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## OLYMPIC DAY CALLS FOR PEACE THROUGH SPORT

JORDAN'S ANNUAL OLYMPIC DAY SENT A CLEAR MESSAGE OF PEACE TO THE WORLD WHEN 5,000 PEOPLE JOINED ATHLETES AND SPORTING OFFICIALS FOR A COLOURFUL SHOW OF UNITY AT AL HUSSEIN SPORTS CITY.

WHITE DOVES OF PEACE AND ONE BALLOON FOR EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WERE RELEASED INTO THE GLORIOUS BLUE SKY AS OLYMPIC DAY ADOPTED THE PEACE THROUGH SPORT THEME, A GLOBAL INITIATIVE LAUNCHED EARLIER THIS YEAR BY HRH PRINCE FEISAL AL HUSSEIN, PRESIDENT OF THE JORDAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (JOC).

"THE FACT THAT SO MANY PEOPLE TURNED OUT CARRYING BANNERS IN SUPPORT OF PEACE THROUGH

SPORT SENT A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT WE AS SPORTS LEADERS CAN MAKE A SMALL BUT IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE," SAID HRH PRINCE FEISAL.

"WE HAVE HAD OVERWHELMING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE INITIATIVE SINCE IT WAS LAUNCHED AND IT WAS HEARTENING TO SEE THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVED FROM JORDANIANS WHO TURNED OUT IN FORCE."

PEACE THROUGH SPORT, THE BRANCHCHILD OF HRH PRINCE FEISAL, WILL BRING TOGETHER LEADERS OF YOUTH FROM AROUND THE WORLD IN A BID TO UNITE CHILDREN FROM ALL SIDES OF THEIR DIVIDES. IT WAS LAUNCHED EARLIER THIS YEAR TO INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM AND WILL UNVEIL ITS FIRST PILOT CAMP AT SPORTS CITY FROM OCTOBER 21-31.

FOLLOWING THE SYMBOLIC LAUNCH TO OLYMPIC DAY, THE HUGE CROWD TOOK PART IN A WALK ACROSS AMMAN WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF WELL WISHERS LINING THE ROUTE AND VOICING THEIR SUPPORT. THE GUEST OF HONOUR WAS NIRAN AL SAMARAI, THE WIFE OF AHMED AL SAMARAI, THE ABDUCTED PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF IRAQ. SOME WALKERS CARRIED BANNERS PLEADING FOR HIS RELEASE.

FOLLOWING THE 4KM WALK FOR PEACE, PARTICIPANTS RETURNED BACK TO THE OLYMPIC FLAME AT SPORTS CITY. IT WAS THE FIFTH TIME THAT JORDAN HAS HOSTED AN OLYMPIC DAY CELEBRATION.



