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SAUDI-U.S. RELATIONS

Prince Saud meets with President Obama at the White House

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal met with U.S. President Barack Obama at the White House on Jan. 10. During their meeting, they reaffirmed the strong partnership between Saudi Arabia and the United States and discussed recent regional developments and issues of mutual interest. The meeting was also attended by Saudi Ambassador to the U.S. Adel Al-Jubeir.

Minister of Defense receives Senator John Kerry

Minister of Defense Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz received U.S. Senator John Kerry, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and his accompanying delegation in Riyadh on Jan. 7. During the meeting, the two sides discussed bilateral cooperation. Sen. Kerry and his delegation also met with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Abdulaziz bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, with whom they reviewed U.S.-Saudi relations, regional issues and international developments.

ARAB WORLD

Arab League decides to continue Syrian observation mission

The meeting of the Arab Ministerial Committee on the Syrian Crisis, chaired by Qatari Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassem Al-Thani, was held in Cairo beginning on Jan. 7. The Saudi delegation was led by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr. Nizar bin Obaid Madan. During the session, the Chief of the Arab League Monitors Mission in Syria, Gen. Mohammed Al-Dabi, presented his committee's first report. After assessing the findings, the Arab League delegates agreed to keep the observer mission in Syria. At a press conference on Jan. 8, Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Al-Arabi announced, "The observers will continue their mission and will pursue it in full honesty."

FOREIGN AID

Yemen thanks the Kingdom for polio immunization assistance

Yemeni Minister of Public Health and Population Dr. Ahmad Qasim Al-Anisi has hailed the support provided by Saudi Arabia in the implementation of the second

round of a polio immunization campaign targeting more than 4 million children. In a press statement released on Jan. 8, Dr. Al-Anisi stressed that although Yemen has been polio-free since 2006, it is still in danger of a recurrence.

IIROSA provides health care to 350,000 patients around the world

The International Islamic Relief Organization of Saudi Arabia (IIROSA), an affiliate of the Muslim World League (MWL), provided free health care and medical treatment to approximately 350,000 patients throughout the world during the past year, according to IIROSA Secretary-General Dr. Adnan bin Khalil Basha. Summarizing his organization's activities, he reported that IIROSA has 48 health facilities operating in 27 countries, including 4 hospitals, 20 dispensaries, 3 clinics, 4 specialized medical centers, one pharmacy and 16 health programs. Furthermore, 184 doctors, pharmacists, nurses and technicians are working on health projects across the world, including 40 in Asia, 137 in Africa and seven in Europe.

