

Saudi king: Britain weak in terror fight

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RIYADH, Saudi Arabia -- Britain has been lax in battling international terrorism, Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah said Monday before arriving in London. In a telephone interview with the BBC from Riyadh, the monarch said that in the past Britain had failed to act on information passed to them by the Saudis which might have averted terrorist attacks. "We have sent information to Great Britain before the (July 2005) terrorist attacks in Britain but unfortunately no action was taken. And it may have been able to maybe avert the tragedy," he said. Abdullah flew to London later Monday and the formal visit was to begin Tuesday with a meeting with Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Meanwhile, Kate Allen, director of Amnesty International U.K., called on Brown to tell the king that Saudi Arabia's human rights record was "totally unacceptable," the BBC report said.

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