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Maldivian President survives attack

"The knife touched the president's shirt but not his body," he said. Maldives is a tiny nation of islands in the Indian Ocean, southwest of India. The president was visiting one of those islands, Hoarafushi, to inaugurate an energy project, Shareef said. Police arrested the attacker, news agencies reported quoting the spokesman.

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Dubai ruler opens branch of Noor Islamic Bank

In his opening speech, Sheikh Mohammad said that the UAE, in particular Dubai, will remain an international financial and business hub. He stressed his keenness to maintain the UAE's reputation and enhance the trust of international institutions in the country's capabilities. He instructed the chairman and board members of the bank to focus on the quality of services and facilities in a way that mirrors the image of the bank and enables it to become a leader in the field of investment and banking services at local and international levels, according to a bank statement.

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Palestinians pessimistic about peace

Almost 80% said that the Annapolis conference where the talks were formally restarted did not give an impetus to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, compared with 11% who thought otherwise. The survey also found that 57.4% do not think Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is strong enough to negotiate a permanent settlement with Israel on the core issues of the conflict - settlements, Jerusalem and refugees.

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Islamic finance sector set to continue growth into 2008

The pricing for the \$1 billion Dana Gas Sukuk issuance in the UAE, for instance, had to be delayed from July 2007 to October 2007 because of the impact of the credit crunch. Several GCC IPOs have similarly been delayed because of uncertain investors, Arab News reported. Islamic finance as a sector, despite its separate faith-based ethos, is not immune to the impact of the vagaries of the global financial system. It clearly cannot operate as if it were oblivious to what is happening in the conventional financial system. On the contrary, the cooperation and co-existence of the two systems is now the norm as pioneered by the Dual Banking Model of Malaysia.

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WFP to rush more rice to Bangladesh

Meanwhile, ships carrying about 29,000 metric tons of wheat to be brought by CARE and Save the Children USA, two leading international NGOs, are expected to reach at Chittagong port on January 10. In another development, leading private food importers said the quantity of privately imported rice and wheat are likely to increase in



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Winners of King Faisal International Prize announced

Riyadh - Dhul Hijjah 30, 1428/ January 08, 2008 - Makkah Governor Prince Khaled Al Faisal, who is also the director general of King Faisal Charity Foundation, announced the names of winners of King Faisal International Prizes for the year of 1428H. Addressing a press conference following the dinner party held in honor of the members of the prize's nomination committees at Al Khozama Center here last night, Prince Khaled Al Faisal highlighted the great contributions and achievements made by Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, the winner of this year's King Faisal International Prize for Service of Islam, and other winners. He announced that the prize for Arabic Language and Literature was shared by Prof. Ahmed Matloob Alnasiri, Iraqi national, and Prof. Mohammed Rashad Mohammed Alsalih Hamzaoui, a Tunisian, in recognition of their appreciable works in the field of Arabic terminologies. This year's prize in Medicine was given for contributions in the field of Emergency Medicine (Trauma Management). The prize was shared by Professor Donald Dean Trunkey, from U.S.A. and his country mate Prof. Basil Arthur Pruitt. The prize for science was awarded to Prof. Rudiger Wehner, from Germany, for his contributions in the field of biology. Prince Khaled Al Faisal said that the Prize for Islamic Studies was withheld as the nominated works were disqualified. The subject of the prize was "The rules governing international relations in Islam during peace and war". Prince Khaled Al Faisal cited King Abdullah's major domestic achievements in various fields, including economic, social, intellectual and educational, which benefit the citizens of Saudi Arabia in general and the low-income people in particular. In the economic field, he mainly highlighted the initiatives for establishing King Abdullah Economic city, King Abdullah Financial Center and Investment Fund for Low Income people. In the intellectual and social fields he mentioned the establishment of Human Rights Commission, and National Dialogue Center whereas in the educational field the establishment of King Abdullah University for Sciences and Technology. He also noted the king's achievements for improving the facilities and services at the two holy mosques and other holy sites as well as the implementation of housing projects for low income people through King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Foundation for his Parents Referring to King Abdullah's achievements in the international arena, Prince Khaled drew attention to a number of decisions and proposals made by him in support of human rights, particularly the rights of the Arab nation and Islamic world including the Palestinian issue. He specially highlighted King Abdullah's mediation between warring Arab and Muslim groups, especially Iraqis and Palestinians, lending helping hand to the poor and needy in the Muslim world, efforts for achieving global peace, initiative for gathering together of Islamic scholars at a Makkah meeting to put a plan for the new renaissance of Muslim world, which was later adopted by the Extra ordinary Makkah Islamic Summit, steadfast stand against all forms of terrorism, call for the importance of dialogue among religions and civilizations to enhance tolerance and security among the international community. Prince Khaled Al Faisal thanked members of the nomination committees as well as experts and juries who took part in choosing the winners. He paid tribute to late Prof. Abdul Razzaq Qaddourah, who passed away last year after extending rich services as a member of the prize's nomination committees. The prestigious King Faisal Prize, instituted by King Faisal Foundation, awarded each year to leaders, scholars and scientists who have made the most significant advances to benefit humanity and enrich knowledge. The prizes were given in five categories - Service to Islam, Islamic Studies, Arabic Literature, Medicine and Science. Each of the five Prize categories consists of a certificate, hand written in Diwani calligraphy, summarizing the laureate's work; a commemorative 24 carat, 200 gram gold medal, uniquely cast for each Prize; and a cash endowment of SR750,000 (US\$200,000).

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