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FAYSAL LETTER TO NIXON THREATENS OIL HALT, DIPLOMATIC BREAK
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(TEXT) BEIRUT--LEBANON'S AL-ANWAR, CUTTING DIPLOMATIC
SOURCES IN BEIRUT, TODAY REPORTS THAT KING FAYSAL HAS
ADDRESSED A LETTER TO U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON WHICH INCLUDES
OBVIOUS THREATS TO ADOPT A NUMBER OF MEASURES IF THE UNITED
STATES CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH ARMS.

THE PAPER SAYS THE MEASURES ARE:

1. TO BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
2. TO BREAK OFF ECONOMIC RELATIONS AS WELL.
3. TO HALT OIL SHIPMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE PAPER SAYS THAT KING FAYSAL HAS INFORMED PRESIDENT NIXON THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO SEND THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, JAMES AKINS, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN JIDDA TODAY.

THE PAPER ALSO SAYS THAT KING FAYSAL HAS ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE SAUDI ARMY AND VISITED THE VARIOUS UNITS.

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