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## FOREIGN POLICY

### **Foreign Ministers issue statement of support for Iraq**

The foreign ministers of Iraq's neighboring countries concluded their ninth meeting in Tehran July 9. Ministers from Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Turkey met for two-day talks to discuss the latest developments in Iraq. Also in attendance were Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa and the UN Secretary-General's representative for Iraqi affairs, Ashraf Qadhi.

In a final statement, the ministers welcomed the formation of the new Iraqi government. They expressed their full support for the government and the parliament in the context of implementing the constitution, achieving governmental priorities, and building an independent, prosperous Iraq based on respect for international and bilateral agreements.

The ministers condemned violence and terrorism in Iraq and affirmed their support to help Iraq confront terrorism.

In remarks in Tehran July 8, Prince Saud stressed that Iraq's neighbors were ready to provide all possible assistance to Iraq. He expressed optimism about the country's new government, one that is representative of all the Iraqi people, and its plan for national reconciliation.

Turning to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Prince Saud strongly condemned Israel's military operations against the Palestinian people and expressed his surprise that the world remained silent on Israel's actions.

## FOREIGN AID

### **Kingdom gives \$1.5 million to UNWRA for Palestinian refugees**

On July 9, Saudi Arabia presented the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) with a check for \$1.5 million to assist Palestinian refugees. The aid is within the framework of ongoing Saudi humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people.

