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- ❖ King Abdullah II received a delegation of 20 members from Jerusalem, which included the Head of Islamic Waqf Council, Islamic Higher Committee, Mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine, Head of Sharia Judges, Heads of Palestinian institutions as well as Palestinian members of Israeli Knesset at the Royal Court in Amman.

- ❖ The King's Agenda:
 1. US Foreign Policy under Trump and the mission of a US Delegation in the region next week, and HM consultations with Arab and EU leaders.
 2. Coordination with Palestinian Leadership on Political and security issues (Trump agenda), especially after HM visit to Ramallah last week.
 3. The 14th of July crisis in Al-Aqsa Mosque and the commitment of HM as the custodian of the holy places in Jerusalem to protect, preserve and secure the historical and religious status quo on the holy places, as well as to empower the Waqf institutions.
 4. The question of Jerusalem is a question of Israeli occupation; it is on sovereignty and politics and not on religion or ONLY ON SECURITY.
 5. The Christian property in Jerusalem and the legal, political and financial implications as well as the role of the Greek Patriarchate in Jerusalem.

- ❖ Issues on the Table of the Meeting:
 1. A preparation for international conference on Jerusalem to be attended by HM, President of Egypt and President of Palestine by the end of the year.
 2. The conference to encourage Muslims to reach Al-Aqsa Mosque all days of the year.
 3. On Palestinians from Israel, grateful for keeping all doors open to study, travel and to go to pilgrimage since the old days of the late HM King Hussein.
 4. The need to empower and institutionalize the relations with the Islamic Waqf Council in Jerusalem.
 5. To re-consider the fees for passports issued for Jerusalemites.
 6. To avoid accusations, rumors and false news on Christian leaders and the "sold property" in Jerusalem as there are now intensive efforts with all parties to handle the issues.