

Saudi Arabia and Wahabism



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Political Parties

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Historical Background

- Rashidun Caliphate
- Umayyad Caliphate
- Abbasid Caliphate
- Seljuk Empire
- Ayyubid Empire
- Mamluk Sultanate
- Ottoman Empire



Historical Background

The Battle of Marj Dabiq
(24 August 1516) between
the Mamluk Sultanate and
Ottomans (Selim I).



Historical Background

French Campaign in Egypt
(1798-1801) Napoleon

Bonaparte, and upcoming
of the Freemasonry.

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Historical Background

Muhammad Ali Pasha,
De facto ruler of Egypt.



Historical Background

The First Saudi State (Emirate of Diriyah) 1744-1818



Muhammad ibn al-Wahhab

Historical Background

The initial power base was the town of Ad-Diriyyah, where Muhammad bin Saud met Muhammad ibn Abdul-Wahhab, who came to Ibn Saud for protection. Muhammad ibn Saud granted him entry into Diriyah. They formed an alliance in 1744 which was formalized by the wedding of Muhammad bin Abdul-Wahhab's daughter to Abdulaziz, son and successor of Ibn Saud. Thereafter, the descendants of Muhammad bin Saud and the descendants of bin Abdul-Wahhab, the Al ash-Sheikh, have remained closely linked.



ibn al-Wahhab & Muhammad bin Saud



Historical Background



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmPQeSB4hmo&feature=youtu.be>



ibn al-Wahhab & Muhammad bin Saud



Historical Background

The Second Saudi State (Emirate of Nejd)
1824-1891. 3rd : 1902-



The Emirate of Nejd and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

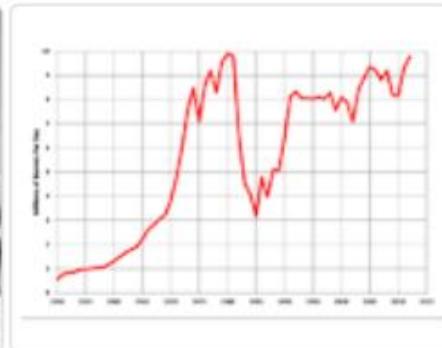
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Historical Background

Saudi-Hashemite Struggle for Power over Arabi (Nejd-Hejaz):

- 1918-1919
- 1924 (By early 1923, Ibn Saud decided to take over Hejaz, but was unsure over British position. The worsening relations between England and Hashemite rulers and the proclamation of Sharif Husayn as Caliph, finally made Ibn Saud to undertake the campaign, and attacked Taif in September 1924, beginning the Saudi conquest, which came to an end in December 1925.).

Historical Background Oil and SA's Politics



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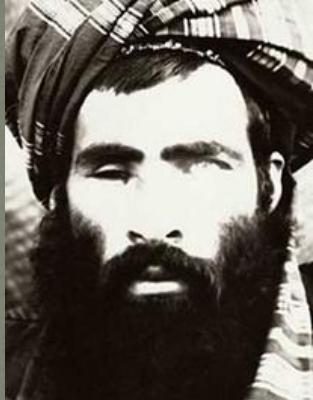
Saudi Arabian oil was first **discovered** by the Americans in commercial quantities at Dammam oil well No. 7 in 1938 in what is now modern day Dhahran.

Oil and SA's Politics Promotion of Wahabism (Expansionism & Hegemony)



Salafi Jihadism Afghani Jihad & Al-Qaeda





Al-Qaeda-Taliban Intermarriage

“It was even thought that Mullah Omar had taken Bin Laden’s eldest daughter as a wife, and that Bin Laden may even have taken one of Mullah Omar’s daughters as a fourth wife”.(BBC, 2015)



Arab Spring & Aftermath

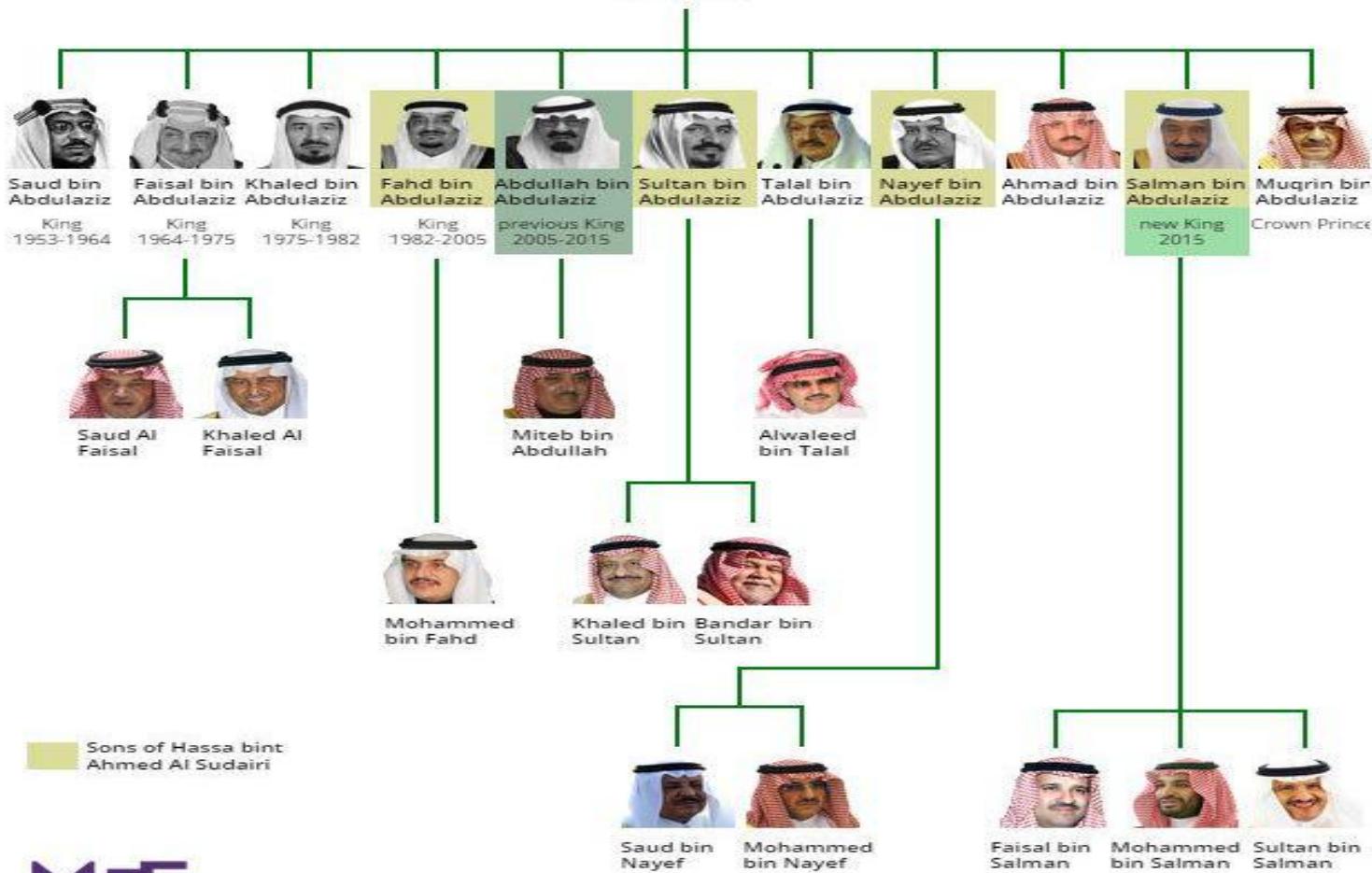




Saudi Arabia's royal family tree



Abdulaziz ibn Saud
King
1932-1953



MBS's Liberalisation &



Seminar Question:

How have regional dynamics and the world's perceptions of Islamic ideology been affected by Saudi Arabia's promotion of Wahhabism?



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