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FOREIGN AID

Saudi Arabia donates more than \$170 million for Pakistan flood relief

At the initiative of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, Saudi Arabia will provide \$80 million in humanitarian aid to Pakistan to alleviate the suffering caused by massive flooding in multiple parts of Pakistan.

The donation is part of a larger Saudi effort to assist Pakistan. A relief airlift consisting of 22 planes has already delivered about 200 tones of supplies to flood victims; including food, blankets, electrical generators, tents, water and medical supplies, worth \$70 million. Furthermore, a fund set up by King Abdullah has already collected more than \$100 million in donations from Saudi citizens and businesses.

On August 22, King Abdullah issued an urgent directive for the dispatch of two field hospitals to Pakistan, to provide medical services. The capacity of each hospital is 200 beds and includes an operating room, laboratory, pharmacy, intensive care unit room, X-ray room and integrated medical supplies. King Abdullah issued an additional directive sending a rescue team from the Saudi Civil Defense and Border Guards to Pakistan, to participate in the rescue of people trapped by flooding. The first team members arrived in Karachi on August 23, aboard three planes, and traveled to Hyderabad to undertake relief work alongside the Pakistani Armed Forces in the Sindh region. Another batch of Saudi rescue workers arrived in Pakistan on August 24. The teams specialize in water rescue operations and are equipped with vehicles, heavy equipment, electricity generators, water purification stations, boats and other tools. Major-General Najmuddin Khan, the head of the Pakistan Army's relief operations in the southern Sindh region, praised the support extended by the Kingdom, noting that it is the first country to send such a rescue team.

Saudi envoys hand over dates to Turkey, Cameroon

The Consulate General of Saudi Arabia in Istanbul has distributed 4.4 tons of dates as a gift from King Abdullah to Turkey. Meanwhile, Saudi Ambassador to Cameroon Mahmoud bin Hussein Qattan handed over 150 tons of dates from the King during a ceremony at the Saudi Chancery in Yaoundé.

SAUDI ARABIA

New Minister of Labor appointed

A royal order was issued on August 18 relieving Adel bin Mohammed bin Abdulqader Fakeih of his post as Mayor of Jeddah and appointing him Saudi Arabia's new Minister of Labor. The appointment took effect immediately. Fakeih replaces Dr. Ghazi Al-Qusaibi, who passed away earlier in the week. A subsequent royal order appointed Dr. Hani M. Aburas as the new Mayor of Jeddah.

