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King Abdullah 8/01/2005 to 2/23/2015



King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al Saud, 8/1/2005-1/23/2015.



Co-educational, King Abdullah University for Science and Technology.



Abdullatif al Asheikh.

1/2012 appointed President of the Commission for the Prevention of Vice and Promotion of Virtue (religious police).

U.S. Pivot to Asia



announces the U.S. foreign policy "Pivot to Asia."

Shocked and disappointed, King Abdullah announced that henceforth Saudi Arabia would take the lead in international relations in the Middle East.



March 7, 2014, King Abdullah outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood.









April 30, 2014. "Abdullah's Shield" military exercise in Saudi Arabia.



King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al Saud, died January 23, 2015.



King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al Saud, 8/1/2005-1/23/2015.





Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz al Saud died 10/28/2011.

Crown Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz al Saud died 6/16/2012.

Crown Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz al Saud.

King Salman 1/23/2015 - present



King Salman bin Abdulaziz al Saud 1/23/2015 - present Crown Prince Muqrin bin Abdulaziz al Saud until 4/28/2015

Crown Prince Mohammad bin Nayef until 6/21/2017

Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman 6/21/2017 - present



King Salman bin Abdulaziz al Saud 1/23/2015 - present







2017, Saudi women are permitted to drive.



Jan 2018. Saudi sports stadiums are opened to women and families.



Women entering sports stadium.



By Royal decree, restaurants are no longer divided into a men's section and a family section...



...however, screens are available at most restaurants, on request.



7/2021 Saudi businesses may remain open during prayer times.



Abdullatif al Asheikh,

6/2018 having reigned in the religious police, is promoted to Minister of Islamic Affairs.

The Crackdown

Mishaal bin Abdallah, former Gov. of Mecca



Mohammad bin Nayef, former Crown Prince

Fahda bint Falah, Mohammad bin Salman's mother



Mutaib bin Abdallah, former head of Nat. Guard

Turki bin Abdallah, former Gov. of Riyadh

Faisal bin Abdallah, former head of Saudi Red Crescent Society





Fahd bin Abdullah, former Deputy Defense Minister





Prince Talal bin Abulaziz and Prince al-Waleed bin Talal.

The Khashoggi Affair



Saad al Hariri .Prime Minister of Lebanon



Oct. 2, 2018. Jamal Khashoggi, journalist and frequent critic of Mohammad bin Salman, is murdered in a Saudi Consulate in Turkey, possibly during a botched kidnapping attempt.



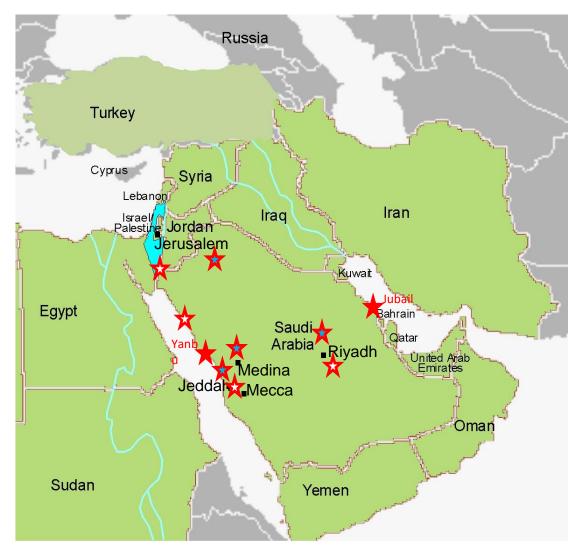
Former Crown Prince Mohammad bin Nayef



Prince Ahmed bin Abdulaziz, King Salman's younger Sudairi brother

Vision 2030: New cities, **New industries** And a new world of oil

New cities

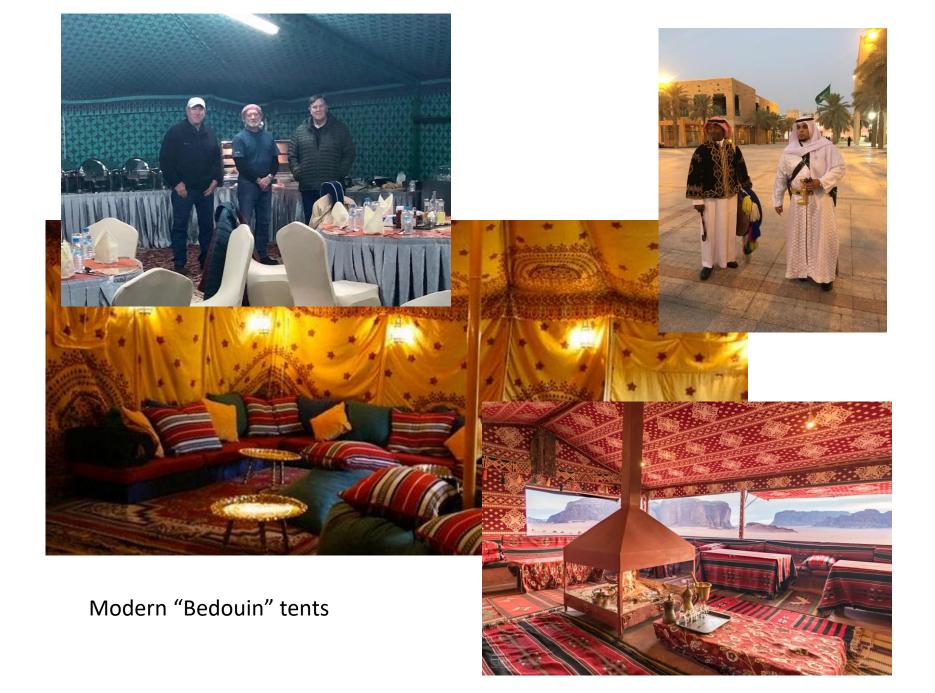


Vision 2030. On April 25, 2016, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammad announced sweeping economic and social developments including construction of more "new cities."



King Abdullah Economic City.

New industries



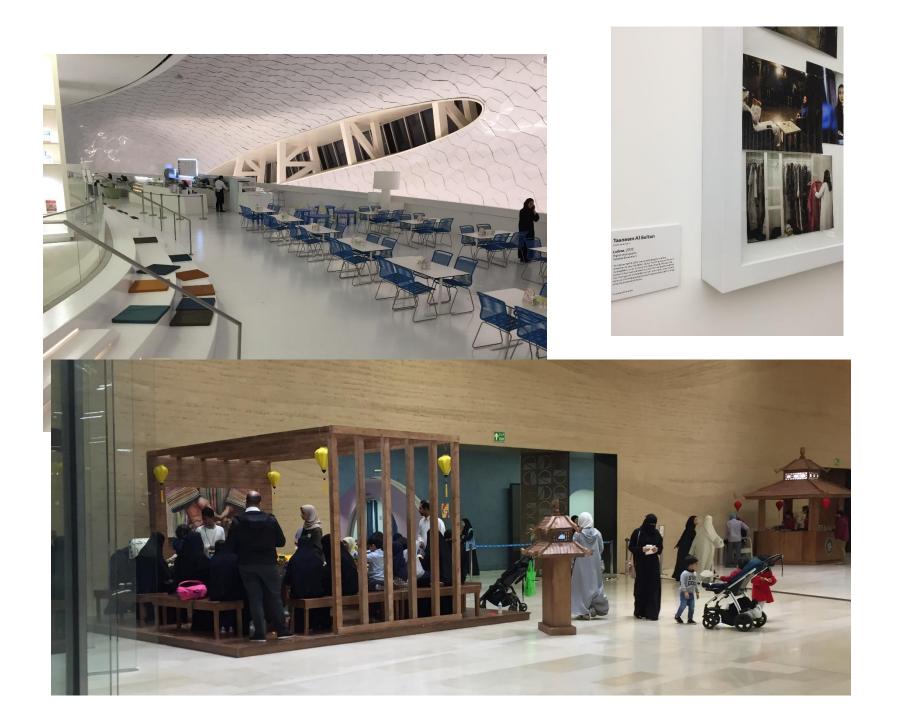




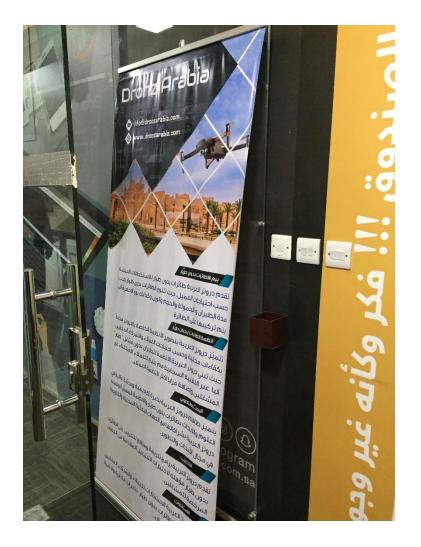


King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture











Texas Aggies Chris Schaefer, Dr. Mezyad Alterkawi and Sonny Flores at King Saud University, Riyadh.



Princess Noura bint Abdulrahman University.

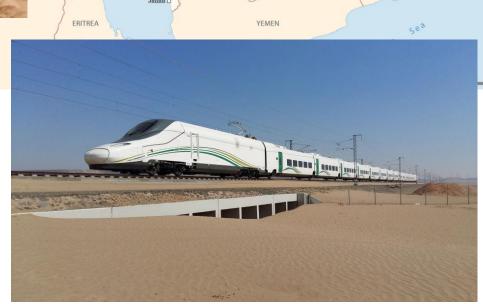


Princess Noura bint Abdulrahman University Central Library.

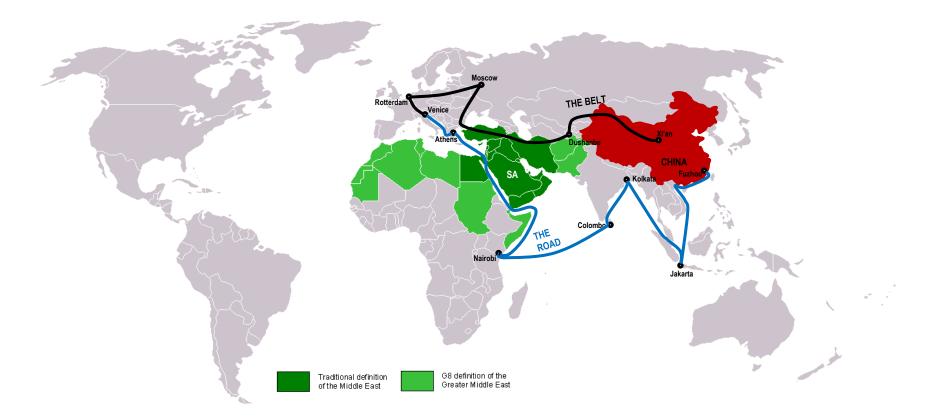




Passenger train on the Riyadh-Dammam line.



High-speed electric rail from Madinah to Mecca.



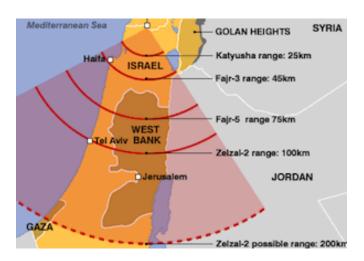
China's Belt and Road

Iran, Hezbollah and Yemen





Ayatollah Khomeini sends 1,500 Iranian Republican Guards to Lebanon, to organize and train a Shi'a militia.





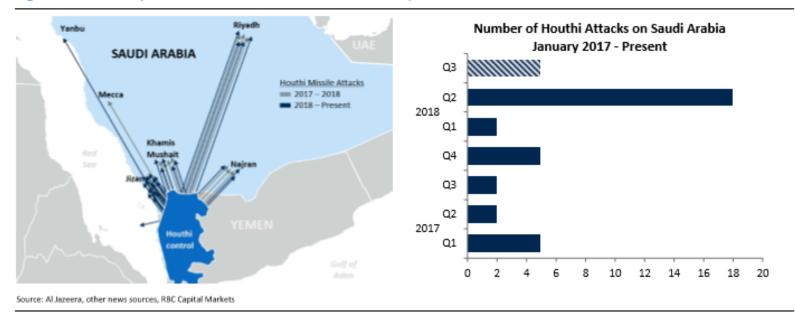




Hezbollah's Iranian missiles can hit most of Israel from southern Lebanon.



Missiles in the hands of the Houthis can hit most of Saudi Arabia's major cities.



Figures 3 & 4: History of Houthi missile attacks on Saudi Arabia by location and over time



3/25/22 Smoke billows from an oil storage facility in Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coastal city of Jeddah on after a missile attack by Yemeni rebels. (Andrej Isacovic/AFP via Getty Images)

3/26/22 People stand at the site of Saudi-led air strikes in Sanaa, Yemen, conducted in retaliation for the Jeddah attack.

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