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King Fahd

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AS KING: Upon the death of King Khaled on 21 Shaban 140 H (13 June 1982 AD) the ruling family and the Saudi people pledged allegiance to Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz as the fifth King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz, president of the National Guard, was proclaimed Crown Prince. On the same day King Fahd appointed the Crown Prince Abdullah as Deputy Prime Minister, and the Minister of Defence and Aviation and the Inspector General, Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz as Second Deputy Prime Minister. Since then Saudi Arabia has achieved many success in various sectors of the national life, maintaining the Kingdom's utmost security and stability under the able guidance of the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques. There has been a qualitative transformation in the system of government with the promulgation of the four new laws, namely, the Basic Law of the Government, the Shura Council Statute, Regional Administration Statute, and the Statute of the Council of Ministers.

ROLE IN ARAB WORLD: As an ardent exponent of Islamic Solidarity, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd played a prominent role in dealing with the problems of the Arab World. He has visited all the Arab States more than

once and participated in many meetings and conferences. He is a bold interlocutor and campaigner for peace and amity, between Arab States. He stood by every Arab cause. The history of the Palestinian issue is a witness to his defence of the rights of the people of Palestine and his efforts explained their legitimate claims to the world leaders for more than a quarter of a century. To ensure security and stability in the region without sacrificing legitimate Arab rights, he put forward a solution to the Middle East problems. That was the initiative that

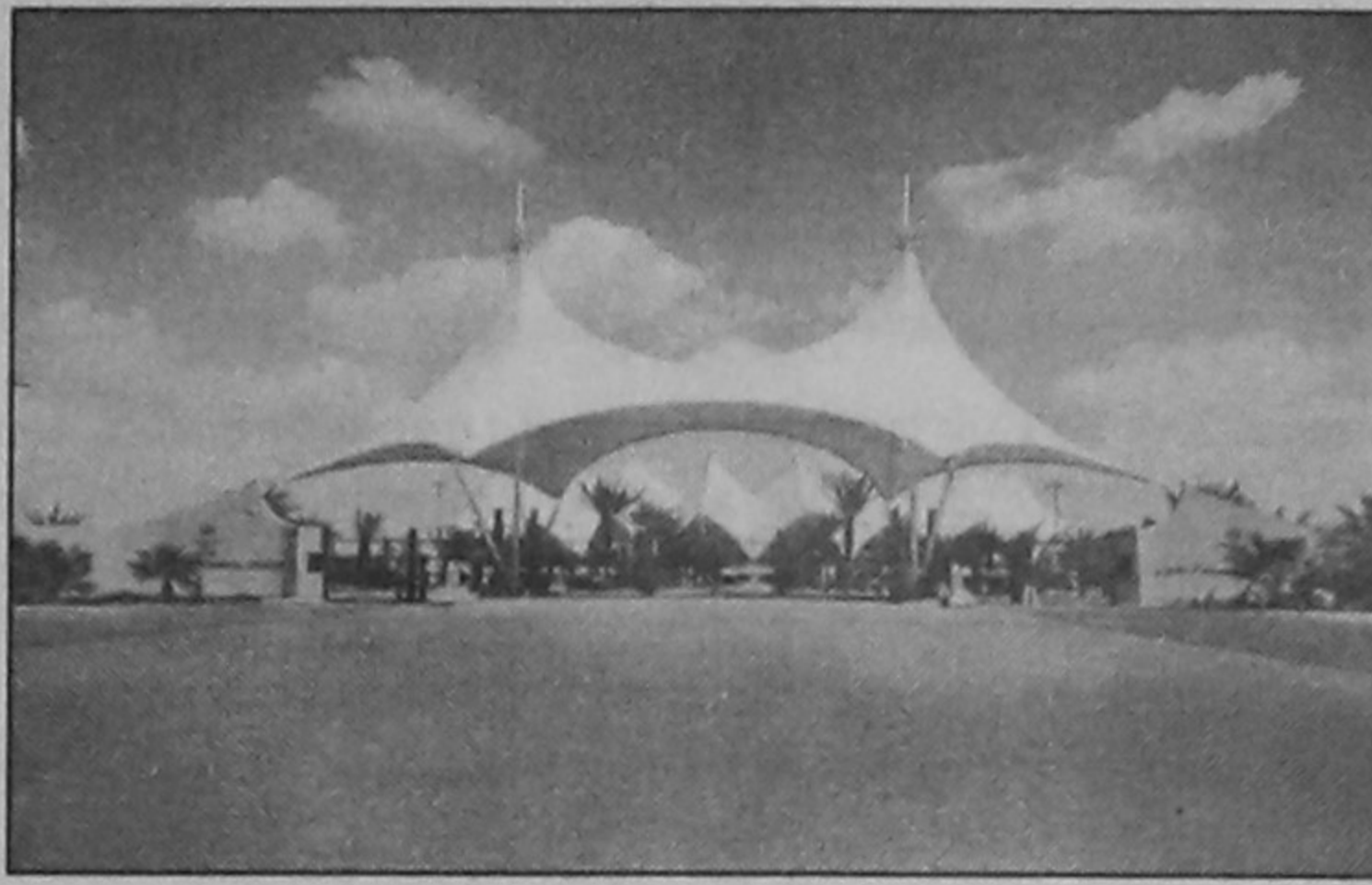
Kuwait during the crisis as well as helping Kuwaitis abroad. Saudi Arabia also accepted thousands of Iraqis fleeing the tyranny of the Iraqi regime.

GULF CO-OPERATION: King Fahd has said, "with the Blessings of God, we have succeeded in establishing with our brothers in the Gulf, a strong and effective circle within the circle of the Arab League; The Arabian Gulf Co-operation Council. It is to be a model for the level of co-operation among Arab brothers and an prop that will strengthen the Arab League, deepen Arab relationships and a shield protecting the Arabs

confronting political and economic crises, His stance on oil pricing and OPEC production quotas have earned him the regard of the entire world. A stance that helped to consolidate world stability and foster

world peace and earn for the King the title "Man of Peace" He has always been anxious to deal with exploding crises with wisdom and calm consideration and see them from the point of view of universal

good as well as from that of Arab and Islamic interest. His far-reaching vision earned him "Man of the Year" title for many times through polls conducted by the media in a number of countries.



King Fahd International Stadium in Riyadh

carried his name, and was later transformed into decisions adopted by the Arab Summit Conference in Morocco in 1982 and came to be known as the "Arab Peace Project". His initiative was received favourably not only in the Arab and Islamic spheres but throughout the world. The initiative was also adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference of Casablanca and formed the basis for the Madrid Peace Conference of 1991. The Lebanon crisis that erupted in 1975 received the conciliatory effort of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, the fruits of which was the convening of the reconciliation conference of Lebanese Parliamentarians held in Taif in Saudi Arabia in 1989. This conference helped to restore calm to the Lebanon and heal the wounds of conflict and division. The Kingdom continues to provide the Lebanon with political and economic support to overcome the legacy of the civil war. When the sisterly state of Kuwait suffered Iraqi aggression on 2 August 1990, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd took up his well known stance that made possible the return of freedom to Kuwait, the Kingdom played host to the Government and the people of

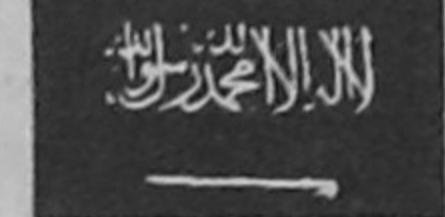
from harm." As was hoped by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, the Council has proved its effectiveness in meeting the challenges of recent events in the Gulf Region, especially during the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. The Gulf Co-operation Council took far-reaching steps in co-operation and co-ordination among the member states in matters of security, military affairs, economy, education and information. It has become a homogenous unit that embodies the hopes and aspirations of the people of the region and those of the Arab and Islamic World.

MAN OF PEACE: Under the able leadership of King Fahd, the Kingdom has had distinguished contributions, consistent with its international standing in the politics and economy of the world. Its Arab and Islamic position is the focus of the attention and respect of more than a billion Arabs and Muslims. Changes in the international scene have helped to enhance the Kingdom's importance in world affairs and visits of the custodian of the two Holy Mosques to number of states had a bearing on the strengthening of relations with those states. The King has an outstanding record in

We extend our heartiest felicitations to His Highness the King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, the Government and the Brotherly People of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on their glorious National Day



Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz



Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz, The Crown Prince and Deputy Premier and Head of the National Guard

Our heartiest felicitations and greetings to the Government, Royal Family and the Brotherly People of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the auspicious occasion of their National Day



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Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz



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Hearty felicitations and warm greetings to the Government and brotherly people of Saudi Arabia on the auspicious occasion of SAUDI NATIONAL DAY



As the day unfolds we wish the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia peace, progress and prosperous future in years to come



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