



# Country: Saudi Arabia

### **General information**

Type of government: absolute monarchy

Current leader: King and Prime Minister Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud

Number of inhabitants: 37 121 403

Secular or religious state? Islamic theocracy

Main political beliefs and values: Islamic beliefs and values, the Qur'an and the Sunnah are declared to be the de jure

country's constitution

Economic situation: good

## International position

Influence on a world scale: average-strong (very strong economically)

Major strengths: one of the biggest producer of oil and world's largest oil exporter, lot of natural resources, a growing economy since many years, start to develop tourism

Major weaknesses: economy is still driven by the oil sector and fiscal spending despite diversification efforts, slow progress in reforms, dependence of foreign workers, persistent tensions with Iran, geopolitical uncertainties.

Main allies: United States, Jordan, Egypt, Yemen, Arab states of the Persian Gulf

Main enemies: Iran+++, North Korea, Syria, Lebanon

Major conflicts and tensions it is/has been involved in: heavy proxy war against Iran since 1970s

#### Internal situation

	GOOD	FLAWED	BAD
Press rights		Х	
Access to education	X		
Access to healthcare	X		
Women's rights			X
Minorities' rights			Х



Civil/ Justice rights			X
Ecology		Х	
Technological situation	Х		

# Sources & useful links

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