

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Many of the world's nations have long relied on internal agencies and controls to guard against terrorist infiltration and to thwart potential attacks. Now, however, governments around the world are being asked to acknowledge their responsibility to the global community by sharing information and intelligence on would-be threats.

International cooperation is essential to successfully defeat terrorism. Saudi Arabia supported many international efforts through multilateral and bilateral agreements long before the war on terrorism reached American soil. In 1996, for example, Saudi Arabia established a joint Counter-Terrorism Committee with the United States. This task force, comprised of intelligence and law enforcement personnel, was formed to share information on Al-Qaeda.

Since September 11, our two nations have stepped up cooperation by meeting regularly to exchange information and resources, as well as develop action plans to root out terrorist networks. We clearly recognize the need to publicly report our progress as we assess the effectiveness of our initiatives:

- In August 2003, a new U.S.-Saudi task force was formed to concentrate on terror financing.
- In May 2003, a U.S.-Saudi task force was organized from across law enforcement and intelligence agencies to share "real time" intelligence. This enables us to work side by side in joint operations to combat imminent threats.
- Also in May 2003, Saudi authorities worked closely with U.S. and British law enforcement agents who came to the Kingdom to assist in the investigation of the Riyadh attacks.
- Saudi Arabia has provided extensive intelligence and military cooperation in the assault on Al-Qaeda. Public disclosures to date have revealed major Saudi contributions to the breakup of a number of Al-Qaeda cells, the arrests of key Al-Qaeda commanders, and the capture of numerous Al-Qaeda members.
- Saudi Arabia is actively engaging other countries to locate and extradite Al-Qaeda operatives who may be hiding in those countries.

We remain committed to working closely with the United States and other allies in the world community to ensure that information is effectively shared between all nations dedicated to ending the scourge of terrorism.

*"The target of the Al-Qaeda terrorists is Saudi Arabia and the United States and the 70-year relationship that has benefited both our peoples; and at a time when we are working together to bring peace and stability to the people of the Middle East, their aim is to destroy our alliance through violence. But they will not succeed."*



**Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the United States**  
May 13, 2003

*"The Saudis are providing increasingly important support to our counter-terrorism efforts – from arrests to sharing debriefing results."*



**George Tenet, CIA Director**  
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