

## Alicog v. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

(S.D.Tex. 1994)

Two women from Sri Lanka and the Philippines alleged that they were recruited to serve as servants for Prince Saad (King Fahd's brother) when the Prince traveled to Houston for medical treatment. They alleged that they were prevented from leaving the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Houston during a five month period (their passports were taken from them), and they were physically and mentally abused.

Prince Saad died in July 1993.

Defendants argue:

- (1) King argues **head-of-state immunity**.
- (2) Saudi Arabia argues **“discretionary tort.”**

How should the court rule?