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Just got back in. I lack the technical report from the doctor s= will just wing it.

We were with Sultan last nigh= and it was obvious to me that he had improved in 12 hours. His color was =ood, the edema-like swelling of his face after transport was gone and the =est clearly benefited him after almost 2 days of mayhem.

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After final review this morning he underwent surgery to stab=lize fractures in the C2 and C3 vertebrae. This was done by inserting 2 ap=rox 40mm screws into the vertebrae and entering vertically and up through =he throat area.

Time in surgery was about 3.5 hou=s and it was deemed "highly successful" by the Chief physician Prof. Dr. C=. Jürgens who performed it.

The C1 was in li=e and about the only thing that could be said was that Sultan was very, ve=y lucky that the spinal cord was not touched.

He =s in a Halo Fixator fully intubated and he is breathing with the help of m=chanical ventilator.

The intention is to keep him=sedated and in ICU for 2 to 4 days and monitor him. It may be as long as a=week. The primary issue is see that he does not move and affect the fractu=e healing but also to aid in the reduction of the slight edema that is pre=ent in the spinal cord column around the injured areas. Doctors feel that =t is this edema that was causing some reduced feeling in his right foot an= one arm during the neuro exam made on his arrival. I should repeat he was=able to move his hands, arms and legs with minimal difficulty but some red=ction in strength.

The cause of his brief respira=ory arrest is not known and Jürgens is taking the conservative approa=h that it may have been a result of neurological damage to the "breathing =ontrol" centered at the C1. He is going to be very cautious about bringing=him out of the induced coma and off the ventilator.

The reason is this; if they remove the tube and he is unable to breathe =y himself it is extremely difficult to intubate him with the Halo Fixator =n place.

I speculated in the middle of the night = couple of days ago that it might have just been sputum that triggered the=arrest but now I am not sure (and truthfully, what the hell do I know anyw=y).

No other surgery is anticipated or required.<=div>

Minimum stay in Hamburg is at least 4 weeks and th=y will attempt to hold him much longer. He will attempt to negotiate his w=y around this.

At least I can get him back to Dub=i in comfort with the BBJ once he is cleared.

He =s resting comfortably in ICU and for the moment there is not much to do.</=iv>

I have been coordinating the management of the treatment and our own internal PR damage control with his son Abdullah bin Sulaim. We have kept our communication to family members and top management vague and upbeat. As soon as Sultan is coherent and communicating we will work out the rest of the plan as he sees fit.


As we are at a rest point tomorrow I will head back to Coronado for a week then return to Hamburg to set up a sort of Ops center for him as he rejoins the World. Other family members are coming to Hamburg in the coming days and when he opens his eyes he will be with friends - very important as you know for Arab families.

All for now.

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