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1. Amin Bey Hamadah, former assistant leader of the Ikhwan al-Muslamin in Lebanon, has returned there after having spent some time in Amman, Transjordan. He is spreading propaganda among the Druzes in support of King 'Abdullah. Salim Hamadah, a retired Lebanese Gendarmerie commander, and Rashid Bey Jumblat are assisting Amin Bey Hamadah in this activity. Other 'Abdullah propagandists working in Syria include Nasib Bakri, 'Abd-al-Hamid Tabba', Wadih Shishakli, Nasib Gaylani, Abu Huda Hasibi, Sheikh Ahmad Diqr and Sheikh Kanil Qassab. Those working in Lebanon include Sami Sulh, Sulayman 'Ali, Nassuh Agha Fasil, Rashid Baydun, and Muhammad 'Abbud (all of whom are members of the Lebanese Chamber of Deputies), Sheikh Munir Muqdin, and Muqaddam 'Ali 'Azhar, a Druze judge. These men have held meetings in Beirut at the home of Akram Gaylani, long known as in the employ of King 'Abdullah. Hasan Makin, former Syrian Prime Minister, has also attended these meetings.
2. A number of Saudi Arabians, including 'Abd-al-Rahman Raji, Sa'id Fahd, and Muhammad Hamzawi, have been in Syria, spreading propaganda among the tribes against King 'Abdullah and in support of King Ibn Sa'ud. The Syrian Government has assisted these propagandists, who accuse King 'Abdullah of serving the Zionists and imperialists, and of having brought ruin to the Arabs. They have been urging the Syrian people to oppose the Greater Syria project, in order to keep out British imperialism and to preserve their freedom.

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