

**Al-Rifa'i Reports 'Punctual' Receipt of Saudi Aid**

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[Text] Prime Minister Zayd al-Rifa'i has stated that the Saudi Arabian Government paid this year's second installment of Arab financial aid stipulated by the Baghdad summit on time. The prime minister voiced the Jordanian Government's gratitude and appreciation to King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, custodian of the two holy mosques, and to the Saudi Government for Saudi Arabia's constant support and its regularly punctual aid payment. He said that this has always been Saudi Arabia's policy. The prime minister added: Saudi Arabia's support is a true expression of the distinguished brotherly relations between His Majesty King Husayn and King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, custodian of the two holy mosques. It is also a real indication of Saudi Arabia's eagerness to bolster existing brotherly relations between the two fraternal countries, praise be to God. Furthermore, it shows that Saudi Arabia is eager to reinforce Jordan's steadfastness.

**Al-Rifa'i To Visit Syria To Discuss Dam Project**

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[Text] According to well-informed sources in Amman, Jordanian Prime Minister Zayd al-Rifa'i will visit Syria within the next 24 hours. The visit will be of an economic nature.

Zayd al-Rifa'i is described by political circles in Amman as the troubleshooter in Damascus, enjoying special relations with Syrian officials. He has made two secret visits to Damascus, one last month and another early this month. Both trips were connected with Jordanian mediation efforts to effect a reconciliation between Damascus and Baghdad.

However, Al-Rifa'i's projected visit to Damascus concerns the Jordanian-Syrian joint project to build a dam on the Al-Yarmuk River. Although the idea of the project was first broached in 1954 and technical studies were completed in 1976, its implementation was hindered by the deterioration in Jordanian-Syrian relations in 1980. When relations were normalized in October 1985, there was renewed talk about implementing the project. Syria, however, still has reservations about it in view of its strategic location on the Syrian-Jordanian-Israeli border.

**Omani Official Arrives With Message for King**

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[Text] Sayf ibn Hamad ibn Sa'ud, chief of Oman's Sultani Court, arrived in Amman today on a 1-day official visit to Jordan. He told PETRA that he will convey a verbal message from His Majesty Sultan Qabus to His Majesty King Husayn on the distinguished, brotherly ties existing between the two countries. The Omani official praised relations between the two fraternal peoples, embodied and fostered by His Majesty King Husayn and his brother His Majesty Sultan Qabus ibn Sa'ud.

On hand to greet the chief of Oman's Sultani Court were Marwan al-Qasim, chief of the Royal Hashemite Court, and the Omani ambassador to Amman.

**Received by King Husayn**

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[Text] His Majesty King Husayn received Sayf ibn Hamad ibn Sa'ud, chief of Oman's Sultani Court, at Al-Nadwa Palace this afternoon. The Omani official conveyed to his majesty a verbal message from His Majesty Sultan Qabus ibn Sa'ud of Oman concerning fraternal bilateral relations.

The meeting was attended by Marwan al-Qasim, chief of the Royal Hashemite Court.

**AL-DUSTUR Criticizes Shamir's Visit to Romania**

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[News analysis: "Shamir's Visit to Romania"]

[Text] Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir yesterday departed for Romania at the invitation of Romanian President Ceausescu. News agencies say that talks will focus on the possibility of reaching a settlement in the Middle East region. With regard to this visit, we note the following:

1. Shamir has adopted a clear policy; namely, the policy of outright rejection of the peace idea. He adheres to the idea of imposing capitulation represented by bilateral negotiations. Having won the battle within Israel, Shamir will now try to achieve new conquests as he did during his African tour, or try to find political support for his viewpoint concerning the holding of regional talks.

2. Peres declared yesterday that the channels of positive contacts with the USSR are open. This statement on the day Shamir left for Bucharest means that Peres wants to say that he gets credit for the resumption of USSR-Israeli relations since Shamir affirmed yesterday that the most important topic during his visit will be to convince Romania to mediate with the USSR to open the door for Soviet Jewish emigration. With the mentality of the Jewish merchant "Shylock," Shamir will exploit the visit as much as possible for the sake of Israel without showing any good intention toward the settlement idea.

3. It is no secret that Romania was the godfather of the separate Camp David solution. Neither is it a secret that Shamir wants the peace process to follow the Camp David pattern and to apply the Camp David framework concerning autonomous rule. These old and new Romanian roles make us pessimistic. Romania is the only socialist country which has maintained relations with Israel since the 1967 aggression. Romania is also trying to play an international role in tackling some regional issues, especially the Middle East question. Its ambition makes it deviate from the just bases of the solution by submitting its own proposals.