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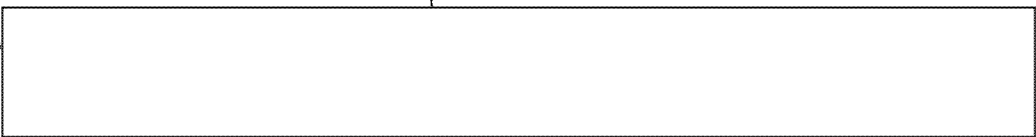
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NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

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1. SAUDI ARABIA: //THE DISPUTE BETWEEN KING SAUD AND CROWN PRINCE FAYSAL IS NOT YET RESOLVED, BUT FAYSAL APPEARS TO BE WORKING OUT THE CRISIS. THE DISPUTE CENTERS AROUND KING SAUD'S ATTEMPT TO RESUME PERSONAL CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HIS BROTHERS PERSUADED HIM TO TURN OVER TO FAYSAL. HIS BROTHERS' ISSUES WERE VARIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE THE NEW BUDGET, WHICH REDUCES MONEY BELONGING TO THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND FAYSAL'S REFUSAL TO GIVE CABINET POSTS TO TWO OF SAUD'S SONS.//

//THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES BEGAN EARLIER THIS MONTH WHEN SAUD WROTE FAYSAL A LETTER WHICH IN EFFECT REMOVED FAYSAL FROM HIS POST AS PRIME MINISTER. FAYSAL REFUSED TO STEP DOWN APPARENTLY WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF HIS AND THE KING'S BROTHERS, WHO ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.//

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FARUK APPEARS MOST ANXIOUS TO AVOID AN OPEN BREAK WITH THE KING SINCE THIS COULD FURTHER DAMAGE THE POSITION OF THE MONARCH. HE HAS REPORTEDLY REJECTED THE SUGGESTION OF SOME MEMBERS THAT THE KING BE ASSASSINATED OR FORCED TO RESIGN. FARUK HAS SAID ORDERED THE ROYAL GUARD TO COMBINE HIS FORCES, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE HE FEARED HIS BROTHERS MIGHT TRY TO KILL HIM.

2. NEWS: THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT CONTINUES TO BE HEAVY WITH DISSENSION. LAST WEEK THE PRESIDENTIAL AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS RESIGNED, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF "GENERAL DISSENT" OVER EGYPTIAN INTERFERENCE. PRESIDENT SALLAL IS STILL IN CAIRO AND PRO-EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT AL-AMRI IS RUNNING THE COUNTRY.

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