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Level 2

Arab League agrees to make Arab "army"

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THE READING

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The Arab League will make a joint Arab "army" that could have 40,000 troops. It will be like NATO. When one member country is being attacked, the other countries will help defend it. Members can ask for help from the other countries. Arab League members say the new force will help with the many security issues in the Middle East. There will be Arab League meetings in the next month to create the force. Then defence ministers of Arab nations will look at the ideas. The defence ministers will then choose which countries will provide the soldiers and equipment.

Not all Arab League countries support the idea. Iraq said it was against it. Iraq said one Arab country should not fight in another Arab country. An Iraqi spokesperson said the best way to sort out problems was to have discussions. Lebanon said any military action should have the agreement of most countries. The Arab League also talked about the challenges in the region today. It asked the Houthi forces in Yemen to leave the capital Sanaa and give up their weapons. The League also discussed the best way to bring peace and stability back to Syria.

Sources: <http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2015/03/29/Arab-League-Summit-.html>
<http://www.timesofoman.com/News/49577/Article-Arab-League-leaders-reach-consensus-on-unified-force>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--|-------------------|
| 1. a joint Arab "army" that could have | a. the next month |
| 2. other countries will help | b. at the ideas |
| 3. security | c. 40,000 troops |
| 4. Arab League meetings in | d. equipment |
| 5. create the | e. defend it |
| 6. look | f. ministers |
| 7. defence | g. issues |
| 8. provide the soldiers and | h. force |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Not all Arab League countries | a. most countries |
| 2. Iraq said it was | b. stability back to Syria |
| 3. one Arab country should not | c. to leave the capital |
| 4. the best way to sort | d. against it |
| 5. have the agreement of | e. weapons |
| 6. It asked the Houthi forces in Yemen | f. support the idea |
| 7. give up their | g. fight in another |
| 8. the best way to bring peace and | h. out problems |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Arab League (1) _____ Arab "army" that could have 40,000 troops. It will be like NATO. When one member country (2) _____, the other countries will help defend it. Members can (3) _____ the other countries. Arab League members say the new force (4) _____ many security issues in the Middle East. There will be Arab League meetings in the next month (5) _____. Then defence ministers of Arab nations will look at the ideas. The defence ministers (6) _____ countries will provide the soldiers and equipment.

Not all Arab League countries (7) _____. Iraq said it was against it. Iraq said one Arab country should not fight in another Arab country. An Iraqi spokesperson (8) _____ to sort out problems was to have discussions. Lebanon said (9) _____ should have the agreement of most countries. The Arab League also talked about the challenges (10) _____. It asked the Houthi forces in Yemen to (11) _____ Sanaa and give up their weapons. The League also discussed the best way to bring peace (12) _____ to Syria.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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a)

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