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Prime Minister makes five-nation visit to Middle East and Europe

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau returned to Ottawa recently following a tour of the Middle East and Europe from November 15-24. During his tour the Prime Minister visited Saudi Arabia, North Yemen, Egypt, West Germany and France.

Mr. Trudeau made a four-day official visit to Saudi Arabia at the invitation of King Khalid and Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz al Saud. In Riyadh, the Prime Minister also met with King Khalid and held talks with Crown Prince Fahd on bilateral relations and international issues.

Participating in the talks on the Saudi side were: Second Deputy Prime Minister and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah ibn Abdul Aziz; Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani; Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Mohamed Aba Al-Khail; Minister of Planning Sheikh Hisham Nazer; Deputy

Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri; Ambassador Mamun Kheiryal-Kabbani, Head of the Western Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Abdul Latif Maymani, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Participating on the Canadian side were: Ambassador to Saudi Arabia William Jenkins; Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, James Coutts; Assistant Undersecretary of State for External Affairs Michael Shenstone; Assistant Undersecretary of State for External Affairs Lawrence Smith; Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet Robert Fowler; Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister, Edward Johnson; Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, Patrick Gossage and David McCracken, Minister-Counsellor, Canadian Embassy, Jeddah.

Joint message

In a joint *communiqué*, November 18, delegations from both countries, expressed their satisfaction with the increased development of bilateral relations, noting that these relations were initiated only a few years ago. They also expressed their confidence in the future of co-operation in all fields for the mutual benefit of their two countries. This co-operation will be facilitated by similarities between Canada and Saudi Arabia such as their large land areas, the wide dispersion of their populations, and the difficult geographical and climatic conditions which they face.

The two parties reviewed existing problems in the Middle East region and the current international situation, and also discussed international economic questions. Both parties attach great importance to the necessity of reaching an early and just solution of the Middle East and Palestine problems, bearing in mind that the lack of a settlement of these principal problems of the area further complicates the other problems of the region. They agreed that the failure to achieve an equitable and comprehensive solution is a continuing threat to world



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Prime Minister Trudeau (left) and his son Sacha are accompanied by Prince Abdullah ibn Abdul Aziz (right) and Canada's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia William Jenkins (behind Mr. Trudeau) after making a courtesy call on King Khalid.

Thirty-one years ago today...

An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act, giving final authority in judicial matters to the Supreme Court of Canada, received Royal Assent. Before that the British Privy Council had been the court of final recourse for Canadians, except in criminal cases for which the Supreme Court had been made the court of final appeal in 1933.