

New Saudi king

Salman bin Abdulaziz, half-brother of the deceased King Abdullah, has become new ruler of Saudi Arabia



- **Born:** Dec 31, 1935 in Riyadh to **King Abdulaziz Ibn Saud** and favourite wife **Hassa al-Sudairi**
- **1938:** Oil discovered in kingdom
- **1955:** Appointed mayor of Riyadh
- **1962:** Becomes Governor of Riyadh Province. Oversees development of city from mud-brick oasis town to major metropolis
- **2005:** Death of **King Fahd**, ruler since 1982. **Abdullah** becomes king
- **2011:** Appointed Defence Minister
- **2012:** On death of Abdullah's full brothers **Sultan** and **Nayef**, Salman becomes Crown Prince, heir apparent
- **2015:** Accession to Saudi throne. Half-brother **Muqrin** becomes new Crown Prince