

RELEASE IN FULL

From: Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 16, 2012 8:12 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Funeral prayers for Saudi heir to be held Sunday (Reuters)

Assume u already heard

From: OpsNewsTicker@state.gov [mailto:OpsNewsTicker@state.gov]
Sent: Saturday, June 16, 2012 06:57 AM
To: NEWS-NEA; NEWS-Mahogany
Subject: Funeral prayers for Saudi heir to be held Sunday (Reuters)

RIYADH (Reuters) - Funeral prayers for Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz al-Saud will be held after sunset on Sunday, the royal court said in a statement on Saturday.

Burial traditionally follows immediately after prayers. The royal court announced on Saturday that Nayef, the next in line to the throne had been ill for months and died in Switzerland where he was being treated.

Al Arabiya television reported that the prayers would be held in a mosque in the holy city of Mecca.

No details were released about his illness. He was about 78.

NewsTickers alert senior Department officials to breaking news. This item appears as it did in its original publication and does not contain analysis or commentary by Department sources.