

Saudi Arabia names new crown prince

Prince Salman has been appointed the new crown prince of Saudi Arabia, becoming the next-in-line to 87-year-old King Abdullah's throne



HOUSE OF SAUD

- ▶ **King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud** 1932-53
Kingdom's founder
- ▶ **King Saud** 1953-64
- ▶ **King Faisal** 1964-75
- ▶ **King Khalid** 1975-82
- ▶ **King Fahd** 1982-2005



King Abdullah, 87:
Chose Salman – who retains Defence Ministry – as heir apparent to ensure smooth transition of power



Prince Salman, 75:
Has built reputation for pragmatism, and is seen as likely to continue King Abdullah's cautious domestic reforms



Prince Muqrin, 66:
Head of intelligence agency Al Mukhabarat Al A'amah. Considered one of two possible future kings, along with Prince Ahmed



Prince Ahmed, 71 :
Youngest full brother of Nayef and Salman. Deputy Interior Minister now takes over Interior Ministry portfolio following Nayef's death



Prince Mishaal, 86:
Appointed by King Abdullah as chairman of Allegiance Council in 2007, giving him key role in decision-making process