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TERRORISM

CHARITY OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FORMALLY SET UP

The Royal Court announced on February 28 the creation of the National Commission for Relief and Charity Work Abroad, to be administered by a select group of citizens working in the charity field and enjoying experience, integrity and good reputation, and to be charged exclusively with responsibility for all charity and relief work outside the Kingdom.

IRAQ

KINGDOM CONTINUES TO SUPPORT IRAQI COUNCIL

Saudi officials received on February 25 visiting President of Iraq's Transitional Governing Council Dr. Muhsin Abd al-Hamid. In his press briefing that day, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said that the Kingdom welcomed the outcome of the fifth conference of Iraq's neighboring states, held recently in Kuwait; and endorsed their affirmation of readiness to support all diplomatic and political efforts aimed at enabling Iraq to act as an effective member of the international community

REFORM

TV COVERAGE OF SHURA COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

The Consultative Council (*Majlis Al-Shura*), in cooperation with Saudi Television, began on February 26 expanded coverage of the deliberations of its regular sessions, transmitting on Channel One for one hour every Thursday and Friday at 2 p.m. local time.

MEDICINE

KINGDOM TO RESEARCH ARTIFICIAL HEART IMPLANTS

Crown Prince Abdullah has instructed the concerned authorities to set up the nucleus of a program aimed at implanting artificial hearts in patients suffering from cardiac problems. The first operation of this kind is expected to be carried out at the National Guard's King Abdulaziz Medical City in Riyadh.

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