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SAUDI-U.S. RELATIONS

CONDOLENCES AND AID FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

On August 31, King Abdullah telephoned President George W. Bush to offer condolences from the government and people of Saudi Arabia on the loss of life and damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, and to affirm the Kingdom's readiness to extend all possible help to ease the impact of this catastrophic event. On September 5, upon receiving a message from President Bush delivered by Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Ms Frances Townsend, King Abdullah took the opportunity of reiterating these condolences.

Donations have been pledged by Saudi Refining, Inc., a Houston-based subsidiary of Saudi Aramco, and by the Riyadh-based Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND).

TERRORISM

FOUR SECURITY OFFICERS CONFIRMED DEAD IN DAMMAM RAID

Four security officers were killed and ten injured in an operation carried out in Dammam in the Eastern Province from September 4 through 6 in pursuit of two wanted suspects. Both of the militants were reported killed in the raid.

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