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TERRORISM

RIYADH RESIDENTS ALERTED TO EXPLOSIVES IN CAR

The Ministry of Interior issued a warning February 13 to citizens and residents of the city of Riyadh that information had been received concerning a vehicle, known to be registered to a wanted suspect, that is loaded with a large amount of explosives intended for use in an act of terrorism, and offered a reward of about \$1.9 million to anyone who could foil this attempt. The warning was accompanied by photos of a dark grey GMC Suburban similar to that sought.

COMMERCE

SAUDI STOCK MARKET RECORDS ALL-TIME HIGH

The Saudi stock market closed February 11 an all-time high, with the Tadawul All-Shares Index (TASI) showing 4,613.56 points, up from its closing 4,584.26 points on January 28, its last trading day before the nine-day closure for Eid Al-Adha. The TASI is now up 3.7 percent up since the beginning of the year, and the trading value for the past week reached SR 16.7 billion (U.S. \$4.5 billion).

BUSINESSWOMEN'S COMMITTEE SET UP IN EASTERN PROVINCE

The Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry (EPCCI) has set up a 20-member committee of businesswomen, to study problems affecting women in business. Meanwhile, fifteen women and thirty men are enrolled in the first four-week joint business training program of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI), supervised by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

EDUCATION

SUPPORT FOR POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH BY SAUDI WOMEN

The King Khaled Charitable Foundation announced February 17 that it will endow, for a period of five years, a fund to support post-graduate research studies by Saudi women sponsored by the Research Center at King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh. During the current year, there are six Saudi women students enrolled at the Center for the first time, four seeking doctorates and two working on master's degrees.

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