

## World News Connection (WNC)<sup>®</sup>

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### SUBJECT COVERAGE

**World News Connection (WNC)** information is compiled from thousands of non-U.S. media sources obtained from full text and summaries of hard copy and electronic newspaper articles and periodicals, conference proceedings, television and radio broadcasts, OSC analyses, blogs, and non-classified technical reports.

### TIPS

#### USE FILE 985

for news of significant issues and events from non-U.S. media sources.

#### USE JN=

to search for records by Journal Name

#### USE /GN or GN=

to search for news by Geographic Name

#### USE RG=

to search for news by Region

### DIALOG FILE DATA

Inclusive Dates: 1995 to the present

Update Frequency:

Daily 300 to 1,000 records per day average

File Size: 2,828,242 records as of March 2008

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## SAMPLE RECORD FROM FILE 985

DIALOG(R)File 985:World News Connection  
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**AA=** 0170050582 GMP20030424000114  
**/TI** Saudi Arabia Stop Issuing Visas to Pilgrims From Far East  
 Over SARS Outbreak  
**CY=** Jeddah Arab News (Internet Version - WWW) in English 24 Apr 03  
**JN=** ARAB NEWS  
**DY=, MO=, PD=, PY=** Thursday, April 24, 2003  
**JC=, LA=, RT=** JOURNAL CODE: 7543 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT  
**DT=** DOCUMENT TYPE: Daily Report; News  
**WD=** WORD COUNT: 534

**/LP** TEXT:  
 Report by K. S. Ramkumar: "Pilgrims From Far Eastern Countries Barred"

(OSC Transcribed Text) Saudi Arabia has stopped issuing visas to  
 Umrah pilgrims from some Far Eastern countries.

Saudi missions in China, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Philippines have  
 been instructed to stop issuing Umrah visas indefinitely," a Haj  
 Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Umrah pilgrims are given visas throughout the year, except during the  
 annual Haj season. The Kingdom earlier this month barred entry to  
 visitors coming from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and Vietnam  
 as a precautionary measure against Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome  
 (SARS).

Passengers from Far Eastern and Asian countries are being subjected to  
 screening at King Khaled, King Abdul Aziz and King Fahd international  
 airports in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam, and suspected cases are kept under  
 observation for 10 days, said Muhammad Bentin, undersecretary at the  
 Ministry of Haj. The Kingdom has also advised Saudis against traveling to  
 several Asian countries due to the outbreak of the atypical pneumonia.

( . . . )

Umrah pilgrims from at least seven countries across South Asia, the  
 Middle East and Africa, have in any case been delayed in their countries  
 due to a change in the bank guarantee system. The countries include India,  
 Pakistan, Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, Syria and Ethiopia.

"The previous system of a SR10,000 bond that a foreign agent had to  
 obtain from the Kingdom has been replaced by a bank guarantee amounting  
 to SR100,000 that the overseas agent has to furnish now. So far there  
 have been no confirmed Umrah bookings from these countries," said Fayyaz  
 Siddiqui, chief operating officer at Hajeej, part of Alfaisaliah Travel  
 and Tours.

(Description of Source: Jeddah Arab News (Internet Version - WWW) in  
 English -- English language daily; formerly owned by the late Prince  
 Ahmad Bin-Salman, son of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman; URL:  
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**AA=** AFS DOCUMENT NUMBER: GMP20030424000114  
**CY=** CITY/SOURCE: Jeddah Arab News (Internet Version - WWW)  
**NO=** FBIS DOCUMENT NUMBER: FBIS-CHI-2003-0424  
**GN=** GEOGRAPHIC NAMES: China; East Asia; Near East & South Asia;  
 Hong Kong & Macao; Southeast Asia; Arabian Peninsula; Hong Kong;  
 Philippines; Saudi Arabia; Singapore  
**NO=** NEWSEDGE DOCUMENT NUMBER: 200304251477.1\_dbaf0010be7ed967  
**OL=** ORIGINAL SOURCE LANGUAGE: English  
**RG=** REGION: China ; East Asia; Near East & South Asia  
**NO=** WNC DOCUMENT NUMBER: 0hdwgz300ih50x  
**DA=** WNC INSERT DATE: April 25, 2003

SEARCH OPTIONS

BASIC INDEX

SEARCH SUFFIX	DISPLAY CODE	FIELD NAME	INDEXING	SELECT EXAMPLES
— /GN /LP, TX	— GN LP, TX	All Basic Index Fields Geographic Name <sup>1</sup> Lead Paragraph	Word Word Word	S SARS S ARABIAN(W)PENINSULA/GN S UMRAH(W)PILGRIMS/LP
/TI /TX	TI TX	Title Text	Word Word	S SARS(W)OUTBREAK/TI S UMRAH(S)VISAS?/TX

<sup>1</sup> Searchable in the Basic Index and in the Additional Indexes.

ADDITIONAL INDEXES

SEARCH PREFIX	DISPLAY CODE	FIELD NAME	INDEXING	SELECT EXAMPLES
AA=	AA	AFS Document Number	Phrase	S AA=GMP20030424000114
—	AZ	DIALOG Accession Number		
CY=	CY	City/Source <sup>2</sup>	Phrase	S CY=JEDDA ARAB NEWS?
DA=	DR	WNC Insert Date <sup>3</sup>	Phrase	S DA=20030425
DT=	DT	Document Type	Phrase	S DT=NEWS
DY=	DY	Publication Day	Phrase	S DY=THURSDAY
GN=	GN	Geographic Name <sup>1</sup>	Phrase	S GN=ARABIAN PENINSULA
JC=	JC	Source Code	Phrase	S JC=7543
JN=	JN	Source Name	Phrase	S JN=ARAB NEWS
LA=	LA	Language	Phrase	S LA=ENGLISH
MO=	MO	Publication Month	Phrase	S MO=APRIL
NO=	NO	NewsEdge Document Number	Phrase	S NO="200304251477.1 dbaf0010be7ed967"
NO=	NO	Supplier Document Number	Phrase	S NO=FBIS-CHI-2003-0424
NO=	NO	WNC Document Number	Phrase	S NO=0hdwgz300ih50x
OL=	OL	Original Source Language	Phrase	S OL=ENGLISH
PD=	PD	Publication Date	Phrase	S PD=20030424
PY=	PY	Publication Year	Phrase	S PY=2003
RG=	RG	Region <sup>5</sup>	Phrase	S RG=CHINA
RT=	RT	Record Type	Phrase	S RT=FULLTEXT
—	SO	Source Information <sup>6</sup>		
UD=	—	Update	Phrase	S UD=20030425
WD=	WD	Word Count	Numeric	S WD>=500

<sup>2</sup> The CY= field is the City/Source of the publication. Example, CY=ADDIS ABABA THE PRESS

<sup>3</sup> The WNC Insert Date is searchable as DA=, displayable as DR

<sup>4</sup> Expand JN= to display the list of Journal Names / sources

<sup>5</sup> Expand RG= to display regions

<sup>6</sup> Source information includes Source Name, Publication Year and Publication Date

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

For command descriptions, enter HELP LIMIT, HELP SORT, HELP RANK, HELP DUP, HELP CURRENT online.

<b>LIMIT</b>	/ -- DIALOG Accession Number /ENG, /NONENG -- English /FULLTEXT, /ABS -- Fulltext /LONG -- Word Count of 1,000 words or more /SHORT -- Word Count of less than 1,000 words /YYYY -- Publication Year	S S3/0005123-9999999 S S2/ENG S S2/FULLTEXT S S3/LONG S S4/SHORT S S2/2003
<b>SORT</b>	<b>AA, DA, JN, PD, PY, RG, TI</b>	SORT S1/ALL/TI
<b>RANK</b>	All phrase- and numeric-indexed fields in the Additional Indexes can be ranked.	RANK JN S3
<b>RD, ID</b>	Remove duplicates (RD) or identify duplicates (ID,IDO).	RD S5
<b>CURRENT</b>	Search only the most recent year plus one (CURRENT1) to five (CURRENT5) years.	B 985 CURRENT2

**PREDEFINED FORMAT OPTIONS**

NO.	DIALOGWEB FORMAT	RECORD CONTENT
1	--	DIALOG Accession Number
2	--	Full Record except Text
3	Medium	Bibliographic Citation
4	--	Bibliographic Citation, Lead Paragraph, and Word Count
5	--	Bibliographic Citation, Indexing, Lead Paragraph, and Word Count
6	Short	Title, Publication Date, and Word Count
7	Long	Full Record except Indexing
8	Free	Title, Publication Date, Word Count, and Indexing
9	Full	Full Record
K	--	KWIC (Key Word In Context) displays a window of text; may be used alone or with other formats

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<b>USER DEFINED FORMATS</b>	User-defined formats may be specified using the display codes indicated in the Search Options tables.	TYPE S3/TI,PD/1-5
<b>TAG</b>	Output can be displayed with tags identifying each display codes.	TYPE S2/3/1-5 TAG
<b>DIRECT RECORD ACCESS</b>	DIALOG Accession Number	TYPE 0003674/5 DISPLAY 0074483/TI,LP PRINT 0301964/5

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