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AMMAN (Reuters) - Jordanian King Abdullah has accepted an invitation by the United States to attend the launch of direct talks between Israelis and Palestinians that aim to forge a peace deal within 12 months, the state news agency said. The statement on the Petra news agency on August 21 said King Abdullah would hold a bilateral meeting with Obama. "The talks...will revolve around the steps necessary to be taken to ensure the negotiations reach their aim in ending the Palestinian-Israeli conflict on the basis of a two-state solution," the statement said.