

H.E. Dr. Khaled bin Hussein Al-Biyari
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our Excelleray,

On behalf of H.E. Mr Hanno Pevkur, the Minister of Defence of Estonia, I would like to express sincere gratitude to You and to the staff of the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the warm welcome and excellent hospitality during our visit to the World Defence Show 2024 a few weeks ago. Equally, I would like to thank the Defence Forces of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for their kind assistance during our visit.

The visit was very valuable for us and the event provided an excellent platform to meet different government and industry stakeholders. Your thorough insight into the reforms of the Kingdom's defence system over the past five years and the discussions on regional security were very informative for the Estonian delegation. The discussion that we had on global security issues was important as well. It gives us a good basis to continue to work towards peace in all parts of the world.

Your Excellency, please allow me to express our wish to strengthen the cooperation between our countries in national defence and extend to you an official invitation to visit Estonia at a time most suitable for you. We would be honoured to host you and your delegation in Estonia already this spring. As indicated by our discussion during the meeting, there is a clear need to deepen our cooperation in the area of defence industry.

For more detailed questions and further correspondence, I kindly ask your team to contact with Ms Eneli Saabas (eneli.saabas@mod.gov.ee, +372 717 0223), she serves as the main point of contact for the delegation's visit to Estonia.

Once again, Your Excellency, let me sincerely thank you for an opportunity to attend World Defence Show in Riyadh. This gave us a good opportunity to extend our dialogue, which will lead to a fruitful cooperation in the future. Your hospitality is highly appreciated.

Your Excellency, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Undersecretary for Defence Planning

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