



Crown Prince MbS is using this to consolidate power.

(There were hopeful rumors the King would rein him in.)

This feels very Kushner-like, tbh.

<https://t.co/GSVcIEKHNU>

King Salman orders formation of a ministerial committee headed by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to restructure the general intelligence agency, according to [@spagov](#). <https://t.co/4oG68QRNO7>

— Steve Herman (@W7VOA) [October 19, 2018](#)

This thread is really what they're going with. All in.

I anticipate the WH will accept this version that offers (barely) plausible deniability to MbS and celebrates his and the Kingdom's "transparency" and "swift action," or something to that effect.

<https://t.co/WRJdCUbscz>

The removal of two top officials, a cabinet ranking, very powerful and close advisor of MBS and the Deputy Head of Foreign intelligence + 4 other Generals in foreign intelligence (virtually its whole top leadership) cannot be written off as a cover up. This is unprecedented.

— Ali Shihabi (@aliShihabi) [October 19, 2018](#)