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BRUN LOND ANMA ADDY BERN MADR ANKA ALGI BONN PARI
 XUNI BACH KHAR LISB COPE NASO DEIR LEOP HELL FROM NEWD
 DAMA RABA NOBI HAGU VIEN DARI TPLI SAGO HEID ATHE JIDD
 TUIS CYRO TERE CNBR OSLO CAIR NOGA PACT GAVA BONE FRAN

DEBAND

NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

(NFORN IN SLANTS. REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO LIAISON.)

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 THE KING HAS
 HIM TO TURN OVER TO FAYSAL. THE DISPUTE ISUSUALLY
 VARIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE THE NEW BUDGET, WHICH REDUCES MONEY ALLOTTED
 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 IM-
 PORTANT MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.//

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FAYED APPEARS MOST ANGRY TO AVOID AN GUN BURE WITH THE KING SINCE THIS COULD FURTHER DAMAGE THE SITUATION OF THE MONARCHY. HE HAS REPORTEDLY REJECTED THE SUGGESTIONS OF SOME MEMBERS THAT THE KING BE ASSASSINATED OR FORCED TO RESIGN. SAID CHIEF OF THE ROYAL GUARD TO COMMAND HIS TROOPS IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE HE FEARED HIS BROTHERS MIGHT TRY TO KILL HIM.

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

END OF MESSAGE

James W. ...
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