAUDI ARABIA-US**

### **King Abdullah holds talks with Vice President Cheney**

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz held talks with US Vice President Dick Cheney in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia May 12. The US-Saudi talks focused on regional issues, in particular Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon. Cheney arrived at Tabuk Airport earlier in the day for a brief official visit to Saudi Arabia.

Saudi officials in attendance at the talks included Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, Minister of Interior Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz, Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Chief of General Intelligence Prince Miqren bin Abdulaziz, and Saudi Ambassador to the US Adel Al-Jubeir.

## **FOREIGN POLICY**

### **Cabinet highlights Saudi policies on Iraq, Palestine**

In its weekly meeting at Al-Yamamah Palace in Riyadh May 14, the Cabinet highlighted the Kingdom's policies on a number of regional issues.

On the Palestinian issue, it reaffirmed full support for the Palestinian unity government. Achieving peace requires Israeli commitment to international law and the Arab Peace Initiative in respect to a Palestinian state and the rights of refugees, it said.

On Iraq, the Cabinet stressed Saudi support for strengthening Iraq's security, ending the violence there, achieving national unity based on the political participation of all strata of Iraq's society, focusing on Iraq's construction and affirming its sovereignty.

## **ENERGY**

### **Aramco, Dow agree to build chemicals complex in Saudi Arabia**

On May 12 Saudi Aramco and US chemical giant Dow Chemical Co. signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish, own and operate a chemicals and plastics production complex in Saudi Arabia, Aramco reported on its website.

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The world-scale complex is to be called the Ras Tanura Integrated Project. It will be operationally integrated with Aramco's Ras Tanura refinery complex and the Ju'aymah gas processing plant, both of which will supply feedstock to the joint venture and continue to owned and operated by Aramco.

When completed, the new complex will produce a diverse and extensive slate of plastics and chemicals to the Kingdom. It will be one of the largest grassroots plastics and chemicals production facilities in the world.

## **FOREIGN AID**

### **Kingdom donates an additional \$9 million to Rafah housing project**

The Saudi Fund for Development has contributed an additional \$9 million to a UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) project to house more than 3,500 Palestinian refugees in Rafah, UNRWA announced in a press release May 14.

The total Saudi contribution of \$39 million will fund 752 housing units for Palestinian refugees in Rafah whose homes were demolished. The donation is also funding the construction of four schools, a health clinic, a community center and a mosque, which are 80 percent completed.

The Saudi Fund for Development is also funding the construction of a school in Deir al-Balah through UNRWA.

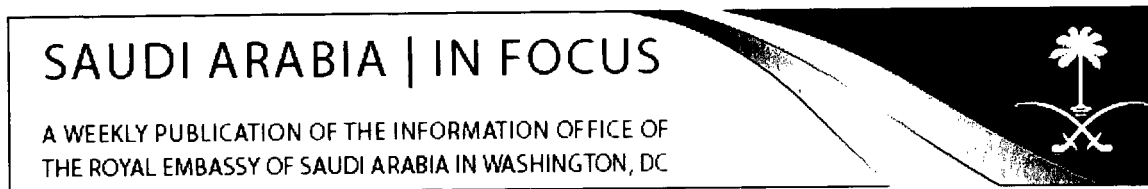


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## **FOREIGN POLICY**

### **Cabinet condemns violence in Lebanon**

In its weekly meeting yesterday, the Cabinet expressed regret regarding the violence incurred by the refugees at the Nahr Al-Barid camp, noting that it threatens Lebanese security and stability. The Cabinet also reaffirmed the Kingdom's support for the preservation of Lebanon's sovereignty, unity, stability and territorial integrity.

### **King Abdullah pays state visit to Morocco**

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz paid a state visit to Morocco this past week at the invitation of King Mohamed VI. During the visit – King Abdullah's first to Morocco since ascending the throne – the two countries signed a number of agreements to boost cooperation in political, economic, investment, tourism, culture and education areas.

In a joint communiqué at the conclusion of the visit, King Abdullah and King Mohamed reaffirmed their support for the Arab Peace Initiative as the means to bring a just and comprehensive resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. They urged the international community to respect the democratic choices of the Palestinian people and support the national unity government there.

Concerning Iraq, they stressed the importance of Iraq's unity, sovereignty and independence. They expressed support for the regional and international efforts to promote national reconciliation in Iraq.

On other issues, the two kings called for national reconciliation in Lebanon and an end to the bloodshed in Somalia. They also expressed support for the Sudanese government's efforts to bring stability to Darfur. In addition, they underscored the importance of a Middle East free of weapons of mass destruction, and denounced terrorism in all its forms.

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **SABIC to buy GE Plastics for \$11.6 billion**

The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation has agreed to acquire the plastics division of General Electric Co. for \$11.6 billion. The deal is subject to regulatory approvals, and is expected to be completed by 3Q 2007.

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SABIC previously acquired DSM Petrochemicals in Europe and Huntsman Petrochemicals in Britain. In both of those cases, existing management teams continued to manage the business and were given SABIC support in implementing investment and growth initiatives.

Based in Houston, SABIC Americas has operated in the U.S for more than 20 years. The company currently has more than 200 employees in the US through its own operations and a joint venture in New Jersey, plus another 500 who are employed indirectly through suppliers. With the acquisition, SABIC will employ some 30,000 people in the US.

### **Two new oil wells discovered in the Eastern Province**

Two new oil fields have been discovered by Saudi Aramco. The two fields are located southeast of Ghawar in the Eastern Province.

The Mabruk-1 well is located approximately 18 miles southeast of Ghawar. It tested oil in the Hadriya reservoir at 10,300 feet, flowed 5,600 barrels per day of Arabian heavy crude and 2 million standard cubic feet per day of gas at 1,200 psi, numbers that are expected to increase once normal production begins. Mabruk-1 is the first discovery in the Hadriya reservoir.

The Dirwazah-1 well, approximately 43 miles southeast of Ghawar, tested oil in the Arab D reservoir at 9,500 feet. It flowed 5,569 bpd of Arabian light crude, with 2.8 million scfd of gas at 600 psi wellhead pressure on a one-inch choke.



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### **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

#### **Egypt's trade with Arab states increases by 195%**

Egyptian Ministry of Commerce reports that trade between Arab states and Egypt has increased by 195%. In 2000, trade between Egypt and other Arab states amounted to \$2 billion, and in 2006 the goods and services trade grew to \$6.2 billion.

The Egyptian Ministry of Commerce also stated that five Arab states – consisting of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria, Syria and the United Arab Emirates – contributed to 71.5% of the trade exchange.

Saudi Arabia's trade goods represented 28.3% of the total, ranking the highest of all the contributing countries.

#### **SABIC focuses on Asian development**

Prince Saud Bin Abdullah Bin Thenayan Al-Saud, chairman of Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), met with Indonesian Vice President Dr. Mohammed Jusuf Kala to discuss business development.

Recently, SABIC opened offices in Jakarta and Ho Chi Minh City. The expansion was part of the petrochemical company's plan to develop distribution hubs on the Asian continent. SPA reports that SABIC has 11 offices in 8 countries across the Asia-Pacific region, and there are plans to expand further.

#### **Distribution of non-oil product exports increases**

The Ministry of Planning reports that the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait topped the list of Saudi non-oil product distribution. Statistics reported by SPA, showed that Saudi Arabia exported over \$2 billion in commodities during the month of February 2007.

The UAE reported importing non-oil Saudi products amounting to \$332,000, and Kuwait imported products totaling \$1.14 million. Examples of Saudi non-oil products are petrochemicals, plastics, minerals and re-exported merchandise. Saudi Arabia exports mainly to Japan, the U.S. and Germany.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **Saudi Arabia participates in World Environment Day**

The Secretary General of the National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development (NCWCD), Prince Bandar bin Saud bin Mohammad Al-Saud, emphasized that global warming is a feasible reality and expressed support for World Environment Day 2007, which is entitled "Melting Ice - A Hot Topic".

The NCWCD Chief said that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is joining international efforts by establishing and protecting wildlife areas. Prince Bandar called for serious and effective cooperation between governmental bodies in both the private and public sectors to protect ecosystems.

## **HUMANITARIAN AID**

### **Saudi aid organization launches new housing project in Lebanon**

Prince Naif bins Abdulaziz, Supervisor of the Saudi Popular Campaign for Relief of the Lebanese People, is working in partnership with UNICEF on development projects throughout Lebanon.

A \$1 million grant will be used to accelerate the development project, which includes building water reservoirs and replacing water supply networks. Additional projects include building a medical center in Al-Taybah village in Southern Lebanon.

### **The Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Charity Foundation donates housing**

Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz has allocated housing units donated by the Sultan bin Abdulaziz charity. The specially designed houses are for citizens of the Alghat Region who have special needs. The foundation reports that the project is 85% completed and consists of 71 units, costing \$5.3 million.

The Alghat region housing project is part of a comprehensive housing plan that covers six Saudi regions including: Asir, Tabuk, Najran, Hail, Makkah and Riyadh. The project's estimated total cost will exceed \$45 million.

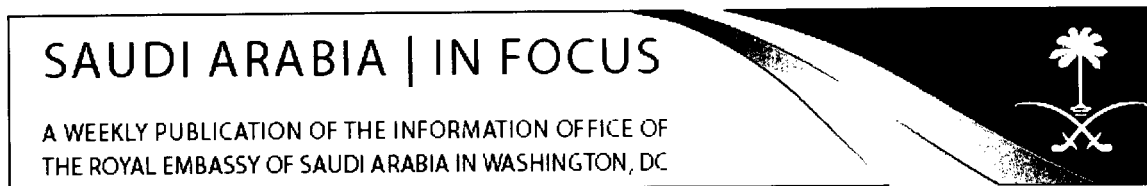


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## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **Saudi Arabia and Chad sign security agreement**

Ministers of the Interior, Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz and Chadian Minister of Interior, Ahmad Mohammed Basher, signed a security agreement aimed at combating terrorism and drug trafficking between Saudi Arabia and Chad.

Prince Nayef stated that Saudi Arabia is proactive in forging cooperation with all countries regarding security matters. "The world is currently facing the menace of terrorism, and unfortunately the Muslims are accused of practicing terrorism despite the fact that Islam has nothing to do with it." Prince Nayef continued, stating that Muslims who are involved in terrorism are actually defaming Islam and all Muslims.

Prince Nayef and Minister Basher also discussed immigration issues. Prince Nayef said the Kingdom welcomes the expatriates who legally stay in the country, but he criticized those who stay behind after performing Hajj or Umrah (minor hajj).

## **FOREIGN AID**

### **King Abdullah offers aid to Oman**

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz has been closely monitoring the news regarding the tropical cyclone, Gonu. The tropical cyclone has passed thorough the Sultanate of Oman causing damage reported in a statement issued by the Royal Court.

King Abdullah has offered to provide assistance to help alleviate the suffering and damages resulting from the severe storm.



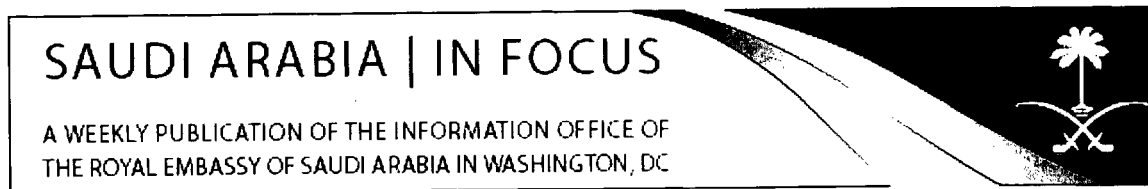
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## **FOREIGN POLICY**

### **King Abdullah expresses concern about regional instability**

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz expressed concern about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and instability in Iraq, Lebanon and Darfur in an interview with the Spanish newspaper *El Pais*, published on June 18.

The King gave the interview in advance of his first official visit to Spain since ascending the throne. The visit, which began June 18, is part of a five-nation tour that also includes France, Poland, Egypt and Jordan.

The Palestinian-Israeli conflict remains the longest-running conflict in the region's contemporary history, the King noted, despite efforts to resolve it. He expressed concern about the impact of the escalating conflict on the region.

"My concerns are like the concerns of all reasonable people that the situation might explode affecting not only the region but also the whole world," the King said.

Additionally, the region is concerned about increasing instability in Iraq and Lebanon, the conflict in Darfur, terrorism and the crisis surrounding Iran's nuclear program, he said.

Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz also warned about instability in Iraq and its potential impact on the region in a June 17 press conference. He said that problems are now spilling over from Iraq to other countries, including Saudi Arabia, and that the Kingdom is taking precautionary measures.

Prince Nayef called on Iran to devote more attention to Iraq and urged all parties to work towards keeping Iraq an Arab and Muslim country.

### **Saudi Arabia to participate in Lebanon peace delegation**

Saudi Arabia will participate in a high-ranking Arab League delegation to address the political crisis in Lebanon. The delegation was established at the Arab League's extraordinary meeting in Cairo June 15.

The delegation will be headed by Secretary-General Amr Moussa and will include

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representatives from Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Qatar and Egypt. It will make contact with Lebanese political leaders as well as concerned regional and international parties and press for the resumption of national dialogue.

At the meeting, the Arab League condemned the June 13 bombing that killed Lebanese Member of Parliament Walid Eido, his son, as well as a number of innocent civilians.

## **FOREIGN AID**

### **King Abdullah donates \$10 million for refugees in Lebanon**

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz has donated \$10 million for Palestinian families living in Lebanon's Nahr Al-Bared and Beddawi refugee camps.

The Saudi Ambassador to Lebanon, Abdulaziz Khoja, informed Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Siniora of the King's donation on June 14. Khojah added that the donation could be increased to \$12 million if the number of refugees affected by the fighting in Lebanon continues to grow.

### **Saudi Arabia to provide \$2 million in humanitarian aid to Niger**

Saudi Arabia has extended \$2 million in financial assistance to Niger to fund development projects in the African nation.

Niger's Undersecretary of the Foreign Minister for Economic and Cultural Affairs Yousef Al-Sadoon made the announcement in remarks at a recent donor's conference for Niger in Doha, Qatar.

The donation is in line with Saudi Arabia's ongoing assistance to Niger, which has totaled \$213 million to date.



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**Interior Minister urges imams to confront deviant ideology**

Minister of Interior Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz has urged imams and khatibs to confront deviant ideology as part of the Kingdom's fight against terrorism, the *Arab News* reported today.

Prince Nayef made the remarks during a meeting with over 600 prayer leaders and imams in Jeddah yesterday.

"It is your responsibility to confront this problem by applying your knowledge, minds and courage," Prince Nayef said, as quoted in the *Arab News*.

He noted that there are at least 14,000 Friday mosques (mosques at which Friday prayers can be performed) in various parts of the Kingdom.

"This means we have 14,000 platforms. If the khatibs use this opportunity to expose the deviants and their ideology, it will have a great positive impact upon society," the prince said, as quoted in the *Arab News*. "You can play a big role in confronting these deviants who work against Islam and the Kingdom."

Prince Nayef also said that Saudi security forces have foiled 90 percent of terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia. "If 30 percent of these attacks had taken place, our country would be in a very bad shape," he said.

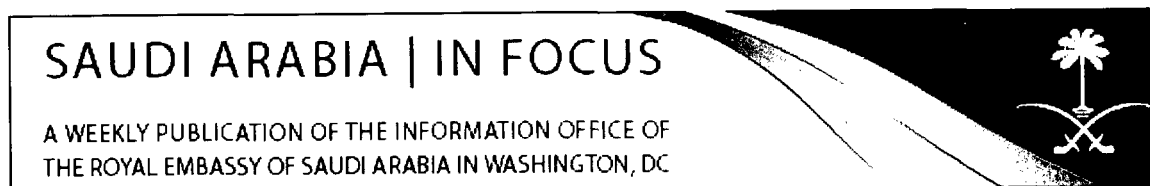
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June 26, 2007

## **FOREIGN POLICY**

### **King Abdullah visits Europe, the Middle East**

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz paid state visits to Spain, France and Poland this week. The King is currently on a five-nation tour that also includes stops in Egypt and Jordan.

During the visits, the King held talks with Spanish, French and Polish leaders on regional and international issues, particularly the situations in Lebanon, Palestine, and Iraq as well as bilateral issues. The Saudi-French talks devoted special attention to the situation in Lebanon.

The King also oversaw the signing of bilateral agreements of cooperation in various areas with each country. While in Spain, he inaugurated a Saudi-Spanish fund for infrastructure investment. The fund will have a capital of \$5 billion and will be financed almost exclusively by the private sectors of both countries.

King Abdullah is scheduled to visit Egypt on June 26 and Jordan on June 27 for talks about key issues in the Middle East.

### **Foreign minister addresses key regional issues on CNN International**

In a June 19 interview with CNN International's Michael Holmes, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal expressed Arab support for the legality of President Mahmoud Abbas, and noted that the Arab League is taking steps to diffuse the crisis.

Asked what the United States could do to improve its standing as an honest broker in the Middle East, Prince Saud replied, "Do what the president has said to do – establish a Palestinian state, independent and viable, next to Israel, to live in peace with Israel. That's what the United States can do."

Turning to Iraq, Prince Saud highlighted the importance of implementing the benchmarks that had been announced by the Iraqi government. "If this program is implemented, and quickly enough, we think that there's a chance for Iraq to be a peaceful country and live at peace with its neighbors," he said.

The foreign minister also reiterated Saudi Arabia's support for a Middle East region

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free of nuclear weapons, and said Iran has assured the Kingdom that it is not seeking nuclear capability.

In related news, the Cabinet expressed regret about the continuing internal strife among the Palestinian factions during its June 25 session. It called on the Palestinian groups to put their national interest and unity above all else and spare the Palestinian people further tragedy.

### **Cabinet approves UN protocols on organized crime**

On June 25, the Cabinet approved two protocols related to the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime. One protocol aims to combat human trafficking, particularly concerning women and children. A second protocol addresses the smuggling of migrants via land, sea and air.

The UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime is the main international instrument in the fight against transnational organized crime. Saudi Arabia ratified the convention in January 2005.

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **Interior Minister urges imams to confront deviant ideology**

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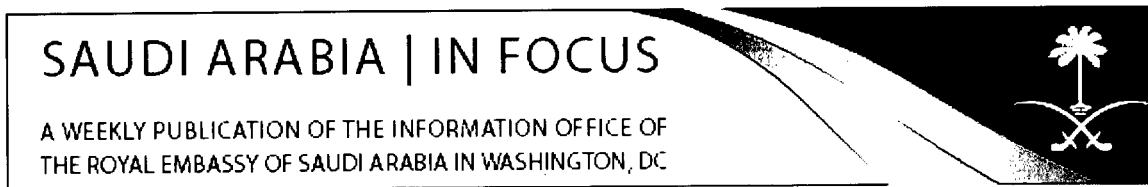


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## **FOREIGN POLICY**

### **King Abdullah holds talks with Arab leaders**

King Abdullah held talks with key Arab leaders last week to discuss crucial regional issues. He paid separate state visits to Egypt and Jordan, where he met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and King Abdullah II of Jordan respectively to discuss the situations in Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, as well as Iran's nuclear program.

During their meeting in Egypt, President Mubarak also briefed King Abdullah on the outcome of Quartet summit held in Sharm El-Sheikh June 25.

King Abdullah also met with Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Siniora in Jeddah June 30 to discuss the latest developments in Lebanon.

### **King Abdullah comments on key foreign policy issues in interview**

Prior to his state visit to Jordan June 27, King Abdullah discussed a number of critical regional issues facing the Middle East region in an interview with the Jordanian newspaper *Al-Rai*.

In the interview, King Abdullah urged the Palestinian leadership to act wisely and live up to its responsibility towards the Palestinian people. The King noted that during his recent state visits to Spain, France and Poland, he found support for the Arab Peace Initiative to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Regarding Lebanon, he called on the various political factions there to resolve their differences through negotiation, and denounced any intervention that widens the gap between the Lebanese factions.

On Iraq, the King said that Saudi Arabia is concerned about the situation in the country, adding that the Kingdom will continue supporting the Iraqi people in any way possible. He stressed the importance of reducing tension in Iraq and noted that the future of Iraq must be determined by the Iraqis. In addition, the Kingdom has not ruled out hosting a reconciliation meeting for the various Iraqi factions if such a meeting would be useful, he said.

## **FOREIGN AID**

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## **Saudi Arabia's King launches residential complex in Jordan**

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz and Jordan's King Abdullah II launched the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud Residential City in a ceremony at the Basman Palace in Amman, Jordan on June 28. The Saudi King was in Jordan for a two-day state visit.

Located in Al-Zarqa Province near Amman, the residential city will include 70,000 housing units that can accommodate more than 370,000 people. Once completed, the city will be Jordan's largest residential development project.

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

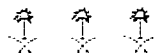
### **Interior Minister briefs Shura Council on counterterrorism efforts**

On July 1, Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz briefed the Shura (Consultative) Council on the Kingdom's counterterrorism efforts.

Prince Nayef praised the Saudi security forces, noting that authorities have foiled a number of dangerous terrorist plots. If only ten percent of these plots had come to fruition it would have caused disaster, he added. He again called on the Kingdom's ulema, intellectuals and the media to do their part to confront the deviant thought.

Commenting on the judicial process for the militants, Prince Nayef said that some of the militants have already been sentenced and that the Ministry of Justice is in the process of assigning judges to additional cases in Riyadh and Jeddah.

In a press conference after the briefing, Prince Nayef said that efforts are underway to establish security units for oil facilities.



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**Subject:** FW: Sec Rice and KSA/WOT

**Interview With Maria Bartiromo on CNBC's Closing Bell**

**Secretary Condoleezza Rice**  
**Washington, DC**  
**July 6, 2007**

***Excerpt:***

**QUESTION:** Some people feel we send billions of dollars to the Saudi royal family and some of that money goes to supporting terrorists. How can we ensure that the relationship with the Saudis is sincere and they are not supporting terrorism?

**SECRETARY RICE:** Well, I think the Saudis are not only not supporting terrorism, they're fighting it. And why? Because it is in their interest to fight it. You might have noticed yesterday that when Zawahiri made his tape, he mentioned the Saudis as one of the targets. Al-Qaida and their types are very much after states like Saudi Arabia as well and we've seen in Saudi Arabia, particularly in the last couple, three years, very aggressive acts against al-Qaida, very aggressive acts to fight terrorism.

Now, there are still charities that we believe are tied up with terrorist financing and the Saudi Government has been working to try to shut those down. Frankly, we didn't understand, the Saudis didn't understand prior to September 11th these networks that sounded like charitable organizations that were actually fronting for terrorist financing. We had to go through a long process of understanding those networks, of using good intelligence information, good financial information to understand those terrorist networks. But I think we have a good partner in Saudi Arabia.

We don't agree on everything, but I do believe that the Saudis, for their own benefit, they're fighting terrorism and fighting it quite aggressively.

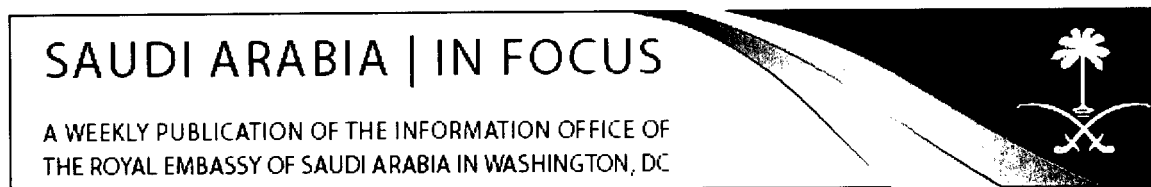
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July 17, 2007

## **SAUDI-US RELATIONS**

### **King Abdullah stresses need for Middle East peace**

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz stressed the importance of resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in a telephone conversation with President George W. Bush July 16.

The King told President Bush that the Palestinian people must achieve their national rights and unity of land and people. The King reiterated that Palestinians and other Arab countries have chosen peace and adopted a comprehensive peace initiative, namely the Arab Peace Initiative. The two leaders also discussed other regional issues as well as bilateral cooperation.

### **Sixteen Saudi detainees repatriated from Guantanamo Bay**

Sixteen Saudi detainees at the US military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were returned to Saudi Arabia July 16.

Minister of Interior Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz welcomed the return of the detainees and said that efforts remain underway to bring all of the Saudi citizens currently being held at Guantanamo Bay back to the Kingdom. He also praised US authorities for their cooperation in the matter. The repatriated detainees will be subject to Saudi law, Prince Nayef said.

## **FOREIGN AID**

### **Kingdom constructs 1,500 houses for Pakistani earthquake victims**

The Saudi Public Assistance for Pakistan Earthquake Victims has built 1,500 houses for Pakistani families displaced by the earthquake that devastated the country's North-West Frontier Province in October 2005, the group announced July 15. An additional 2,500 houses are currently under construction.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS**

### **Saudi group turns to TV to increase awareness of human rights issues**

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The National Society for Human Rights (NSHR) is planning to launch a series of televised public service announcements, the *Arab News* reported July 15. The 40-second spots are intended to educate the Saudi public about various human rights issues.

NSHR President Bandar Al-Hajjar told the *Arab News* that five or six announcements are planned, each one addressing a different human rights issue. The organization is in the process of negotiating with production companies to produce the spots, he said.

Al-Hajjar said that the NSHR is also planning a television program that will focus on people explaining how the organization helped them launch and win grievances against government departments.

It has not yet been decided which networks will air the announcements and the program, he added.

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **S&P raises Saudi Arabia's credit ratings**

Credit rating agency Standard & Poor's (S&P) this week raised its foreign and local currency long-term sovereign credit ratings for Saudi Arabia from A+ to AA, the *Arab News* reported July 17. The upgrade reflects Saudi Arabia's strong financial performance.

S&P also raised the Kingdom's local and foreign currency short-term ratings from A-1 to A-1+, and the country's transfer and convertibility (T&C) assessment from AA to AA+.



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## **Saudi Arabia and the War on Terrorism**

### ***Excerpts:***

**U.S. Dept of State  
Daily Press Briefing  
Mr. Sean McCormack, Spokesman  
Washington, DC  
July 17, 2007**

**QUESTION:** There is a report in the *Los Angeles Times* today saying that the majority of the suicide bombers going to Iraq are coming from Saudi Arabia, not the other neighboring countries.

**MCCORMACK:** Right.

**QUESTION:** Do you have any comment on that?

**MCCORMACK:** Well, as I understand that -- I don't have the statistics in front of me right now. The flow of foreign fighters from the region, the origin of these individuals is from several different countries throughout the region, so it's a region-wide problem. It's a region-wide issue. It's something that we as well as the Iraqis have spoken to Iraq's neighbors about and they understand that it's a problem. And as for Saudi Arabia, this is a country that is engaged in its own fight against violent extremism, against terrorism. And certainly, since 2004, we have worked very well with the Saudi Government in shutting down terrorist finances, trying to stop the flow of people that fuels these violent extremist movements.

Now there's a lot more to be done. There's a lot more to be done throughout the region to stop this flow of foreign fighters into Iraq. The President today -- just today issued an executive order that we believe is going to help in that regard, trying to shut off support, money, any other sort of encouragement to people who want to flow into Iraq in order to cause death and destruction for the Iraqi people and could possibly pose a threat to our troops.

**The White House  
Press Briefing  
Hon. Fran Townsend, Homeland Security Advisor  
Washington, DC  
July 17, 2007**

**TOWNSEND:** In the Arabian Gulf, we continue to strengthen efforts to dismantle terrorist cells, stem terrorist financing and undercut the ideology used by al Qaeda and its supporters to justify the murder of innocents. This year, for example, Saudi Arabia has made an important series of terror finance arrests and are investigating the brutal murder of a senior -- officer at the hand of al Qaeda related cell. Their investigations are continuing, and we continue to work with them. On my trip, I met with the Saudis with whom I consult approximately four times a year, and I also met with the Qataris.

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**Kingdom's statement in response to President Bush's Middle East initiative**

*Statement released by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on July 17, 2007 in response to a new Middle East initiative proposed by President George W. Bush on July 16, 2007*

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia welcomes the initiative of the US President George W. Bush which he announced in his speech yesterday (Monday), noting the significant positive points it contained, including the end of the occupation, the creation of an independent, contiguous and viable Palestinian state, and addressing the Jerusalem issue and a negotiated solution of the refugees problem, all of which correspond with the Arab Peace Initiative that has been reaffirmed collectively by Arab states in the Riyadh Arab Summit, and which clearly indicates that normal relations between Israel and all Arab states would logically result from Israeli withdrawal from the Arab territories occupied in 1967.

In regard to the international peace conference to be held the coming fall, Saudi Arabia expresses its hope that the conference will take place in the context of a diligent international effort that addresses the core issues of the conflict, ensures fair balance of commitments and responsibilities, and achieves the dismantlement of settlements rather than only freezing future settlement, particularly after the proved failure of partial solutions that focused on security and propaganda measures at the cost of final status issues.

Real progress absolutely depends on a unified Palestinian and Arab approach based on Arab summit resolutions and joint Arab action.

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