

Email from Saudi Arabia Desk to FCO, 10 November 2017

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***Saudi Arabia:** Events in Saudi Arabia continue at pace. The Kingdom has continued to arrest and hold individuals accused of corruption REDACTED with the total now 201 people. This is down from 208 following the release of some princes which according to social media include Prince Alwaleed Bin-Talal, one of the wealthiest men in the world. Saudi desk will continue to monitor and update as appropriate.*

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**From:** Neil Bush (Sensitive)

**Sent:** 06 November 2017 09:29

**To:** FCO Departments Simon Collis \* (Sensitive) Simon Shercliff \* (Sensitive)

**Subject:** RE: Updates please

**1. [REDACTED]**

2. **Saudi political** – Separately, there was a royal announcement establishing a new supreme committee to tackle corruption, headed by the Crown Prince, given sweeping powers of investigation, arrest and asset seizure. A number of significant arrests have already occurred including: Prince Al Waleed Bin Talal (CEO of Kingdom Holding and one of the wealthiest people in the world); Prince Miteb bin Abdullah (National Guard), Prince Turki bin Abdullah (ex-Governor of Riyadh) and Adel Fakeih (Minister of Economy and Planning REDACTED

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**From:** British Embassy Riyadh

**Sent:** 14 November 2017 11:51

**To:** British Embassy Riyadh and FCO Saudi Arabia Desk

**Subject:** Saudi Social Media Breaking news: Prince Alwaleed sells Beirut hotels

All,

Social media is reporting that Prince Alwaleed bin Talal (billionaire businessman with substantial UK assets including the Savoy hotel ,arrested in the corruption scandal and according to social media has been released) has put his Beirut hotels up for sale. These reportedly include the Four Seasons and the Movenpick. Social media reports that is likely to be raising cash to pay for his release.

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