

Joint Statement Between The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia And Malaysia On The Occasion Of The State Visit Of His Majesty King Salman Abdulaziz Al Saud

PUTRAJAYA, March 1 (Bernama) -- Upon the kind invitation from the Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia Sultan Mohamed V, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud paid a state visit to Malaysia from Sunday 29 Jumada Alawal to Wednesday 2 Jumada Alakhir 1438H corresponding with 26 February to 1 March 2017.

1. The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia Sultan Mohamed V welcomed the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud- may Allah protect him- at the National Palace, where he recipient the Darjah Utama Seri Mahkota Negara (D.M.N.).

2. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud -may Allah protect him- and the Honorable Dato' Sri Haji Mohammad Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak held constructive and fruitful discussions. They exchanged views on the prospects and ways to develop bilateral relations and to intensify cooperation in political, economic, cultural, military and security areas; the talks discussed the regional and international issues of the common interest.

3. The two sides agreed that exchange of visits between the two countries at all levels will contribute to the development of bilateral relations, and agreed to intensify communication and cooperation between Government officials and the private sector in both countries to deepen and expand bilateral relations.

4. The two sides stressed on the importance and the need to strengthen and enhance trade relations and the cooperation in investment between the two countries, and to explore opportunities in light of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Vision 2030.

5. The two sides agreed to strengthen the military cooperation between the two countries by developing areas of joint training and exercise, and exchange of military experiences.

6. The two Countries welcomed the participation of Saudi Aramco in the Petronas Malaysia project to develop and own a giant refining and petrochemical integrated complex in Johor, which will contribute significantly in supporting the economic partnership between the two countries for long term, and to promote the cooperation between the two countries in field of energy.

7. The two countries signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of Scientific and Educational Cooperation, which would pave the way for further cooperation in the areas of knowledge, experience exchange and the transfer of technology.

8. The two countries also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of Labour and Human Resources, which will intensify training programs and exchange of experiences in the field of occupational safety and health, information and statistics related to labour market in both countries.

9. The two countries also signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of Trade and Investment Cooperation, and in the field of cooperation between the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) and the Malaysia news agency (Bernama).

10. The Islamic nation issues were in the forefront of discussions. The two sides completely agreed on the need to intensify and concert the Islamic world's efforts to confront the extremism, reject sectarianism and to move the Islamic world towards a better future in line of objectives and purposes of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to achieve the international peace and security. The two sides agreed that the terrorism phenomenon should not be linked to any race, colour or religion. This was most the important issue that was discussed and the two sides agreed on the need to intensify the joint efforts to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, whatever its origin .

11. The two countries announced the establishment of the Global Centre for Peace. The centre will be established in Malaysia under the name of King Salman Centre for International Peace. The centre will be established in collaboration with the Intellectual Warfare Centre, Ministry of Defence, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Security and Defence Centre, Ministry of Defence of Malaysia, the Islamic Science University of Malaysia, and Muslim World League. Those bodies will coordinate to complete the necessary

arrangements to launch the centre within ninety (90) days from the date of announcing of the centre.

12. As part of the constructive spirit of the meetings that took place between the two sides, the political issues in the Middle East were reviewed, particularly the Palestinian issue. The two sides stressed the importance and necessity to reach lasting, comprehensive and just solution to resolve this issue according to the contents of the Arab Peace Initiative and the related legitimate resolutions.

13. The two sides also stressed the necessity on finding a solution to the Syrian crisis based on the Geneva 1 statement and UN Security Council Resolution 2254. The two sides stressed the importance of providing humanitarian aid and relief works for Syrian refugees inside and outside Syria.

14. The two sides also stressed the importance of maintaining Yemen's unity, independence and sovereignty, and the importance of the political solution to the crisis of Yemen based on the Gulf Initiative and the outputs of the national dialogue, and UN Security Council Resolution 2216. The two sides affirmed their support for the legitimate authority in Yemen and the efforts taken in this regard, and to facilitate humanitarian access to all areas of Yemen.

15. The two sides expressed serious concerns over the Iranian interference in the internal affairs of countries in the region, stressed the need for Iran's commitment to the principle of good neighbourliness and the need to respect the sovereignty of States.

16. The Malaysian side expressed thanks and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, for Saudi Arabia's efforts to serve the Two Holy Mosques, the pilgrims, Umrah performers and visitors.

17. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud expressed deep thanks and appreciation to Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia Sultan Mohamed V and the Honorable Dato' Sri Haji Mohammad Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak and the brotherly

people of Malaysia for the warm reception and generous hospitality extended to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and the delegation.

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