



# President Bush Welcomes King Abdullah of Jordan to the White House

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House, Washington

1 Your Majesty, welcome back. I have had two good discussions with His  
Majesty. Last night His Majesty and the Crown Prince came to have dinner  
with Laura and me and some members of Congress, and we had a really good  
discussion. We had a little time by ourselves to talk strategically about the world  
5 and our deep desire for this world to be peaceful.

Of course we talked about Iraq, Iran, the Palestinian territories. I appreciate  
your vision and your desire to achieve a better world for the people in your  
neighborhood.

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We also talked about a topic that requires a lot of discussion and a lot of  
sensitive thought, and that is the reaction to the cartoons. I first want to make it  
very clear to people around the world that ours is a nation that believes in  
tolerance and understanding. In America we welcome people of all faiths. One  
15 of the great attributes of our country is that you're free to worship however you  
choose in the United States of America.

Secondly, we believe in a free press. We also recognize that with freedom comes  
responsibilities. With freedom comes the responsibility to be thoughtful about  
20 others. Finally, I have made it clear to His Majesty and he made it clear to me  
that we reject violence as a way to express discontent with what may be printed  
in a free press. I call upon the governments around the world to stop the  
violence, to be respectful, to protect property, protect the lives of innocent  
diplomats who are serving their countries overseas.

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And so, Your Majesty, thank you for coming. I'm proud to share the moment  
with you.

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