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**SINGAPORE, SAUDI ARABIA ESTABLISH NEW BILATERAL PARTNERSHIP BODY, TO STEP UP COOPERATION IN VARIOUS AREAS**

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Singapore and Saudi Arabia have established a new bilateral partnership body at the highest levels of leadership, to step up cooperation in areas such as economic, defence and people-to-people ties.

The foreign ministers of both countries on Wednesday (Jan 15) signed a memorandum of understanding to establish the Saudi-Singapore Strategic Partnership Council, co-chaired by Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman.

The partnership was first announced during former Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's visit to Saudi Arabia in October 2023.

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