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King Abdullah meets with Vice President Cheney

King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz received Vice President Dick Cheney at Al-Yamamah Palace in Riyadh November 25. Cheney was in the Kingdom for a one-day official visit.

During their meeting, King Abdullah and Cheney discussed regional and international issues, notably the Palestinian issue and the situation in Iraq, as well as bilateral relations. The King also hosted a dinner in the vice president's honor.

FOREIGN POLICY

Cabinet condemns killing of Lebanese politician Pierre Gemayel

In its weekly meeting November 27, the Cabinet condemned the murder of Lebanese Industry Minister Pierre Gemayel. It also expressed the hope that the terrorist act would not affect Lebanon's stability and security, and reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's commitment Lebanon and its people. The Cabinet called on all Lebanese political leaders to preserve Lebanon's unity, sovereignty and stability.

ENERGY

New gas field discovered in the Eastern Province

The national oil company Saudi Aramco has discovered a new gas field in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Ali Al-Naimi announced November 27. The Nijaiman-1 field is located some 19 miles south of Al-Ghawar oil field and 174 miles southeast of Riyadh. Nijaiman-1 is expected to yield 60 million cubic feet of gas per day.

