

SAUDI ARABIA

REPORTAGE ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO RIYADH

Riyadh  
Press Coverage  
March 2

Statement on Arrival

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[Text] His excellency Dr Henry Kissinger, U.S. secretary of state, arrived at Riyadh International Airport at 1230 today. His excellency 'Umar as-Saqqaf, minister of state for foreign affairs, Khalid an-Nasir, ambassador at the Foreign Ministry, Salim Sunbul, chief of protocol at the Foreign Ministry, his excellency the ambassador of his majesty the king to the United States, the U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia, a representative of the Royal Protocol Office, the director of Riyadh airport and a number of officials were on hand to greet Kissinger on his arrival.

His excellency 'Umar as-Saqqaf made the following statement to press and news agency representatives: I welcome my friend Dr Henry Kissinger to our country; he is visiting Saudi Arabia for the third time to meet his majesty the king.

You certainly know that Saudi Arabia, headed by his majesty the king, highly appreciates the huge efforts being made by the United States to establish just and lasting peace in the Middle East region. His excellency went on to say: I welcome those efforts which are sponsored and directed by U.S. President Nixon and which are being carried out by Dr Henry Kissinger. In the meantime we need not reaffirm that friendship between the people of Saudi Arabia and the American people and friendship between the Arab nation and the American people must be strong and excellent and founded on strong foundations of friendship, affection and respect.

His excellency Dr Henry Kissinger made a statement in which he said: "I am happy to find myself visiting the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I am happy this time to be able to submit to His Majesty King Faysal a report on what I have done during this latest visit to the Middle East. We have scored some progress on the road of disengagement of forces on the Golan front."

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He went on to say that the United States will spare no effort in realizing the process of disengagement of Syrian and Israeli forces in the way disengagement has been successful and made successful by God [as heard] on the Egyptian front. We look at it only as an initial step toward realizing just peace in the Middle East. When I have the honor of being received by his majesty the king I shall submit to his majesty some views which we shall discuss in order to deepen the existing good relations between our two countries and two peoples. In the name of President Nixon, I am happy to affirm the need to strengthen existing firm relations between our two countries. I do appreciate the kind welcoming statement by His Excellency 'Umar as-Saqqaf. I am also looking forward to the meeting which I shall be honored to have with His Majesty King Faysal and to the talks I shall have with His Excellency 'Umar as-Saqqaf.

#### Kissinger Meets Faysal

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[Text] His Majesty King Faysal received the U.S. secretary of state, His Excellency Dr Henry Kissinger, at his office at 1645 today.

His royal highness the amir, Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, the second deputy prime minister and minister of the interior, at 1500 today at his highness' palace at Al-Ma' Dhar received the U.S. secretary of state, His Excellency Dr Henry Kissinger. Their meeting lasted about an hour.

Following the meeting, his royal highness the amir Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz made a statement to press and news agency correspondents in which he said: During this meeting we reviewed the important issues which are of interest to both the Arab and Islamic nations. We hope we will succeed in realizing what is in the interest of the Arab nation, especially the question of the Palestinian people. His highness added that the kingdom is linked with the Arab nation and will do whatever will realize the interest of all.

#### AL-ANWAR Report on Meeting

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[Text] Beirut--In a report from Riyadh, the Lebanese newspaper AL-ANWAR today says that during his talks in Riyadh, U.S. Secretary of State Dr Henry Kissinger raised the question of lifting the oil embargo against the United States.

AL-ANWAR says that King Faysal informed Kissinger that there was nothing new in the situation to warrant the discussion of this subject and that it was out of the question to discuss it until after the disengagement of forces on the Syrian front, which seems too difficult to be achieved under the formula the U.S. secretary carried to Damascus.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese newspaper AL-HAYAH, which has close connections with the Saudis, said that King Faysal reaffirmed his abidance by his stand during a meeting with Kissinger.

AL-HAYAH adds that King Faysal reemphasized that lifting of the oil embargo will not take place until the issue is solved completely and until Israeli withdrawal is finally achieved.

AL-HAYAH also says that Kissinger conveyed to King Faysal President Nixon's desire to visit Saudi Arabia.

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Kissinger Departs Riyadh

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[Text] Dr Henry Kissinger left Riyadh at 1800 today for Amman. He was seen off by Umar as-Saqqaf, minister of state for foreign affairs, Khalid an-Nasir, ambassador at the Foreign Ministry, Salim Sunbul, chief of protocol at the Foreign Ministry, the Saudi ambassador to the United States, the U.S. ambassador to the kingdom, and representatives of [words indistinct].

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