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In Kingdom domestic tourism is expected to register a 20-30% growth as a direct result of the decline in the number of visitors to the US and European destinations in the wake of the September 11 terror attack in New York and Washington. The Saudi government has agreed to provide Saudia with war risk insurance to ensure continued operations 10 destinations around the world.

Three gulf carriers - Gulf Air, Emirates and Kuwait Airways have each put up \$2 billion in guaranties in the aftermath of the terror attacks In the United States. London requested a letter of guarantee for third party

coverage by either the company or the government before accepting flights into Britain.

More foreign carriers operating to and from Saudi Airports have announced the introduction of an insurance surcharge.

Air India yesterday joined Royal Jordanian; KLM and Gulf Air in announcing the new levy on each travel coupon, which is attributed to the sharp increase in insurance premiums and the cost of extra security.

Saudia might impose surcharge of \$5 on each passenger travelling abroad to cover part of the increased insurance. Royal Jordanian has introduced a SR 19 /\$5 levy per flight coupon for all sectors except Colombo. In case of the Sri Lankan capital, the surcharge remains SR 225 for one-way and SR 450 for round trip.

KLM is charging \$5 per coupon for all tickets; no infants / child discount is applicable on the surcharge. Gulf Air is also charging \$5 per flight sector/coupon applicable on all types and all class of fares including interline tickets.

World Airtimes have announced that ten of ‘thousands of people will lose their jobs. Profits will evaporate, and fleets and routes will be slashed. The news at the moment of course, is changing daily!

PRINCE SALMAN CENTRE FOR DISABILITY RESEARCH RECEIVE SR100,000 DONATION FROM BAE SYSTEMS



His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz received a SR100,000 donation from BAE SYSTEMS on behalf of the Prince Salman Centre for Disability Research. Paul Dugan, General Manager of BAE’s central area in Saudi Arabia, handed the cheque to Prince Sultan bin Salman.

The money will go to the assistance of disabled children who are looked after by the centre. BAE raised the money through a series of sponsored social events run for employees and their families.

“We are delighted to assist in this way with the very important and valuable work on the Prince Salman Centre” commented Walid Abukhaled, BAE’s Public Affairs Manager in Saudi Arabia. “Our employees are keen to be involved in raising money for charity

and the Prince Salman Centre was a popular choice for the funds.”

The Prince Salman Centre for Disability Research was established through the patronage of HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman, who is chairman of the Association for Disabled Children. The centre conducts scientific research into the fields of prevention, rehabilitation and care of the disabled.

BAE SYSTEMS (formerly known as British Aerospace) is one of the world’s leading aerospace and defence companies and employs 5,800 people in Saudi Arabia. Nearly half of their workforce are Saudi nationals and through them and expatriate employees, the company plays a leading role in community relations in the Kingdom.