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DUBAI, Feb 24 (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia's delegation walked out of a "Friends of Syria" meeting in Tunis over what it saw as the gathering's "inactivity", Saudi-owned Al Arabiya television said, but a Saudi official said it had only left to attend bilateral talks.

Asked about the report, an aide to the Saudi foreign minister told Reuters: "We left to attend bilateral meetings" on the sidelines of the "Friends of Syria" conference.

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