

Subject Matter Briefing

Security and Combatting Terrorism

Introduction

- The United States and Saudi Arabia have been allies for 75 years.
 - The partnership began when President Franklin Roosevelt met with Saudi Arabia's first king and founder, on the USS Quincy, in 1945.
- Both the U.S. and Saudi Arabia are strongly committed to regional stability and defeating international terrorism.

Security and Combatting Terrorism

- Saudi Arabia has been at the forefront of fighting the spread of extremism for decades.
 - No country in the Arab world has done more to combat terrorism than Saudi Arabia.
 - Saudi Arabia has faced dozens of terrorist attacks from ISIS and Al-Qaeda.
 - These attacks, targeting Saudi men, women and children, have not deterred Saudi Arabia's efforts in eradicating extremism globally.
- Saudi Arabia has undertaken hundreds of airstrikes against ISIS, more than any other Arab country, and second only to the U.S.
 - Saudi Arabia has additionally provided over \$100 million to U.S. backed efforts combatting ISIS in Syria.
- Al-Qaeda has been decimated thanks in large part to efforts Saudi Arabia led, contributed, and shared in with U.S. and coalition partners.
- Intelligence, obtained and developed by Saudi Arabia, has directly aided U.S. efforts combatting terrorism.
 - From preventing terrorist attacks across the world to stopping terrorism financing, intelligence sharing between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia has made the world safer.
- The U.S. and Saudi Arabia frequently take joint action in combatting and disrupting terrorist financing around the world.
 - Saudi Arabia has applied sanctions, along with the U.S., on entities that assist in terrorist financing.
- Saudi Arabia recently contributed \$10 million to the establishment and execution of the U.N. Counterterrorism Center and has been instrumental in bringing countries together, building coalitions to fight extremism around the world.
- Democrat and Republican administrations officials have lauded Saudi Arabia and their work combatting terrorism and partnering in U.S. anti-terrorism efforts.

Conclusion

- Saudi Arabia is a longtime partner and trusted ally of the U.S. in the fight against global terror.
 - It is a consistent stabilizing force in the Middle East.
- Saudi Arabia's cooperation keeps the U.S., our allies, and the world a more stable, safe, and secure place.