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SAUDI ARABIA-US

King Abdullah meets with visiting US officials

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz met with several visiting US officials on November 15. The King held talks with Frances Townsend, the US Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, at his farm near Riyadh. He also met with Colorado Attorney General John Suthers.

FOREIGN AID

Saudi Arabia hands over field hospital to Pakistan

Saudi Arabia donated a fully equipped field hospital to the Pakistani government in a ceremony on November 17. The hospital, located in Mansehra, was established by Saudi Arabia after the October 8, 2005 earthquake devastated the region.

The hospital holds 40 beds and is furnished with state-of-the-art medical equipment. It is equipped with an emergency room, ICU, two operation rooms, five general clinics, a gynec clinic, ENT clinic, dressing room, laboratory and pharmacy. As many as 1,500 patients are treated daily.

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King Abdullah appoints new Saudi Red Crescent head

On November 21, King Abdullah appointed Prince Faisal bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz President of the Saudi Red Crescent Society with the rank of minister. Prince Faisal was named chief of the Red Crescent Monday at the recommendation of the Health Minister.

Prince Faisal graduated from the American University in London in 1983 and completed a special course in security and intelligence studies with the British Army in 1988. In 1991 he was appointed director-general of the Department of Documents and Information at the National Guard, where he served until 2000.

He was then made advisor to the Chief of General Intelligence, a post he held until Monday's announcement.

