

Saudi Arabia looks to lead Arab summit

Saudi Arabia is spearheading diplomatic efforts to resolve a series of crises in the Arab world. Having displaced Egypt as the regional power broker and filled the vacuum as U.S. influence has waned due to Iraq, the House of Saud must now counter the growing influence of Shia Iran

SAUDIS TAKE INITIATIVE



King Abdullah



Nuclear power

Arab League discussion will focus on peaceful energy – but subtext will be on countering Iran and Israel

Palestine: Likely to revive 2002 Arab-Israeli peace initiative. Mediated **Mecca Agreement** truce between President **Mahmoud Abbas** and **Hamas**

Lebanon: Talks with Tehran – backer of **Hezbollah** – to end political stalemate



ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERS



Sudan: President **Omar Al Bashi** will seek Arab support against UN sanctions

200,000 killed, 2.5m displaced since 2003

