

Saudi Arabia





General Information

Type of government: an absolute monarchy

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

Number of inhabitants: 35,975,736

Secular or religious state? Islamic theocracy

Main political beliefs and values: Islamic beliefs and values, preserving the Kingdom's ancient customs & traditions

Economic situation: good

International Position

Influence on a world scale: strong economically otherwise average

Major strengths: the world's second-largest oil producer (behind the US) and the world's largest oil exporter, Large financial resources, Economic diversification and reform efforts to attract foreign investments, Rising government support for tourism

Major weaknesses: High dependence on hydrocarbon despite economic diversification efforts, exposure to volatility in energy prices, dependence on foreign labor

Main allies: China, U.S, Egypt, Morocco, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Main enemies: Iran +++, North Korea, Iraq, Syria, Oman

Major conflicts and tensions it is/has been involved in : proxy war against Iran (still ongoing)

Internal Situation

	GOOD	FLAWED	BAD
Press rights		Х	
Access to education	X		
Access to healthcare	X		
Women's rights			Х
Minorities' rights			X
Civil/ Justice rights			X
Ecology		X	



Technological	X	
advancement		

Sources & Useful links

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