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Bruno Lafont (2nd L), chief executive of French building material company Lafarge, and Thierry Desmarest (2nd R), chairman of French oil company Total, close the cornerstone of the Louvre museum's future Islamic art department as Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal (L), his wife, Princess Ameera (2nd L), Louvre's curator Daniel Roger and France's president Nicolas Sarkozy (R) look on in Paris July 16, 2008 during the ceremony marking the launch of the works.



France's President Nicolas Sarkozy (R) hugs Saudi Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal during the ceremony marking the launch of the works of the Louvre museum's future Islamic art department in Paris July 16, 2008.



France's President Nicolas Sarkozy (R) and Saudi Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal (L) place the map of the Louvre museum's future Islamic art department inside the cornerstone in Paris July 16, 2008 during the ceremony marking the launch of the works. In the background (L to R) Princess Ameerah, wife of Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, the Aga Khan, the spiritual leader of the Ismaili Muslim sect, and French Culture Minister Christine Albanel.



France's President Nicolas Sarkozy (R) shakes hands with Saudi Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal (L) in front of the cornerstone of the Louvre museum's future Islamic art department in Paris July 16, 2008 during the ceremony marking the launch of the works. In the background (L to R) Princess Ameerah, wife of Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, the Aga Khan, the spiritual leader of the Ismaili Muslim sect, and French Culture Minister Christine Albanel.



Saudi Arabian Prince Alwaleed bin Talal (R) waves as he is welcomed by French President Nicolas Sarkozy's special advisor Jean-David Levitte before a bilateral meeting on July 16, 2008 at the Elysee Palace in Paris.



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