

# Saudi royals could change line of succession

Amid outrage over the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, members of Saudi Arabia's royal family could choose Prince Ahmed bin Abdulaziz as the next king instead of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman



**Prince Ahmed bin Abdulaziz** (above) is King Salman's only surviving full brother

■ **1942:** Prince Ahmed born in Riyadh province of Saudi Arabia, youngest son of **King Abdulaziz Ibn Saud** and favourite wife **Hassa Al Sudairi**

■ **1953:** Following King Abdulaziz's death, young prince is raised by his mother and brothers

■ **1968:** Graduates with degree in political science from University of Southern California

■ **1969-70:** Serves as chairman of National Gypsum Company

■ **1971:** Appointed undersecretary and deputy governor of Makkah province by **King Faisal**

■ **1975:** Chosen by **King Khalid** for post of deputy minister of interior. Duties include overseeing special security force and introducing government reforms to Shia-majority eastern region during 1980s

■ **2012:** Takes on role of interior minister but retires after six months

■ **2015:** **King Salman**, aged 79, ascends to Saudi throne



■ **2017:** Prince Ahmed is one of only three people on Allegiance Council – body of senior royals – opposed to **Mohammed bin Salman** (left) being named as crown prince

■ **Oct 2018:** Heir to Saudi throne comes under increasing scrutiny following murder of journalist **Jamal Khashoggi**, leading to speculation that he could be replaced

■ **Oct 30:** Prince Ahmed returns to Saudi Arabia after lengthy absence abroad, to mount possible challenge to crown prince