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King Hussein In Praise of a Great Leader

*Benazir Bhutto issued the following
statement today from Islamabad:*

"On this somber day for us all, I extend my deepest condolences to the Hussein family, Queen Noor and the people of Jordan.

Not just the Jordanian people, but the world, have lost a true, courageous and visionary leader.

King Hussein was the longest-serving leader in the Middle East, indeed one of the longest ruling in the world, having first come to power as a young man in 1952.

His reign -- a valiant stewardship -- shall be remembered for all time as honorable beyond reproach.

The King's commitment to peace and his visionary positions of conscience shall be for all time a beacon of light for all those seeking the more difficult paths to peace and reconciliation.

To Crown Prince Abdullah Hussein, who shall soon take up the grave responsibilities of governing the nation of Jordan, I extend my prayers that you shall fulfill your new duties with grace, with foresight and, above all, with compassion for all people."

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