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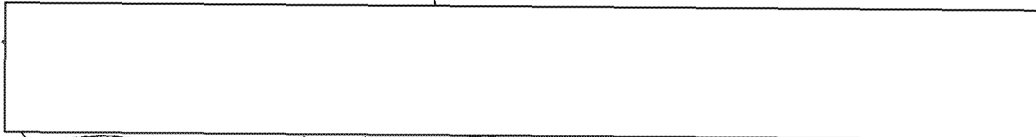
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DEBARD

NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

(NFOBORN IN SLANTS. REMAINING INFO [redacted])

1. SAUDI ARABIA: //THE DISPUTE BETWEEN KING SAUD AND CROWN PRINCE FAYDAL IS NOT YET RESOLVED, BUT FAYDAL 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 WOULD LIKE TO TURN OVER TO FAYDAL. THE MAIN ISSUE IS VARIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE THE NEW BUDGET, WHICH REDUCES MONEY BELONGING TO THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND FAYDAL'S REFUSAL TO GIVE CABINET POSTS TO TWO OF SAUD'S SONS.//

//THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES BEGAN EARLIER THIS MONTH WHEN SAUD WROTE FAYDAL A LETTER WHICH IN EFFECT REMOVED FAYDAL FROM HIS POST AS PRIME MINISTER. FAYDAL 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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1. FAYEDD APPEARS MOST ANXIOUS TO AVOID AN OPEN BREAK WITH THE KING SINCE THIS COULD FURTHER DAMAGE THE POSITION OF THE MONARCHY. HE HAS REPORTEDLY REJECTED THE SUGGESTION OF SOME MEMBERS THAT THE KING BE ASSASSINATED OR FORCED TO RESIGN. SAUD HAS SAID HE SAID ORDERED THE ROYAL GUARD TO SURROUND HIS PALACE, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE HE FEARED HIS BROTHERS MIGHT TRY TO KILL HIM. (CONF)

2. NEWS: THE REPUBLICAN RESUME CONTINUES TO BE GIVEN WITH DIBENSION. 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.

END OF MESSAGE

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