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MUNI HAGH KZAR LISS COPE NASO DEIR LEOP HERTI FROS NEWD
DAMA RABA NOBI HAGU VIEN DAHI TPLI SAGO HEID ATHE LIUD
TUIS CYRU TERE CNBR OSLO CAIR MOGA PACY GAVA ROHE FRAN

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NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

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1. SAUDI ARABIA: //THE DISPUTES BETWEEN KING SAUD AND CROWN PRINCE FAYSAL IS NOT YET RESOLVED, BUT FAYSAL APPEARS TO BE WORKING OUT THE CRISIS. THE DISPUTE CENTERED AROUND KING SAUD'S ATTEMPT TO RESUME PERSONAL CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH THE BROTHERS FORCED HIM TO TURN OVER TO FAYSAL IN 1962. THE PRESENT ISSUE REPORTEDLY VARIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE THE NEW BUDGET, WHICH REDUCES MONEY ALLOCATED 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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FARER APPEARS MOST ANXIOUS TO AVOID LEaving BEHIND THE KING SINCE THIS COULD FURTHER DAMAGE THE REPUTATION OF THE MONARCHY. HE HAS REPEATEDLY REJECTED THE SUGGESTION OF ~~some~~ THAT THE KING BE ASSASSINATED OR FORCED TO RESIGN. ~~He~~ SAID ORDERED THE ROYAL GUARD TO SURROUND HIS PALACE, BECAUSE HE FEARED HIS BROTHERS MIGHT TRY TO KILL HIM.

2. ~~THE~~ REPUBLICAN REGIME CONTINUES TO BE MARKED WITH DISSENSION. LAST WEEK THE PRESIDENTIAL AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESIGNED, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF "GENERAL DISSENT" OVER ~~the~~ INTERFERENCE. PRESIDENT SALLAL IS STILL IN CHARGE AND VICE PRESIDENT AL-AMRI IS RUNNING THE COUNTRY.

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