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*In This Issue Saudi Air War Center Visit to Brussels by PSFDS* 

# **Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman** Lays Cornerstone of Air War Center

# From the Ambassador

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia launched on 31 March its first locally assembled Hawk iet training aircraft, some parts of which were manufactured by local companies. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman unveiled the plane during a ceremony at King Abdulaziz Air Base in the Eastern Province. More than 70 percent of the project's work force are Saudi youth, who are assembling 22 Hawk aircraft after more than two years of training at the hands of international expertise.

In addition to the training aircraft manufacturing project, The kingdom of Saudi Arabia has launched its satellite and nuclear energy projects as part of a massive modernization effort under the Kingdom's Vision 2030 program.

#### Ambassador Abdulrahman S. Alahmed





The Air Center War will contribute to developing and modernizing combat plans potential against threats, developing and evaluating air force capabilities, standardizing combat concepts and doctrines, and testing and evaluating systems and weapons.

It will support the combat readiness of the air force, carry out joint exercises with friendly countries, and provide training in advanced electronic warfare.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman also launched the first Hawk jet training aircraft at the King Abdul Aziz Air Base, which was assembled and some of its parts manufactured locally by citizens.

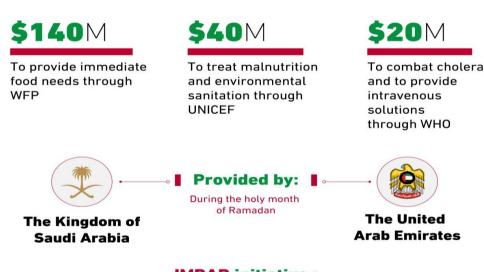
The crown prince was given a briefing on the stages of assembling and manufacturing the main parts of the Hawk by Saudi youth, the tests on the plane after assembly, and the testing of the aircraft after flight. He also learned about the initiatives of the Saudi-British program on the transfer and localization of technology, as more than 70 percent of Saudi youth are working on the assembly of 22 Hawk aircraft after more than two years of international training by experts.



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# Our never-ending support for Yemen





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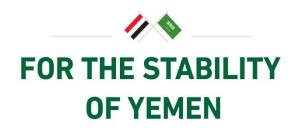
in cooperation with United Nations organizations To alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people

To meet basic needs in several sectors To emphasize the humanitarian role of the coalition countries

# The Kingdom welcomes the U.S. decision to designate Iran's Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization

An official source at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia welcomes the United States decision to designate Iran's Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization. The source commended the U.S. decision and described it as a practical and a serious step in the efforts to combat terrorism, adding that the U.S. decision translates the Kingdom's repeated calls to the international community for the need to combat the Iranian-backed terrorism.

In the end of the statement, the source stressed that the international community should take a firm stance to address the role played by the Iranian Revolutionary Guards in undermining international peace and security.



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# Visit by Prince Saud Al-Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies Delegation to Brussels



In coordinating with Saudi Embassy in Brussels a delegation from Prince Saud Al-Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Headed by Dr Abdullah Alsalamah the General Director of (PSFIDS) and included, Dr. Asaad Al Shamalan, Director of European Studies Center, and Dr. Turki Al Turki, Head of International Cooperation Unit, visited several think tanks and research and studies centers. The delegation met with several representatives from different centers including, (EGMONT) Royal Institute for International Relations, The Atlantic Treaty Association, Centre for European Policy Studies, Friends of Europe, EAST WEST Institute. The meetings discussed possible cooperation opportunities.

# About (PSFIDS)

The Institute was established pursuant to the Eminent Royal Decree on 18/6/1983 approving the establishment of a Saudi institute for diplomatic Studies.

Prince Saud Al-Faisal Institute of Diplomatic Studies (PSFIDS) is the new name for the institute according to a resolution issued by the Council of Ministers on 11/1/2016.

PSFIDS strives to be a distinguished training and research institution that contributes to the development of MOFA and relevant government agencies employees working in the diplomatic field. It also strives to be a distinguished Think Tank that is able to analyze issues, suggest and evaluate strategic alternatives that best serve the foreign policy of Saudi Arabia.



# Embassy's activities March/April 2019



Ambassador Abdulrahman Alahmed on March 26, 2019, held a dinner in honor of the delegation Islamic World League. The ceremony was attended by members of the embassy and technical offices.



Ambassador Alahmed on 25 March 2019, held a dinner in honor of Dr. Abdullah bin Hamad Al Salama, Director General of the Prince Saud Al Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies, and his accompanying delegation to Belgium to meet A number of think tanks and research centers aimed at extending bridges of cooperation in scientific and training fields and exchanging experiences.



The officials of the consular section met on 2 April with the directors of the Umrah offices and services to urge them to provide the best services to the pilgrims and visitors to the Kingdom.



Ambassador hosted on Wednesday, March 28, 2019, a dinner party for the delegation of the regional cooperation course 22 of the NATO alliance. The ceremony was attended by members of the embassy and technical offices.



On March 19, 2019, Ambassador Abdulrahman bin Sulaiman Al-Ahmad held a meeting with HE the Cultural Attaché in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands, Dr. Munir bin Mutani Al-Otaibi and the accompanying delegation, in the presence of Saudi students in the Kingdom of Belgium.

