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## **Level 1**

### **Arab League agrees to make Arab "army"**

**1st April, 2015**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1504/150401-arab-league-1.html>

The Arab League will make an Arab "army" with perhaps 40,000 soldiers. It will be like NATO. When one country is attacked, the other countries will help it. Members can ask for help from other countries. The Arab League said the new force will help with the problems in the Middle East. Arab League meetings in the next month will talk about ideas for the force. Then defence ministers of Arab nations will look at them and make decisions.

Not all Arab League countries like the idea. Iraq said one Arab country should not fight in another Arab country. It said the best way to sort out problems was to have discussions. Lebanon said most countries should agree on any military action. The Arab League also talked about the problems in the region today. It wants rebels in Yemen to stop fighting. It also wants 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>  
<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2015/03/sisi-arab-nations-create-joint-military-force-150329103508213.html>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1504/150401-arab-league-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 40,000               | a. Middle East     |
| 2. When one country is  | b. for the force   |
| 3. help from            | c. soldiers        |
| 4. problems in the      | d. decisions       |
| 5. meetings in the next | e. attacked        |
| 6. talk about ideas     | f. ministers       |
| 7. defence              | g. month           |
| 8. make                 | h. other countries |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Not all Arab League countries | a. in the region today  |
| 2. one Arab country should       | b. discussions          |
| 3. the best way to sort          | c. to stop fighting     |
| 4. have                          | d. not fight in another |
| 5. agree on any military         | e. like the idea        |
| 6. talked about the problems     | f. back to Syria        |
| 7. It wants rebels in Yemen      | g. out problems         |
| 8. bring peace and stability     | h. action               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Arab League (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Arab "army" with perhaps 40,000 soldiers. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_. When one country is attacked, the other countries will help it. Members can (3) \_\_\_\_\_ other countries. The Arab League said the new (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the problems in the Middle East. Arab League meetings in (5) \_\_\_\_\_ will talk about ideas for the force. Then defence ministers of Arab nations will look at them (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Not all Arab League countries (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Iraq said one Arab country (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in another Arab country. It said the best (9) \_\_\_\_\_ problems was to have discussions. Lebanon said most countries should agree on (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The Arab League also talked about the problems (11) \_\_\_\_\_. It wants rebels in Yemen to stop fighting. It also wants (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and stability back to Syria.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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aidthenewforcewillhelpwiththeproblemsintheMiddleEast.ArabLeag  
uemeetingsinthenextmonthwilltalkaboutideasfortheforce.Thendefe  
nceministersofArabnationswilllookatthemandmakedecisions.Notall  
ArabLeaguecountriesliketheidea.IraqsaidoneArabcountryshouldnot  
fightinanotherArabcountry.Itsaidthebestwaytosortoutproblemswas  
tohavediscussions.Lebanonsaidmostcountriesshouldagreeonanymi  
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ntoday.ItwantsrebelsinYementostopfighting.Italsowantstobringpe  
aceandstabilitybacktoSyria.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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