

# *SAUDI ARABIA IN FOCUS*

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## **TERRORISM**

### **SECURITY INCIDENT ON RIYADH-QASSIM HIGHWAY**

Early in the morning of June 1 a security patrol at a checkpoint on the Riyadh-Qassim Highway, observing a car exceeding the speed limit, attempted to halt it, then gave chase when shots were fired. Two officers were slightly injured by glass shrapnel. The car made its escape in a desert area.

## **ECONOMY**

### **SAUDI STOCK EXCHANGE RECORDS NEW HIGH**

The Tadawul All-Share Index (TASI) closed at 12,019.68 points at the end of May as compared to 11,246.55 at the end of April, an increase of 6.87 percent. A new high was recorded on May 22, when TASI reached 12,729.14 points. For the year to date, TASI has increased by 46 percent. Market capitalization now stands at US\$464 billion, with the total value of shares traded in May reaching a record \$98.4 billion.

### **SAUDI ARABIA WINS SEAT ON ILO BOARD**

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia won a seat in the June 6 elections in Geneva to the Board of Directors of the International Labour Organization (ILO). The Board has 56 members, 10 of them permanent and the rest elected every three years.

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