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FOREIGN AID

1,000 trucks to provide humanitarian aid to flood victims in Pakistan

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Campaign for the Relief of the Pakistani People, which was launched August 16, announced on August 28 that it will establish a land bridge to Pakistan. The first convoy of 80 trucks, carrying 400 tons of flour, 100 tons of rice, 64 tons of lentils, 24 tons of beans, 41 tons of powdered milk and 100,000 liters of cooking oil, was dispatched on August 30. Upon arrival, the supplies will be distributed to 20,000 people in the provinces of Punjab and Kashmir. During the next three months, a total of 1,000 trucks will provide humanitarian assistance to 2 million flood victims in Pakistan.

Medical team arrives in Pakistan

Eight Saudi cargo planes carrying members of a Saudi medical team and equipment for one of two Saudi field hospitals arrived in Islamabad on August 28. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz issued an urgent directive on August 22 for the dispatch of two field hospitals to Pakistan to provide medical services to people affected by torrential rains and flooding. Saudi medical teams began arriving in Pakistan August 26.

The first of eight aircraft carrying members of the second field hospital departed King Faisal Air Base in Tabuk for Islamabad on August 30. The hospital is staffed by 115 medical personnel. In a statement, Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Abdulaziz Al-Ghadeer said that, following the installation of the medical facilities, more than 250 doctors and technicians are expected to come from Saudi Arabia to provide diversified medical services around the clock.

AGFUND donates \$100,000 for victims of Pakistan floods

The Riyadh-based Arab Gulf Program for United Nations Developmental Organizations (AGFUND) announced on August 29 that it will donate \$100,000 to relief efforts for flood victims in Pakistan. In announcing the donation, AGFUND President Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz said the funds will be channeled through UNICEF and the U.N. High Commission for Refugee Affairs.

Crown Prince gifts 250 tons of dates to Pakistanis

Three cargo aircrafts carrying a gift of 250 tons of dates from Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz to the victims of flooding in Pakistan started arriving in

Islamabad on August 27. The Saudi Embassy in Pakistan will supervise the distribution of the dates to those in need.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul has distributed two tons of dates as a gift from Crown Prince Sultan to Turkey on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan.

Kingdom leads investment in Yemen

Saudi investment projects in Yemen were ranked first among foreign projects registered with the General Investment Authority of Yemen (GIA) during the first half of 2010. GIA listed seven Saudi projects totaling YER1,649,112,000. In a press statement released August 28, Head of Promotion at the General Investment Authority Muntaha Muthanna said 15 foreign investment projects were registered with GIA during the first half of 2010. The leading investors are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, China, Canada and Great Britain.

SAUDI ARABIA-US

General Al-Mohayya receives Chief of Staff of U.S. Air Force

Chief of the General Staff Gen. Salih Al-Mohayya received Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force; Lt. Gen. Gilmary Michael Hostage, the Commander of U.S. Central Command, South-West Asia; and their accompanying delegation in Riyadh on August 25. During the meeting, they reviewed issues of mutual interest. The session was also attended by Deputy Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Hussein Bin Abdullah Al-Kabeel and Commander of the United States Military Training Mission (USMTM) Maj. Gen. Paul Van Sickle.

