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TERRORISM

PRINCE SAUD ON TERRORIST SUSPECTS IN THE KINGDOM

At his February 10 briefing, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal confirmed the Saudi government's plans to pardon detained teenagers who had been lured to take part in terrorist acts, as stated recently by Second Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense and Aviation and Inspector-General Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz. He also confirmed that there is proof of links between Al-Qaeda and those detained for committing or being involved in acts of terrorism in the Kingdom, and that strict measures continue to be in place to dry up financing for terrorist groups.

IRAQ AND MIDDLE EAST

PRINCE SAUD ON IRAQ AND ISRAEL'S DIPLOMATIC OVERTURES

At his February 10 briefing, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal described the arrival in Iraq of the United Nations "fact finding mission" as a positive step towards that country regaining its national unity and full sovereignty over all its territory. On Israel's seeking to open an embassy in Baghdad, he commented that this is a matter of sovereign right, and pointed out that if Israel wishes diplomatic relations with Arab countries, that is exactly that the Arab peace initiative at the Beirut Summit had proposed as one of the principles for normalization with the State of Israel prior to the establishment of peace. As for the form the Iraqi government will take, that, he said, is for the Iraqis themselves to decide.

COMMERCE

EASTERN PROVINCE SETS UP COMMITTEE FOR BUSINESSWOMEN

A committee for businesswomen has been formed by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Eastern Province, to enable Saudi women to contribute to acceleration of the country's economic development, and to encourage Saudi women to invest their savings in fruitful economic projects.

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