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Visits to UK by Mr Vance

NFR PM / Secretary of State Vance

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Saudi Arabia

The Prime Minister asked Mr Vance for his impressions of the situation in Saudi Arabia. She recalled her conversation with King Hussein in January. The King had been very gloomy about the role being played by the Royal Family. They seemed unable to create any feeling of involvement with their people. Mr Vance said that he also was concerned about Saudi Arabia. The root problem was corruption which was now worse than ever and threatened to destroy the country. A small number of people in the Royal Family had been trying to pull things together since the incident at the Great Mosque.

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