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BRUN LOND ANNA ADDI BERN HADR ANKA ALGI BONN PARI
XUNI BACH KJAR LISB COPE NASO SEIR LEOP HEIT FROB HEUD
DAMA RABA NOBI HAGU VIEN DARI TPLI SAGO HEID ATHE JIDD
TUIS CYRU TERE CNBR OSLO CAIR NOGA PACY GRVA ROBE FRAN

PERMAN

NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

(INFOBORN 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 HIS BROTHERS FORCED HIM TO TURN OVER TO FAYSAL IN 1962. THE RECENT ISSUE REPORTED 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 IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.//

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FAYED APPEARS MOST ANGRY TO AVOID AN OPEN BREECH WITH THE KING SINCE THIS COULD FURTHER DAMAGE THE POSITION OF THE MONARCH. HE HAS REPORTEDLY REJECTED THE SUGGESTION OF SOME OFFICERS THAT THE KING BE ASSASSINATED OR FORCED TO RESIGN. SAID OFFICERS SAID ORDERED THE ROYAL GUARD TO SURROUND THE PALACE, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE HE FEARED HIS BROTHERS MIGHT TRY TO KILL HIM. (CONF)

2. NEWS: THE REPUBLICAN REGIME CONTINUES TO BE RIVEN WITH DISSENSION. LAST WEEK THE PRESIDENTIAL AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 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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