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TELEGRAM NUMBER 153 OF 22 MARCH

MY TELNO 151: ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION

1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, AT THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CHAIRER BY CROWN PRINCE ABDULLAH) ON 21 MARCH, PRICE SAUD GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF HIS TALKS IN LONDON. THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION IS QUOTED BY TODAY'S LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AS SAYING THAT THE COUNCIL 'EXPRESSED ITS SATISFACTION AT THE RESULTS OF THE (ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION'S) TALKS WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS, AND ITS SATISFACTION AT THE BRITISH COMMUNIQUE WHICH MADE CLEAR BRITAIN'S DETERMINATION TO WORK TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE AND JUST SETTLEMENT IN THE REGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VENICE DECLARATION'.

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