

PRESIDENTIAL CALL FROM PRESIDENT BUSH TO PRESIDENT MUBARAK

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President Bush: Greetings, Hosni. It's very early here, but I hope it's a good time for you.

President Mubarak: Yes, sir. I know it's early for you.

President Bush: I am calling about Dick Cheney's trip for talks at King Fahd's invitation. I sent a high level delegation and I want Cheney to see you. He can arrive today at about 2 o'clock if you are agreeable to see him. It is very important to us, there have been a lot of confidential developments and I would like you to have a discussion in person with Dick Cheney.

President Mubarak: Yes, of course. I will be waiting for him in Alexandria. If he arrives in Cairo at 2 o'clock, I can see him by 3 o'clock.

President Bush: I have watched with admiration what you have tried to do. The world is united and there is a chance that through concerted action under Chapter 7 we can force Saddam Husayn to withdraw.

President Mubarak: I sent Saddam a confidential warning today, I told him he will regret what he is doing and that he is committing suicide. He must withdraw. I will see what he answers today, his Vice President is arriving today. I will inform you what he says.

President Bush: Thanks, just pick up the phone and call. We have a good position emerging, but there are already signs of economic hardship in some countries. I am disappointed with our friend King Hussein, but he is in a special situation. I told King Hussein about my disappointment and that he is hurting himself in this country.

President Mubarak: Unbelievable. I cannot understand what King Hussein is doing. I won't help him on a Summit without a withdrawal.

President Bush: I think he is trying to turn this into a matter of the "haves" versus the "have nots".

President Mubarak: No, not true. King Hussein thinks Saddam will give him lots of financial help, that is the reason. I will never sell our principles for money.

President Bush: That is too bad, he has been a courageous friend, but it's having a bad impact. He's been a disappointment.

President Mubarak: He's been a disappointment here too.

President Bush: Hosni, you have been doing great.