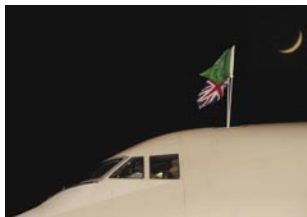


PRIME MINISTER GORDON BROWN VISITS RIYADH

The Prime Minister Gordon Brown arrived in Riyadh on 1 November at the head of the most senior delegation of British businesspeople ever to leave Britain. He was also accompanied by the Secretary of State for Business Lord Mandelson and the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Ed Miliband. The visit demonstrated the importance of the exemplary partnership between the two Kingdoms.

As the sun dipped below the horizon at King Khalid International's Royal Terminal the Prime Minister's chartered Boeing 747-400 blazed into view. It pulled up in front of the welcoming delegation lead by His Royal Highness Prince Saud al Faisal, and the crew of the aircraft raised small flags from the cockpit. The British Ambassador William Patey welcomed the Prime Minister from the plane and accompanied him with the Lord Mandelson and Mr Miliband to the tarmac.



Upon arrival, the Prime Minister and Prince Saud discussed the strength of the bilateral relations between the Kingdoms as well as regional affairs and the global financial situation.



Talks with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques

Shortly after departing the airport the Prime Minister and the two Secretaries of State were honoured to be the guests of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Majesty King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz for dinner at the Royal Palace. The dinner was an intimate affair with

