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At 0429 EDT Mr. Kim Davidson, RSO Embassy Riyadh, informed the EAO that there has been a "security incident" in the city of Yanbu, Saudi Arabia (approx 150 km North of Jeddah). Saudi Arabia security forces have engaged "some type of bad guys". Post cannot confirm if the bad guys are terrorist or just some criminal element, but notes that the MFA is saying the incident is purely criminal. Post further notes that there is a desalinization plant and oil refinery located in Yanbu which have been targets of previous terrorist attacks. Post commented there will be several visiting dignitaries and heads of state in Saudi Arabia tomorrow for the opening of a major University. A local Human rights group is reporting to media that there are several injuries, casualties, and hostages as a result of the security incident. The Emergency Action Committee will convene at 1230 Riyadh time to discuss post reaction.

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