

Saudi National Day

Saudi Arabia Under the Microscope

Official title:	The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
Capital:	Riyadh (population two millions).
Government:	Monarchy. Head of State — The Custodian of The Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz.
Area:	900,000 sq. miles.
Population:	14.2 million.
Language:	Arabic. English is widely spoken.
Religion:	Islam.
Flag:	Inscription of the Muslim profession of faith "There is no God but God, and Muhammad is His messenger" and a sword in white against a green background. The sword symbolizes justice and strength rooted in faith.
Climatic:	Temperature varies from 7°C to 50°C.
Rainfall:	Scanty and irregular. Long, hot and dry summer.
Currency:	Temperature drops markedly at night.
Education:	The 'Riyal' divided into 100 'halalahs'.
Health:	Free education facilities for all citizens upto university level. Universities — 7 with 78 faculties; colleges — 105 (including 11 women's colleges); schools — 15,500; Students at all levels — 30,00,000; teachers at all levels — 184,000.
Economy:	Free medical facilities for all citizens; Hospitals — 253 beds; — 38,955; doctors — 18,042; primary health centres — 2,258.
G.D.P.:	Free enterprise system.
G.N.P.:	Average growth rate 4 per cent (1985-90).
Per capita income:	Total estimated G.N.P. by 1990: SR 354.9 billion.
Industry:	SR 35,000 (9,500 US dollars approx).
Agriculture:	Over 2,061 industrial units built at a cost of more than SR 70 billion.
	Cultivable land — 4.5 million hectares. Land under



Progress maintains momentum: University of Riyadh in the Saudi capital.

actual cultivation — 2.9 million hectares. Pasture land — 48 million hectares. Main crops: dates, cereals, fruits, vegetables.

Minerals and Mining: Oil: total crude oil reserves — 260 billion barrels (25 per cent of world reserve). Gas (total reserve — 180 trillion cubic feet); lead, nickel, zinc, gold, tin and tungsten, iron, copper, uranium, phosphates, bauxite, potassium, granite and marbles.

Exports: Oil, petro-chemicals, fertilizers, metals, wheat, cement, building materials, foodstuffs. Value of exports — SR 102 billion (1989).

Imports: Electrical goods, house-hold appliances, garments, spices, silk products, cutleries, imitation jewellery. Value of imports — SR 80.55 billion (1989).

Cities: Makkah, Madina, Taif, Dhahran.

Port cities: Jeddah, Dammam, Yanbu, Jubail, Jizan.

Air Ports: 23 airports, including three international airports at Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran.

Telephones: 1,500,000

Telex lines: 30,000

Post Offices: 603

Radio stations: 17

TV transmission centre: 90

Railways: 600 kilometres. Annual passenger traffic — 400,000; annual goods traffic — two million tons.

Roads: 95,348 kilometres (Asphalted — 31,000 kilometres).

Dams: 200 dams with storage capacity of 400 million cubic metres.

Desalination plants: 27 plants, capacity: 573 million cubic metres daily.

Underground reserves — 36,000 billion cubic metres.

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