



businessmen visiting Saudi Arabia. The last call of the day was a meeting with HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Royal Advisor for HRH King Abdullah. Prince Andrew's first day in the Kingdom ended with a traditional Najdi dinner hosted by HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Commission for Tourism & Antiquities. The dinner took place at Fresh Waters Farm, which has been built to reflect traditional Saudi architecture, and resembles an ancient Najdi farm. Invitees, including prominent members of the royal family, feasted on traditional Najdi dishes, such as lamb, and ended the night with the Saudi hosts telling stories of ancient Arabia around a campfire.

Day two of Prince Andrew's Saudi Arabian tour, began with a visit to the British International School Riyadh (BISR), where the Prince inaugurated the new Sixth Form building. He also got a chance to chat with some of the students. Following the ceremony, the party headed to Salwa compound for a call on Mr. Peter Wilson, CEO of BAE Systems, and other senior members

of BAE staff. The afternoon consisted of a call on HRH Prince Al Waleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President of Kingdom Holdings. Later in the evening, HRH Prince Al Waleed treated The Duke of York to a lavish outdoor dinner at Kingdom Resort. Catering to his English guests' fondness for rugby, Prince Al Waleed was kind enough to find a channel showing the rugby match between England and France. The guests in turn explained the fundamentals of the sport to their Saudi host. More serious issues such as the London Summit and the state of the global economy were discussed over dinner, which consisted of eclectic cuisine from around the world. The guests also had the chance to meet the Prince's family.

The Duke of York departed Riyadh early morning Monday 16 March to spend the day in the port city of Jeddah before continuing to Kuwait. In Jeddah he met with HRH Prince Khalid Al Faisal, the Governor of Makkah, as well as prominent Saudi businessmen Sheikh Khaled Al-Jaffali and Sheikh Khalid Alireza, brother of the Minister of Commerce & Industry and Head of Alireza Holdings.

