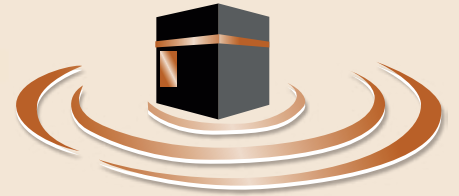


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First anniversary of allegiance to our King

Allah Almighty has blessed this land with the most devoted and wise rulers. They are true to what they pledged to Allah, ever since King Abdulaziz Bin Abdul Rahman Al Saud - may he rest in peace – who unified and founded this glorious nation. He was followed by his sons (King Saud, King Faisal, King Khaled, King Fahd, King Abdullah - may Allah have mercy on them all and may they rest in peace), who are known for their devotion, generosity and magnanimity.

And today the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdul Aziz - may Allah protect him, with his wisdom, strength and determination, carries that flag forward.

The Kingdom celebrated on Rabi Al-Thani 03 the first anniversary of the pledge of allegiance to King Salman – may Allah protect him.

The blessed occasion was an opportunity for all citizens of the Kingdom to confirm their unity, their support for the wise leadership and to renew their commitment and loyalty to King Salman, pledging to listen and obey him.

Words will fail to acknowledge the services of King Salman in serving both his people and the nation with utmost care and devotion on one hand and on the other restoring the honor and prestige of Arabs and Muslims with great wisdom and a visionary political outlook in Yemen and Syria. His magnanimous approach towards helping many countries on humanitarian grounds remains a testimony.

Volumes would fill if we if we talk about his dedication in serving his people and his country, his passionate pursuits to achieve majestic civilizational achievements in a very short period of time, which have laid a foundation for the prosperous present and - Allah willing - a bright future.

Our country is currently experiencing successive achievements in all fields. Many of our cities, particularly the holy cities of

Makkah and Medinah, have become construction zones around the clock. Comprehensive development plans are being implemented to complete huge construction projects to ensure peace and tranquility for the people of this great nation, as well as all the guests of Allah visiting the Grand Mosque in Makkah and Prophet's Mosque in Madina.

The concerns and commitments of our King do not end here. His keen interest in history and heritage, and his passion for culture and knowledge from an early age, as well as during his presidency of the Board of Directors of the King Abdulaziz Foundation, when he was Governor of capital Riyadh, have made him an ardent supporter and sponsor of all intellectual, cultural and educational activities. King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Award for Studies and Research on the History of the Arabian Peninsula, and the Chair of King Salman Bin Abdulaziz for Studies on the History of Makkah at Umm Al-Qura University are all only the tip of the iceberg of his generosity.

Being aware of how deeply the national festival of heritage and culture – Janadariya - represents our noble historical traditions, and because it is a shining glimpse of Kingdom's civilization, King Salman partonized the festival, now in its thirtieth year, on Rabi Al-Thani 24, 1437, with celebrated guests, scientists, intellectuals, writers and scholars.

I sincerely pray Allah Almighty to bless our beloved country with further progress, development, prosperity, safety, security and stability under the wise leaderships of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman; His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Nayef Bin Abdul Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz, the Deputy Crown Prince, second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense.



Dr. Ra'fat Ismail Badr

Chairman of The Board of Directors
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Saudi Arabia celebrated the first anniversary of the pledge of allegiance to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdul Aziz – may Allah protect him, who ascended to the throne on Rabi Al-Thani 03, 1436.

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King Salman's first year on the throne marks achievements and significant developments in the region as well as on the global stage. The king's decisions were wise. He launched "Operation Storm" followed by "Operation Restore Hope" in Yemen. It followed the formation of 34-nation Islamic alliance to fight terrorism. He continued the Kingdom's participation in the G-20, and has elevated Riyadh's position, making it the first destination for Arabs and foreign diplomatic communications. King Salman's latest decision was to sever all ties with Iran over storming of Saudi embassy in Tehran and the Saudi consulate

in the city of Mashhad. These decisions combined, make the Kingdom an economic, political and military power.

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques also graced the foundation ceremony for the King Salman Center for Relief and Humanitarian Aid and laid the foundation stone for the center's permanent headquarters. Its main objective is to unify the relief activities, and humanitarian activities conducted by the Kingdom, to become a leading center for relief and humanitarian activities and to transfer our values to the world. King Salman has allocated one billion Saudi Riyals for such works on

behalf of the center. In addition, he also allocated more than a billion Saudi Riyals for relief and the humanitarian needs of the Yemeni people.

Serving the Two Holy Mosques

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques said:

"Allah has graced this land with the Two Holy Mosques and I am blessed to have the honor of serving as Custodian of the Holy Mosques. Since the reign of King Abdul Aziz Bin Abdul Rahman, Makkah and Madinah continue to be the most important places to us."

Last year, on Dhu Al-Hijjah

9, King Salman visited Mina to oversee the Kingdom's Hajj operations and to personally monitor the comfort of pilgrims. By supervising the services and facilities, he ensured that pilgrims were able to perform their rituals with ease, convenience and safety; and that their movement was smooth in the holy sites and trouble free.

He also visited the Grand Mosque site where a crane accident took place, resulting in the death and injuries of a number of pilgrims. He vowed that the accident would be investigated and the results will be made public.

Mega projects

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques launched five projects as part of the third phase of the Grand Mosque expansion in Makkah. The work includes the expansion of the building, squares, tunnels, services building and the First Ring Road.

The Grand Mosque expansion covers the three floors, and spans 320,000 sq. meters to accommodate 300,000 worshippers. There will also be expansions of the ground area of 175,000 sq. meters to accommodate 330,000 worshippers.

The project includes five pedestrian tunnels linking the Grand Mosque with Jarwal and Al-Hajoun areas. Four of these tunnels are meant for pilgrims and visitors while the fifth one is for emergency services and security forces.



Airport in Madinah

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, in his continuous efforts to achieve progress for the Kingdom and the Saudi people, has launched the Prince Muhammad Bin Abdul Aziz International Airport project in Madinah, which will be able to serve eight million passengers a year in the first phase; 18 million passengers in the second phase, and 40 million in its third phase.

King Salman also inaugurated a number of medical projects in the Ministry of National Guard, including the King Abdullah

Specialist Children's Hospital, the King Abdullah International Medical Research Center and the Central Laboratory.

Move to boost education

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques inaugurated a number of university projects to boost education, laid the foundation stone of educational institutions in various regions of the Kingdom, educational projects, as well as service and technological projects, at a total cost of SR8.590 billion.

During his visit to the United States, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques awarded



scholarships to Saudi students in the United States. King

Salman also issued orders for the financial support for termi-

nally ill Saudi citizens in the US.

Cultural projects

King Salman has supported cultural achievements and projects including, but not limited to, the Glossary of Countries and Tribes in the Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, South of Jordan and Sinai. The said mega project was inaugurated by the King on June 10, 2014 (then Crown Prince) during the launching ceremony of King Salman Prize and Grant on the History of Arabian Peninsula. He also issued the King Abdul Aziz Book Award, for correcting errors in the translation of Lorimer's Gazetteer.



King Salman patronized in March the 2nd International Conference on King Abdulaziz History being organized by Imam Muhammad Bin Saud Islamic University at its headquarters in Riyadh. He opened the exhibition accompanying the conference and inaugurated the Museum of History of Science and Technology in Islam, which was established by the University in collaboration with the Institute for History of Arab and Islamic Sciences at the University of Frankfurt in Germany.

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques also inaugurated in April 2015 a project to develop Al-Bujairi district — the



gateway to the historic area of Diriyah. The project is a part of the scheme to develop Diriyah and highlight its cultural value

by creating facilities at its main entrance commissioned by The High Commission for the Development of Arriyadh.



Recognizing Distinct Groups in Hajj season 1436

The Minister of Hajj patronizes the 12th ceremony of the Coordination Committee for Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishment

His Excellency, the Minister of Hajj, Dr. Bandar Bin Mohamed Hamzah Hajjar patronized the twelfth honorary ceremony held on Rabi Al-Thani 18, 1437. Organized by the Coordination Committee for Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments, the ceremony honored 145 distinctive Field Service Groups, 20 notable administrative representatives and 11 Mutawwifs, agents and Zamzam water distributors for their outstanding performance in last year's Hajj season.

Ahmed Al Ahmadi

The ceremony took place at the Hilton in Jeddah and was attended by representatives of the

Ministry of Hajj, Chairman of the Coordination Committee for Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments and

Hajj related agencies.

It began with the recitation of a few verses from the Holy Qur'an, followed by a message from Hatem Bin Jaafar Bali, Chairman of National Adilla Establishment, on behalf of the Coordination Committee for Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments.

Came next was Agent Maha Bint Lotfi from the Unified Agents Office who recited a poem titled



“My sorrow’s honor from an old era”. She also spoke on behalf of the notable Field Service Groups and agents.

Dr Hajjar extends gratitude

HE, Dr. Hajjar gave a speech to honor the notable Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments. He also extended his gratitude for their generosity displayed last year during the Hajj season. He commended the Establishments for their contributions in serving the guests of the Two Holy Mosques to perform the rituals with ease, comfort and safety, in order to adhere to the directives and aspirations of this country’s rulers – may Allah protect them – who

strive to ensure pilgrims’ safety and comfort.

His Excellency pointed out that the Kingdom since it’s foundation by the King Abdul Aziz Bin Abdul Rahman Al-Saud (May Allah have mercy on him) and until the era of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdul Aziz has focused on providing the best services to pilgrims and Umrah performers. He also noted the magnitude of their responsibility towards the Two Holy Mosques and their guests.

A blessed year

Dr. Hajjar praised the several notable achievements accomplished by the Custodian of the

Two Holy Mosques King Salman Bin Abdul Aziz during his very first year of his accession to lead this blessed country. He commented that these historic achievements will be a part of the Islamic nation’s memory and be a notable part of history. He highlighted that what the King did for his nation, Islam and the Muslims is due to his wisdom, firmness, fairness, strength and faith. He also prayed to Allah to guide the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and reward him appropriately.

The Minister of Hajj also praised the role of His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince and Minister of the Interior and the Chairman of the Supreme Hajj Committee;



HRH the Deputy Crown Prince and adviser to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques; the Governor of Makkah Region and Chairman of the Central Hajj Committee, and the Governor of Madinah region and Chairman of the Central Hajj Committee in Madinah for their care and supervision provided during the Hajj season to help pilgrims perform Hajj with complete ease, comfort and safety.

Dr. Hajjar then presented shields and certificates to the distinctive groups of last year's Hajj. Commemorative photographs of His Excellency with the head of Arbab Al-Tawaif institutions and

the recognized groups were taken. His Excellency also received a commemorative gift from the Chairmen of the Coordination Committee for Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments on this occasion.

Dr. Badr hails dedicated services

During the ceremony, "Al-Ahella" magazine met Dr. Ra'fat Badr, the Vice President of the Coordination Committee for Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments who is also the chairman of the Board of Directors, South Asia Pilgrims Mutawiffis Establishment.

Dr. Badr said: "Thanks to Almighty Allah for the success of last year's Hajj season. We were

able to provide outstanding services to the pilgrims by the grace of Allah and as per the guidance of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman Bin Abdulaziz; His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Minister of the Interior and the Chairman of the Supreme Hajj Committee; the Deputy Crown Prince; the Governor of Makkah Region and Chairman of the Central Hajj Committee (may Allah protect them all); and the directives of HE the Minister of Hajj Dr Bandar Bin Mohammed Hamzah Hajjar and Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments."

The Coordination Committee for Arbab Al-Tawaif Estab-

lishments organized the annual ceremony, in which HE honored people working within these institutions, encouraging the service groups to continue with their exemplary performance and to stimulate others to exert every effort to achieve outstanding services.

“We are pleased to welcome His Excellency, the Minister of Hajj. We recognize the hard work and dedication of the distinctive groups to comfort the pilgrims and would like to congratulate our colleagues and commend their distinctive efforts. I also invite the South Asia Pilgrims Mutawiffs Establishment’s colleagues to follow in the footsteps of these distinctive groups,” added Dr. Badr.

Preparations for the next season

Dr. Badr highlighted the preparations of the South Asia Pilgrims Mutawiffs Establishment for the next Hajj season. “Several steps were taken at the end of last year’s Hajj season. His Excellency, the Minister of Hajj organized a meeting with the department officials as well as all the heads of Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments. During the meeting, they reviewed the shortcomings of last year’s Hajj season and discussed steps on how to avoid them. They also discussed the positive attributes of last year’s plans while they mapped out programs and plans for the next Hajj season in 1437.”

Several meetings were also organized to map out the plans and strategies to develop the perfor-

The Kingdom since its foundation to the era of King Salman continues to provide the best services to the pilgrims: Dr. Bandar Hajjar

South Asia Establishment’s officials and employees proved their dedication and deserve to be honored: Dr. Ra’fat Ismail Badr

mance of Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments as well as to introduce new services. Regular meetings were held at the South Asia Pilgrims Mutawiffs Establishment to map programs that will achieve the directives of HE the Minister of Hajj. The heads of the pilgrimage office also met regularly to coordinate and prepare for the next Hajj season. The Board of Directors, South Asia Pilgrims Mutawiffs Establishment, also held meetings with relevant Hajj entities to discuss and coordinate next season’s plans and the programs.

“I would like to note that the organizations are working on plans and effective programs that will be applied for the first time during

the next Hajj season. The new plans will be announced once finalized with the cooperation and coordination of the Ministry of Hajj and relevant authorities of Hajj and pilgrims.

Most of the South Asia Pilgrims Mutawiffs Establishment’s offices have also earned the ISO certificate, which appreciates and recognizes the quality of services already provided. There is a huge competition between the field service offices to provide distinctive services. On this occasion, I would like to thank these sincere people from the South Asia Pilgrims Mutawiffs Establishment for their dedication, hard work and responsibility displayed,” added Dr. Ra’fat

Great pleasure

HE the Minister of Hajj is keen to honor distinctive work and the efforts of people every year, since he took on the responsibility of the ministry.

During the meeting with Al-Ahella magazine, Dr. Talal Kotb, the Chairman of the Coordination Committee for Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments and the Chairman of the Pilgrims Foundation of Iran, highlighted the contentment of the heads of Tawafa institutions for the hard work and dedication to provide excellent services to the pilgrims and to follow the directives of HE the Minister of Hajj.

This was noted and agreed on by the following officials: Mutawif Tariq Bin Mohammed Angawi, Chairman of Board of Directors



of Pilgrim-Guide Foundation for Pilgrims of Turkey and Muslims of Europe, America and Australia; Mutawwif Mohamed Amin Hassan Endriqeery, Chairman of Tawafa Establishment for South East Asian Pilgrims; Mutawwif Rami Bin Saleh, Chairman of Board of Foundation of Pilgrims Guides for Non-Arab African Countries; Engineer Abbas Abdul Ghani Kattan, President of the Pilgrims Foundation for Arab Countries; Guide Hatem Bin Jaafar Bali, Chairman of Adilla Foundation in Madinah; agent Dr. Farouk Bin Yahya Bukhari, Chairman of Unified Agents Office, and Zamzam Water Supplier Ab-

dul Hadi Bin Abdul Jalil Zamzami, Chairman of the Unified Zamazimah Office.

These officials appreciated and noted the efforts of the male and female workers in Arbab Al-Tawaif institutions, and honored them for their efforts and their outstanding work in Hajj season 1436.

Distinctive groups

HE Dr. Bandar bin Mohamed Hamzah Hajjar, the Minister of Hajj, honored 23 offices from Field Service Groups and the affiliate of South Asia Pilgrims Mutawiffs Establishment.

His Excellency also honored

the head of these offices and their affiliates as they received certificates of appreciation and shields of excellence. Three employees and staff members from the Establishment were honored for their hard work.

The people honored were from the following offices: 27; 1; 95; 45; 26; 69; 39; 42; 8; 3; 28; 43; 53; 11; 92; 31; 37; 5; 84; 4; 35; 85, and 94.

The employees and staff member honorees were: Mustafa Ashmawy Ashmawy; Salah Suleiman Abdul Jalil; Abdul Aziz Fahd Bin Rahma; Mutawefa Fatima Ali Ahmed Mulla, and Mutawefa Ibtisam Zakir Iskandar.

Dignitaries appreciate the South Asia Pilgrims Mutawwifs Establishment's services

The South Asia Pilgrims Mutawwifs Establishment has received letters of thanks, praising its distinctive efforts and its role in pilgrims' service during the Hajj season 1436. The letters also praise the Establishments' publications - the 'Al-Ahella' Magazine and the 'Adwaa' Newsletter.

By: Editorial Team

The following report reviews the details:

Letter from the Minister of Hajj

His Excellency Dr. Bandar Bin Mohammed Hamzah Hajjar, the Minister of Hajj, in his letter dated Moharram 2, 21437, to Dr. Ra'fat Bin Ismail Ibrahim Badr, Chairman, South Asia Pilgrims Mutawwifs Establishment, praised praising the Establishment's performance during the Hajj season, and also praised the personnel of the of Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishment.

His Excellency directed his letter to the leaders of the Ministry of Hajj in Makkah, Jeddah and Madinah, as well as the Chairmen of the Coordination Committee for Arbab Al-Tawaif Establishments and the Chairman of Pilgrims Foundation.

Dr. Badr has also received a certificate of appreciation from



Governor of Makkah, praises "Adwaa" Newsletter

the leadership of Hajj Security Forces (security affairs) signed by Major General Jamaan Bin



Ahmed Al-Ghamdi, Assistant Director of Public Security for Security Affairs, and task force leader for the Mina stampede incident

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His Excellency Sheikh Saleh Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Asheikh, Minister of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Call and Guidance,



The Minister of Hajj praises the Establishment's role in pilgrims' service



has sent a letter of thanks on 18.10.1436 to "Al-Ahella" magazine.

Addressing the letter to Dr. Badr, the minister said: "I deeply appreciate receiving your letter of thanks, No. 423 dated 1/9/1436, along with a copy of 'Al-Ahella' magazine's Ramadan issue 27 dated 1436h. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation and I pray that Allah rewards you for your kind words. May peace be upon you.

Professor Dr. Afaf Bint Mohamed Nadeem, Dean, Library Affairs at Prince Nawarah Bint Abdulrahman University, in her letter dated 27.10.1436 to Dr. Badr, expressed her appreciation for Establishment's commendable services.

On 29/12/1436h, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Bin Amin Jefri, the Vice Chairman of the Shoura Council, also sent a letter of thanks to the Chairman of the Establishment for receiving "Al-Ahella" magazine's issue No. 27.



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Meanwhile, the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Call



The Minister of Islamic Affairs and Endowments praises "Al-Ahella" magazine

and Guidance sent another letter of thanks dated 16/1/1437h to Dr. Badr thanking him for sending "Al-Ahilla" magazine's issue 28.

His Excellency Mansour Bin Mutaib Bin Abdul Aziz, Minister of State, Cabinet Member and Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques sent a letter of thanks to the Chairman of

the Establishment, saying: "It is with great pleasure that I have received your letter for the "Al-Ahella" cultural magazine, issue 2). Thank you for the gift of your words, I pray Allah to bring you and your staff success."

Tribute to "Adwaa"

The Establishment has received several letters of praises

for "Adwaa", the seasonal newsletter issued by the South Asia Pilgrims Mutawwifs Establishment during Hajj season.

Dr. Badr, received a letter of thanks dated 30/12/1436h from Mr. Abdullah Bin Abed Al-Harthi, Director of the office of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Governor of Makkah Region and Chairman of the Central Hajj Committee which said: "As per directives of His Royal Highness we thank the South Asia Pilgrims Mutawwifs Establishment for sending "Adwaa" newsletter, issue 140 issue.



We appreciate the kind words and extend our best wishes for its continued success."

In the meantime, Dr. Atef Bin Hussein Asghar, Dean of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Institute for Hajj Research, sent a letter of thanks to the Chairman of the Establishment, praising "Adwaa" newsletter issue 140.

Dr. Mohammed Bin Talal Simsim, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Hajj for Planning and Development, has also sent a letter of thanks dated 2/12/1436h to Dr. Badr appreciating the role of "Adwaa" newsletter.

Nasser Bin Abdullah Al Humiany, the Director of Anti-Narcotics in the holy capital, sent a letter of thanks to Dr. Raafat Badr, in which he said: "May Allah's peace, mercy and blessings be upon you, we have received with great appreciation a copy of "Adwaa", the seasonal weekly newsletter which highlights the most important activities of the Establishment in serving the guests to the House of Allah".

