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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Authorized Departure Termination – Saudi Arabia

The Department of State has terminated the Authorized Departure from Mission Saudi Arabia and the Yemen Affairs Unit, which includes all of Saudi Arabia, for eligible family members (EFMs), including DoD EFMs, and non-emergency civilian employees, effective August 24, 2020.

DoD EFMs and non-emergency civilian personnel are therefore expected to depart for Saudi Arabia in the most expeditious manner possible within 30 days of the date the Authorized Departure was terminated.

The Stop Forward Movement Order for travel to Saudi Arabia, issued by my office on July 6, 2020, is terminated. Any travel to Saudi Arabia must be in compliance with the May 22, 2020 Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Transition to Conditions-based Phased Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions."

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