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ISRAEL AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.

1. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ISSUED A STATEMENT ON 14 DECEMBER CONDEMNING ISRAEL'S DECISION TO APPLY ISRAELI LAW TO THE GOLAN. THE ACTION REFLECTED ISRAEL'S DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE ITS EXPANSIONIST POLICIES IN OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CALLED FOR ARAB UNITY IN THE FACE OF THIS DANNFROUS ISRAELI CHALLENGE AND URGED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DENOUNCE THE ISRAELI MEASURE AND TO WORK TO EXPOSE ISRAELI EXPANSIONIST PLOTS. THE KINGDOM WOULD STAND BY THE SIDE OF SYRIA.
2. THIS WAS A PRETTY MILD STATEMENT - PROBABLY THE LEAST THE SAUDIS FELT THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH. IT IS AN INDICATION OE THE LEVEL OF SAUDI SYMPATHY FOR SYRIA AFTER FEZ.

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