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1. AT A MEETING CHAIRED BY KING FAHD IN TAIF ON 27 JUNE, THE SAUDI CABINET HEARD REPORTS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER, PRINCE SAUD, ON HIS VISITS TO AMMAN AND DAMASCUS, AND FROM THE INFORMATION MINISTER, ALI SHAER, ON HIS ROUND OF CALLS IN LEBANON LAST WEEK.

2. THE LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN NO DETAILS OF THESE REPORTS: BUT UNUSUALLY, THE CABINET ISSUED A FORMAL STATEMENT AFTER ITS MEETING. THE STATEMENT SAID THAT KING FAHD HAD EXPRESSED TO THE CABINET HIS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT RECENT EVENTS IN THE FATAH ORGANISATION. RECALL-
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29 JUNE 1983 RABAT SUMMIT DECISION RECOGNISING THE PLO AS THE SOLE LEGIT-

IMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE, THE STATEMENT SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA REAFFIRMED HER SUPPORT FOR THE PLO UNDER ARAFAT'S LEADERSHIP. IT URGED ALL ARAB STATES TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS AND USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES TO HEAL THE RIFT BETWEEN PALESTINIANS.
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THE STATEMENT CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT SAUDI ~~ARABIA WOULD BE PURSUING~~

HER OWN EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION.

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