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QUEEN ALIYA PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

Yesterday morning, December 21, 1950, at 9:20 a.m., Queen Aliya, mother of King Feisal II and sister of Regent Abdul Ilah, passed away after a long illness.

The Regent announced her death to the Iraqi people from Qasr Ez-Zehour over the Baghdad Radio. (Text published in the afternoon edition of the Iraq Times of December 21, 1950)

In the afternoon, King Abdulla, of Jordan, arrived in Baghdad to attend the Queen's funeral slated for this morning. The Queen's remains were transported to the Royal Bilat yesterday afternoon. This morning the funeral ceremony will start from there to the Royal Mausoleum at Adhamiya.

For forty days, flags will be flown at half-mast over Royal houses, and for six months the Royal Bilat will be in mourning as from the funeral day. Cinema-houses will be closed for three days. Night clubs will be closed for seven days.

It is announced that the "Fatiha" for the soul of Queen Aliya will be held at the Royal Bilat for three days, as from Friday, December 22, 1950. On Friday, it will be between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

As for ladies, the "Fatiha" will be at Qasr Ez-Zehour for the same three days, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Al-Ittihad Ad-Dasturi)

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All papers, without exception, announces with sorrow the news of the death of Queen Aliya. Al-Ittihad Ad-Dasturi, Al-Istiqlal, Al-Nabaa, Al-Umma, Ash-Shaab and Az-Zaman express their regret in editorials. (Ed.)

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PARLIAMENT ADJOURNED AND CABINET RESHUFFLE TOO.

According to Al-Umma, it has been decided to adjourn parliament for 15 days and to postpone the cabinet reshuffle for another time.

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SHORT NEWS.

According to the ANA, the Regent will postpone his visit to Pakistan. (Az-Zaman)

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Telegrams of Condolences to the Royal Palace are coming from all parts of the country, from Mosul, Basra, Kirkuk, Ramadi, Remeitha, Dagharra, Hai, Samerra, etc... (Az-Zaman)

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All Islamic societies have postponed their celebrations on the occasion of the Prophet's Birthday. (Al-Hawadith)

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25X1 Upon FAO's request, the Minister of Economics is seeking
25X1 the Council of Ministers' approval for delegating Abdul Jabbar
Bakir, Director of the Zafaraniya Farm, to Saudi Arabia. He
will supervise the plantation of dates. (Al-Hawadith)

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25X1 In the case of forgery of Saleh Jabr's signature,
while Minister of Interior, the Baghdad Criminal Court has
sentenced Ghalib Abdul Razzak to six months' imprisonment.
(Al-Alam Al-Arabi)

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The Christian community religious chiefs have announced that they will ring church bells this morning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and that they will not accept Christmas and New Year greetings. (Az-Zaman)

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