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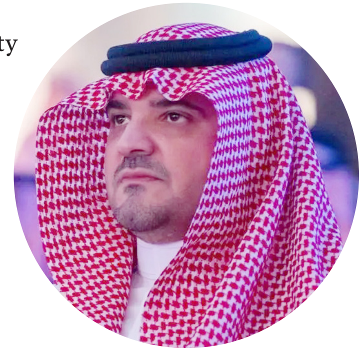
Interior Minister opens Security and History Dialogue 2026 in Riyadh

RIYADH — Minister of Interior Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif on Sunday inaugurated the Security and History Dialogue 2026, a three-day conference examining nearly three centuries of security in the Saudi state and its role in shaping stability, development and prosperity. Organized by the Ministry of Interior at the Cultural Palace in Riyadh's Diplomatic Quarter, the conference is being held under the theme "Our History and Our Future: Security and Development." The event brings together more than 160 speakers and features over 65 panel discussions and interactive sessions, alongside an exhibition documenting the evolution of security throughout the history of the Saudi state. Conference General Supervisor Ahmed Al-Tuwaiyan said the Security and History Dialogue serves as a national platform bringing together experts and specialists from Saudi Arabia and abroad to examine the Kingdom's history through the interconnected paths of security and development.



KREMLIN CALLS PUTIN TALKS WITH US ENVOYS 'CONSTRUCTIVE, EXTREMELY FRANK'

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin held "substantive, constructive and extremely frank" talks with US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner in Moscow, Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov said Sunday. The talks on Saturday lasted three hours and 10 minutes and focused on the war in Ukraine as well as potential major Russian-US projects, state news agency TASS reported, citing Ushakov. Ushakov said Putin reaffirmed Russia's readiness to continue working with the United States toward a political and diplomatic settlement of the conflict. Putin also stressed what Moscow describes as the need to address the "root causes" of the war and discussed recent battlefield advances by Russian forces, expressing confidence that Russia would achieve its objectives. According to Ushakov, Witkoff and Kushner presented several ideas for a possible settlement and said they would take Putin's assessments into account during their talks in Kyiv.

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Security is foundation of investment and economic growth, Saudi chambers chief says

RIYADH — Security is the foundation of investment and economic growth, and Saudi Arabia's comprehensive security system has strengthened the Kingdom's attractiveness and competitiveness regionally and globally, Federation of Saudi Chambers Chairman Abdullah Saleh Kamel said. Speaking at the Security and History Dialogue 2026 conference in Riyadh, Kamel said the close relationship between security and investment was reflected in bringing security officials and investors together at the same event. He thanked Minister of Interior Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif for patronizing the second edition of the conference and praised the Ministry of Interior and organizers for their role in safeguarding the Kingdom's security and stability. "Saudi Arabia is a safe country and ranked first among G20 countries in the index measuring the feeling of safety when walking alone at night," Kamel said.

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False real estate information may draw SR50,000 FINE

RIYADH — The Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority has proposed a new regulation to impose maximum fines amounting to SR50,000 for providing false information about real estate transactions. The authority has invited public comments about the draft Article 15, Paragraph 3 of the "Classification of Violations and Penalties for Real Estate Transaction Tax" Law through the Istitlaa public survey platform during the period between September 3 and October 3. The draft regulation stipulates that anyone who violates any provision of the law or its regulations shall be subject to a fine not exceeding the value of the tax due or SR50,000, whichever is greater.

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OPEC+ agree to maintain oil output quotas unchanged for October

RIYADH — The OPEC+ countries decided to maintain the production levels for October 2026 that were set for September 2026. The decision was taken at the virtual meeting of the seven member countries of the OPEC+ group—Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria, and Oman— held on Sunday to review the latest developments and future prospects in the oil market.

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