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are being trained in the use of new surveillance equipment and crisis management under a programme managed by US defence group Lockheed Martin, a Saudi strategic affairs adviser said yesterday. The training is part of a US government contract, according to the Nicosia-based Middle East Economic Survey, which first revealed that Lockheed was involved in training the force. 昨日记者未能立即联系到洛克希德以获取置评。 Lockheed was not immediately available to comment yesterday. 上述顾问补充称，估计沙特将在新装备和部队上投入约40亿-50亿美元。 沙特是全球最大的石油输出国，拥有全球25%的已探明石油储量。 The kingdom, which is the worlds biggest oil exporter and has 25 per cent of the worlds proven oil reserves, is investing an estimated \$4bn-\$5bn in the new equipment and the force, the adviser added. 沙特已拥有逾75000人的陆军，18000人的空军，15500人的海军以及一支16000人的防空军。 Saudi Arabia already has a 75,000-strong army, an air force of 18,000, a navy of 15,500 and an air defence force of 16,000. 美国政府7月份宣布了一笔拟议中的交易，估计价值为200亿美元，合同方是海湾合作委员会(Gulf Cooperation Council)的6个国家，其中包括沙特，以提升该地区的安全。 Washington announced a proposed arms deal in July, estimated to be worth \$20bn, with the six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, which includes Saudi Arabia, to boost security in the region. 自2003年发生一系列针对西方居住区的袭击以来，沙特加大了对伊斯兰武装分子的打击力度。 Saudi Arabia has stepped up its crackdown against Islamist militants since a series of attacks against western residential compounds in 2003. 100Test 下载

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