

# SAUDI ARABIA

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# Yemen





People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (communist South Yemen)



1990—North and South Yemen unite under President Ali Abdullah Saleh.





Saudi Arabia-Yemen border wall.  
Construction began in September 2003.



2004 Abdul-Malik Badreddin al-Houti joined his brother Hussein Badreddin al-Houti to oppose corrupt dictator Ali Abdullah Saleh.





2011--Demonstrations in Yemen began as protests against the extreme corruption of President Ali Abdullah Saleh.



February 2012, President Ali Abdullah Saleh steps down





Abd Rabuh Mansur Hadi, the new President of Yemen

King Abdullah



King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al Saud,  
8/1/2005-1/23/2015.



King Abdullah  
bin Abdulaziz al Saud.



Crown Prince Sultan  
bin Abdulaziz al Saud.



King Abdullah University of Science and Technology.



Abdullatif al Asheikh.

1/2012 appointed President of the Commission for the Prevention of Vice and Promotion of Virtue (religious police).





King Abdullah  
bin Abdulaziz al Saud.



Crown Prince Nayef  
bin Abdulaziz al Saud.



King Abdullah  
bin Abdulaziz al Saud.



Crown Prince Salman  
bin Abdulaziz al Saud.

# U.S. Pivot to Asia



2012. President Obama announces the U.S. foreign policy “Pivot to Asia.”



King Abdullah announced that henceforth Saudi Arabia would take the lead in foreign relations in the Middle East.

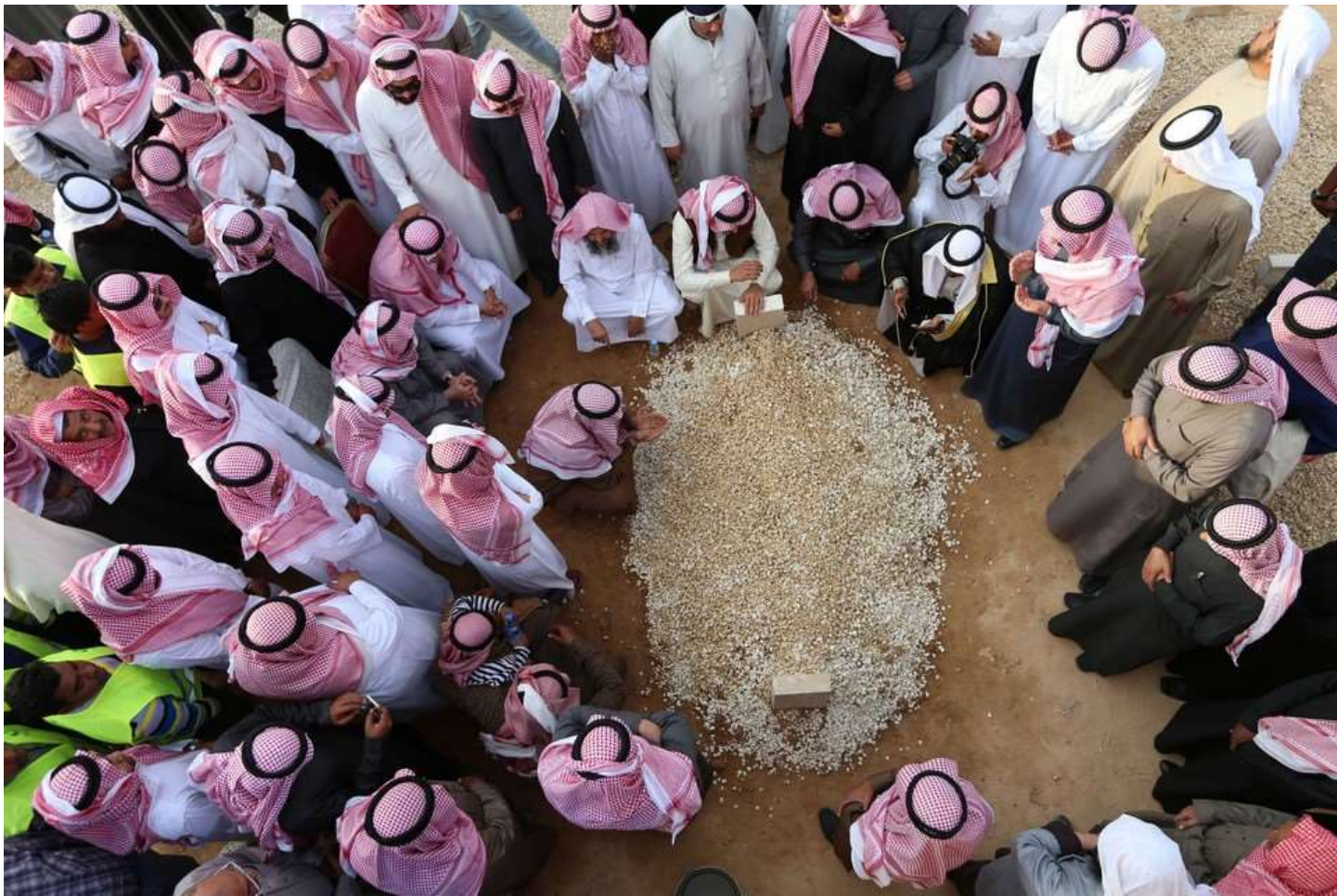


March 7, 2014, King Abdullah outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood.



April 30, 2014. "Abdullah's Shield" military exercise in Saudi Arabia.





King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al Saud, died January 23, 2015.

King Salman



King Salman bin Abdulaziz al Saud  
2/23/2015 - present





Deputy Crown Prince  
Mohammad bin Nayef



Secy-General  
Of the Royal Court  
Mohammad bin Salman

Crown Prince  
Muqrin

King  
Salman

1/23/2015



Crown Prince  
Mohammad bin Nayef



Deputy Crown Prince  
Mohammad bin Salman

King  
Salman

4/28/2015

King Salman,  
Mohammad bin Salman  
and social reform





Mohammad bin Nayef



Crown Prince  
Mohammad bin Salman

King  
Salman

6/21/2017



2017, Saudi women are permitted to drive.



Families at Saudi football match.

Jan 2018. Saudi sports stadiums  
are opened to women and families.



Women entering sports stadium.



Abdullatif al Asheikh,  
6/2018 having reigned in the religious police, is promoted to Minister of  
Islamic Affairs.





By Royal decree, restaurants are no longer divided into a men's section and a family section...



...however, screens are available at most restaurants, on request.





7/2021 Saudi businesses may remain open during prayer times.

# The Crackdown

Mishaal bin Abdallah,  
former Gov. of Mecca



Mohammad bin Nayef,  
former Crown Prince

Fahda bint Falah,  
Mohammad bin  
Salman's mother



Mutaib bin Abdallah,  
former head of Nat. Guard

Turki bin Abdallah,  
former Gov. of Riyadh

Faisal bin Abdallah,  
former head of Saudi  
Red Crescent Society



Fahd bin Abdullah, former  
Deputy Defense Minister





Prince Talal bin Abulaziz and  
Prince al-Waleed bin Talal.





# The Khashoggi Affair





Saad al Hariri  
.Prime Minister of Lebanon



Oct. 2, 2018. Jamal Khashoggi, journalist and frequent critic of Mohammad bin Salman, is murdered in a Saudi Consulate in Turkey, possibly during a botched kidnapping attempt.



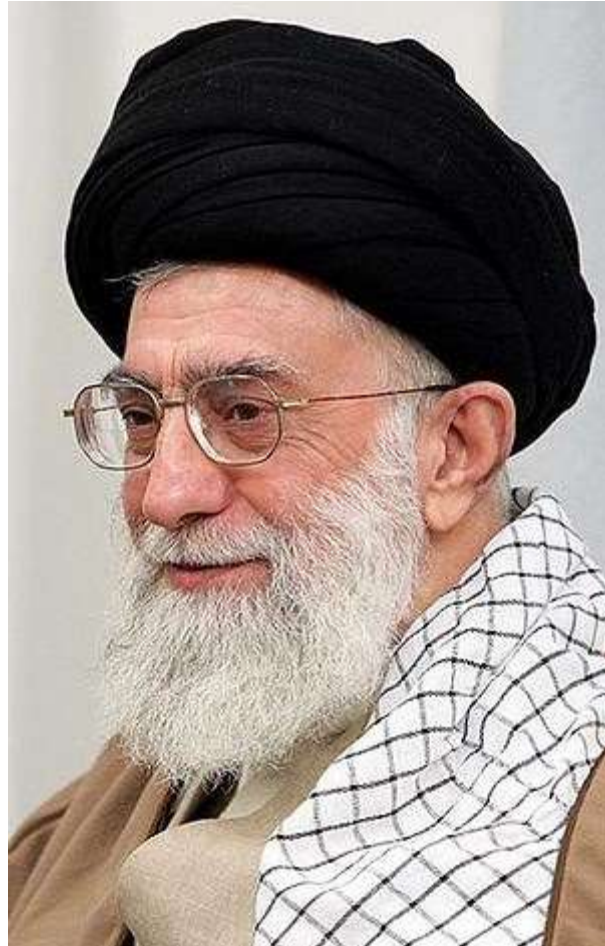
Former Crown Prince  
Mohammad bin Nayef



Prince Ahmed bin Abdulaziz,  
King Salman's younger Sudari brother

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# Iran and Yemen



Ayatollah Ali Khamenei,  
Supreme Leader of Iran

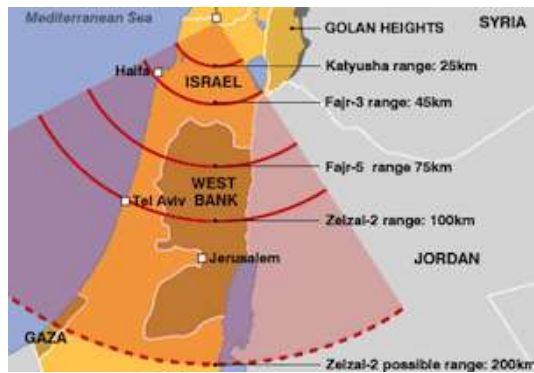


Exporting the Islamic Revolution:  
Iran supports the Shi'a Houthis in Yemen

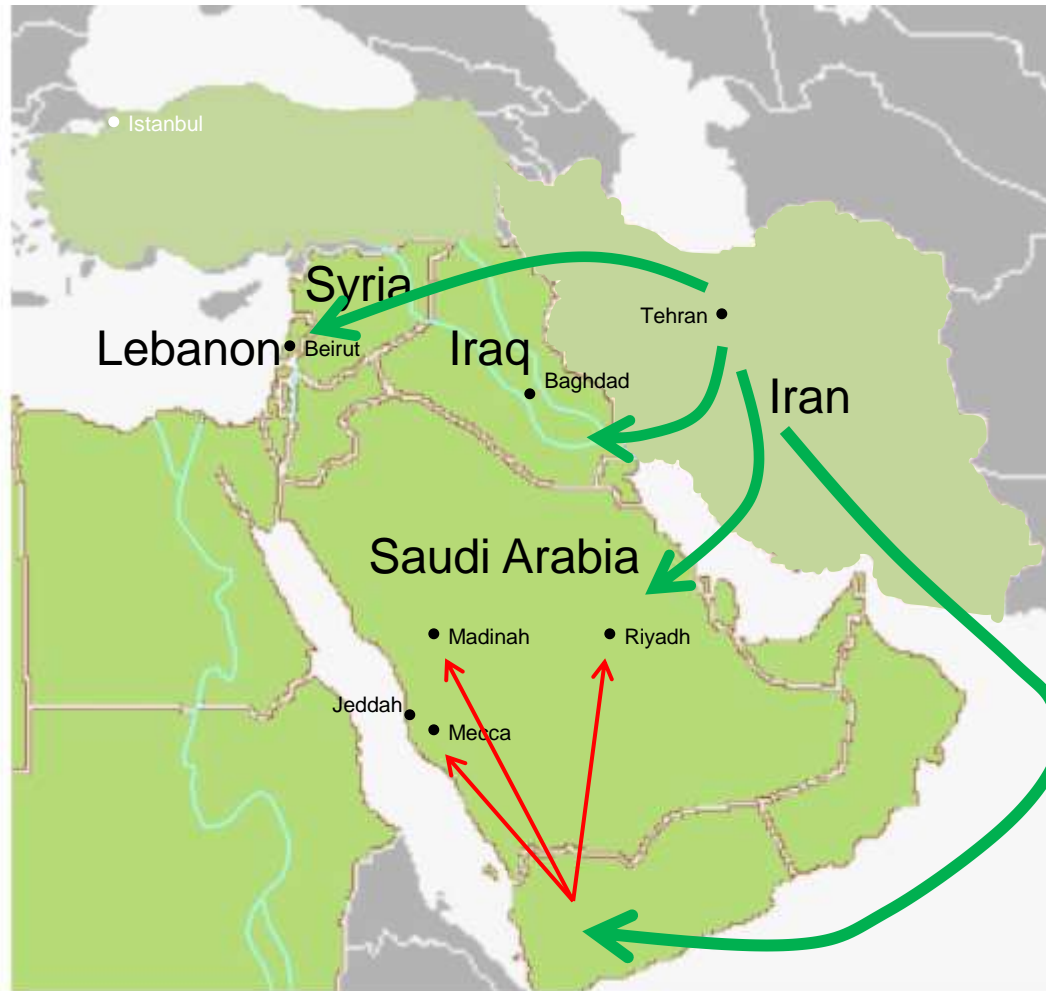




Tomb of Ali's son Hassan and three other Shi'a Imams at al-Baqi cemetery in Madinah, destroyed by Wahhabi Ikhwan in 1806 and again in 1926, leaving only gravesites.



Hezbollah's Iranian missiles can hit most of Israel from southern Lebanon.



Missiles in the hands of the Houthis can hit most of Saudi Arabia's major cities.



Air strike on Sana'a, 5/11/2015.



Destruction in Sana'a after air strikes



April 20, 2015

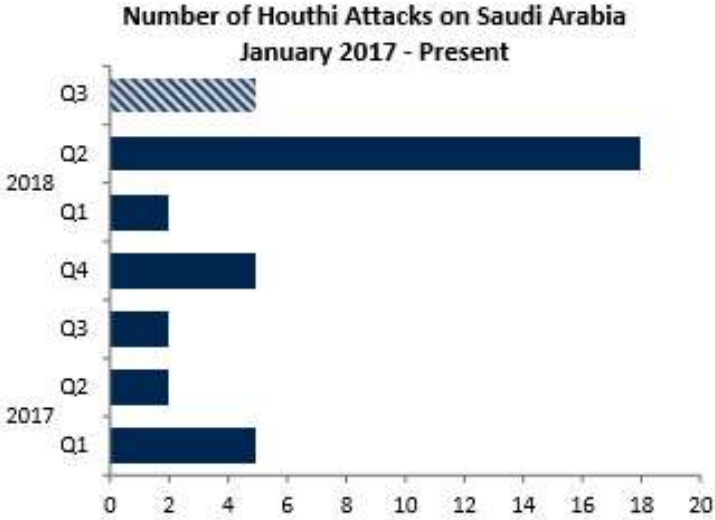
October 9,  
2015



Feb. 2016. More than 200,000 troops from 20 countries arrived in northeast Saudi Arabia to participate in the “North Thunder” military exercise.



Figures 3 & 4: History of Houthi missile attacks on Saudi Arabia by location and over time



Source: Al Jazeera, other news sources, RBC Capital Markets



Parts from an Iranian-made Ababil drone shot down by UAE troops in Yemen.



Ali Abdullah Saleh



Ali Abdullah Saleh

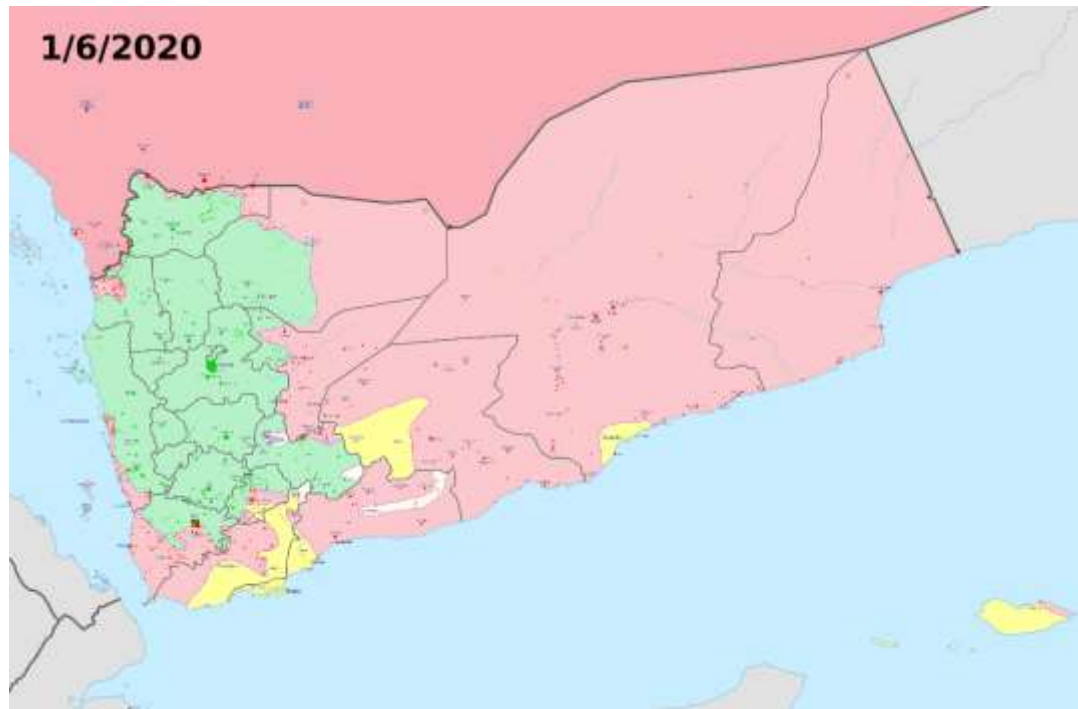


6/13/19, Kokuka Courageous ablaze in the Gulf of Oman.





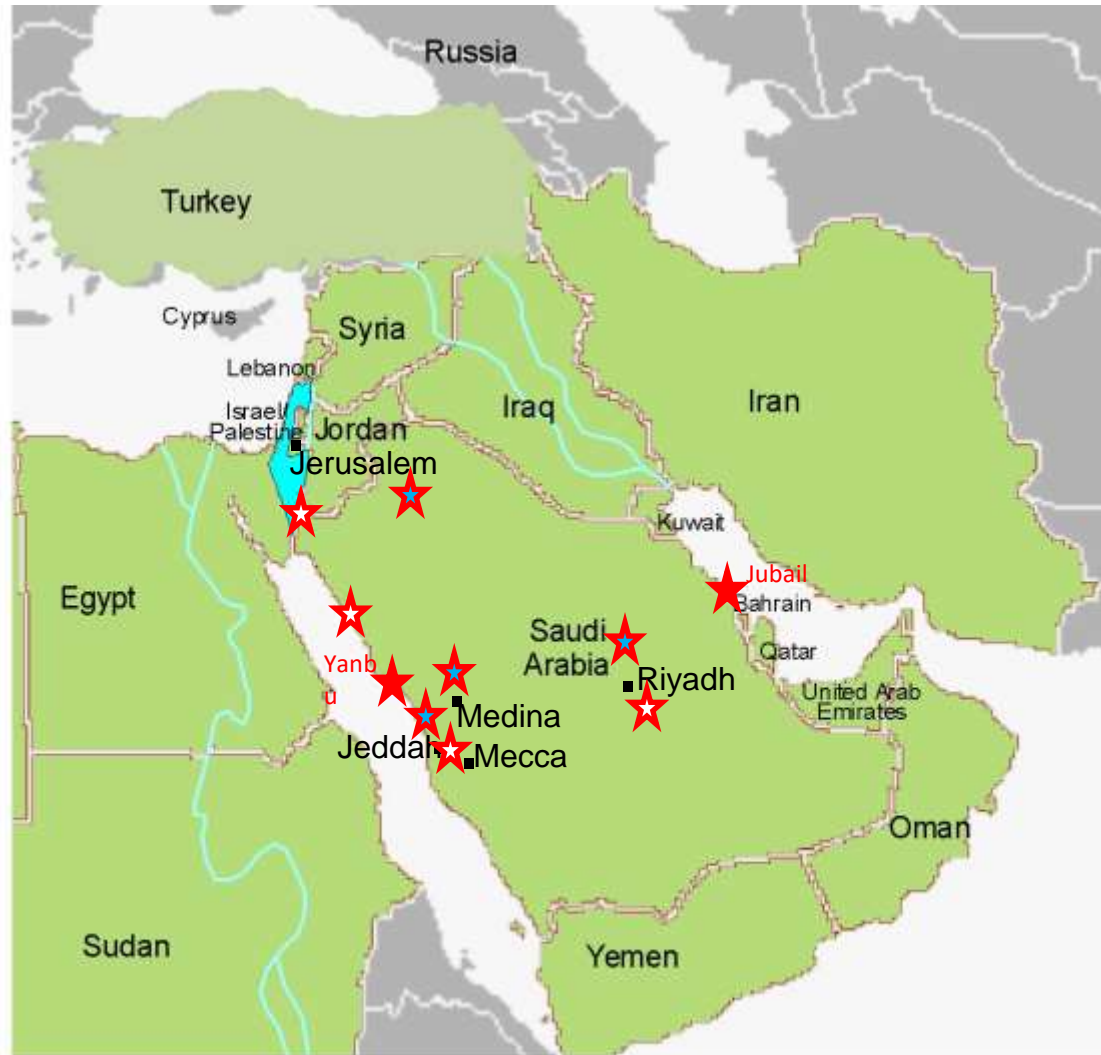
9/15/19, drone and missile attack on Saudi Aramco facility.



Green—Houthi  
Red—Yemen government  
Yellow—Southern Transitional Council  
White—al Qaeda, ISIS, etc.

Vision 2030:  
New cities,  
New industries  
And a new world of  
oil

New cities



Vision 2030. On April 25, 2016, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammad announced sweeping economic and social developments including construction of more “new cities.” He is criticized by some for taking credit for reforms actually begun by King Abdullah.





Prince Abdulaziz bin Musaid Economic City.



King Abdullah Economic City.



Jazan Economic City.



Knowledge Economic City.

New industries



Modern “Bedouin” tents













King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture









Ithra Library in the King Abdulaziz Center





Co-educational, King Abdullah University  
for Science and Technology.



Texas Aggies Chris Schaefer, Dr. Mezyad Alterkawi and Sonny Flores at King Saud University, Riyadh.



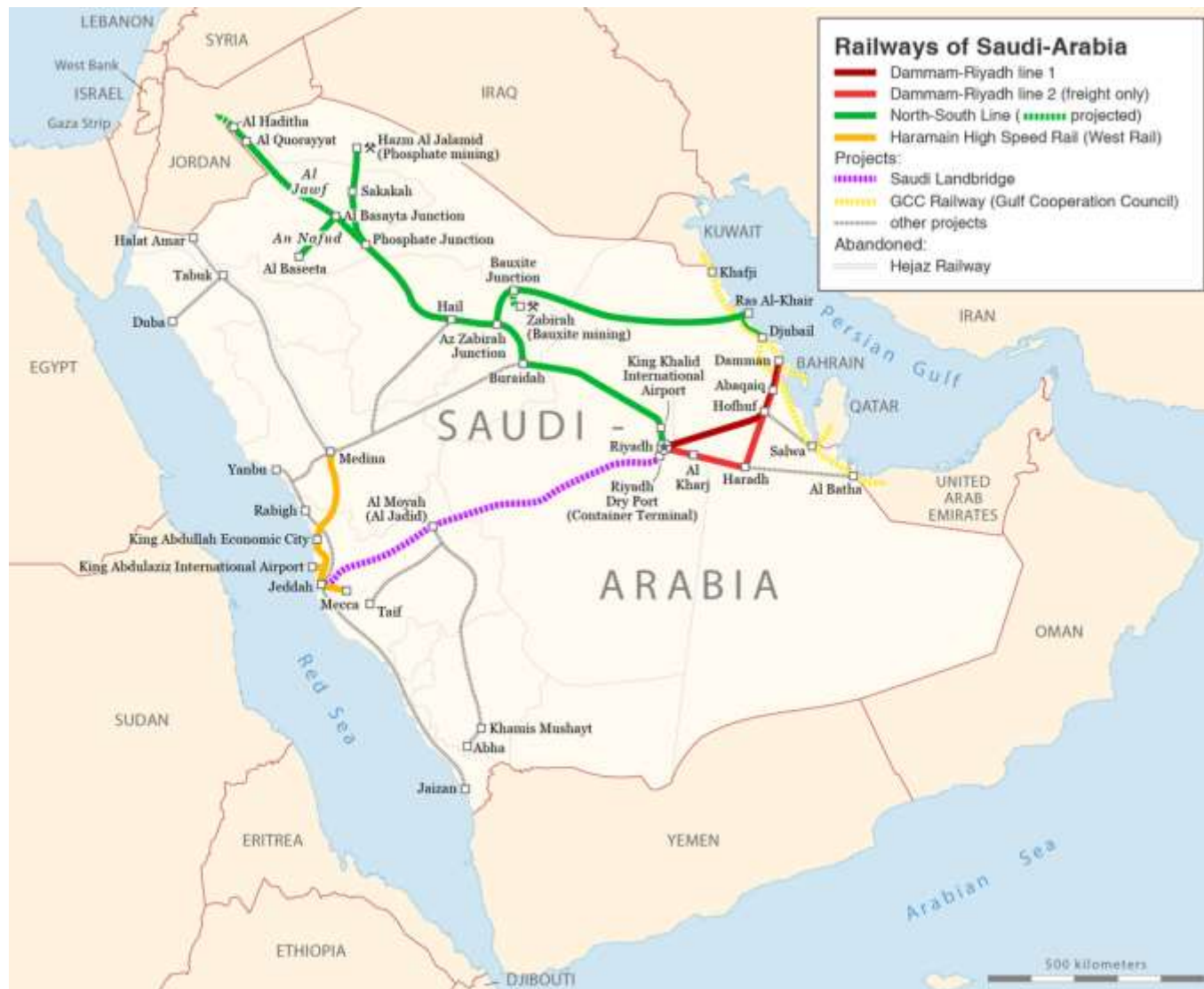




Princess Noura bint Abdulrahman University  
Central Library.





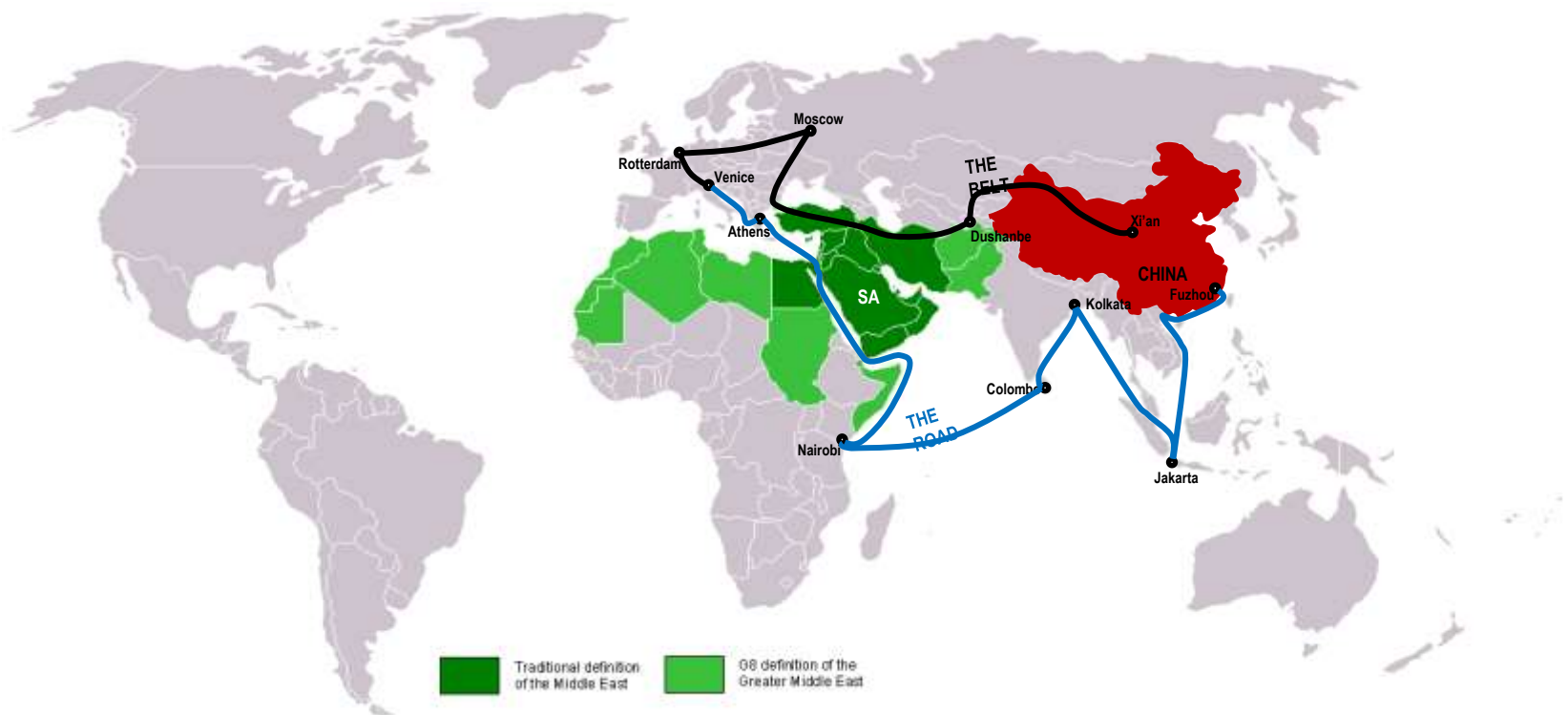




Passenger train on the  
Riyadh-Dammam line.



High-speed electric rail  
from Madinah to Mecca.



China's Belt and Road

The new world of oil

## THE SHALE BOOM


The technology for pulling natural gas from deep shale, refined in the 1990s in Texas, has since spread to other “plays”—parts of a shale basin where large quantities of gas have been found. More than a third of U.S. gas now comes from shale.


### Richest shale deposits

Recoverable gas, in trillion cubic feet (tcf)

Total for continental U.S. 542\*

1. Marcellus	141
2. Haynesville	66
3. Eagle Ford	50
4. Barnett-Woodford	27
5. Woodford	24

 Shale play (active or expected drilling)

 Shale basin (potential gas resource)

ONE TCF CAN HEAT 15 MILLION HOMES FOR A YEAR.

\*TOTAL INCLUDES “PROVED RESERVES” AND “UNPROVED RESOURCES.”

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SOURCES: U.S. EIA; FRACTRACKER; U.S. CENSUS BUREAU; STATISTICS CANADA

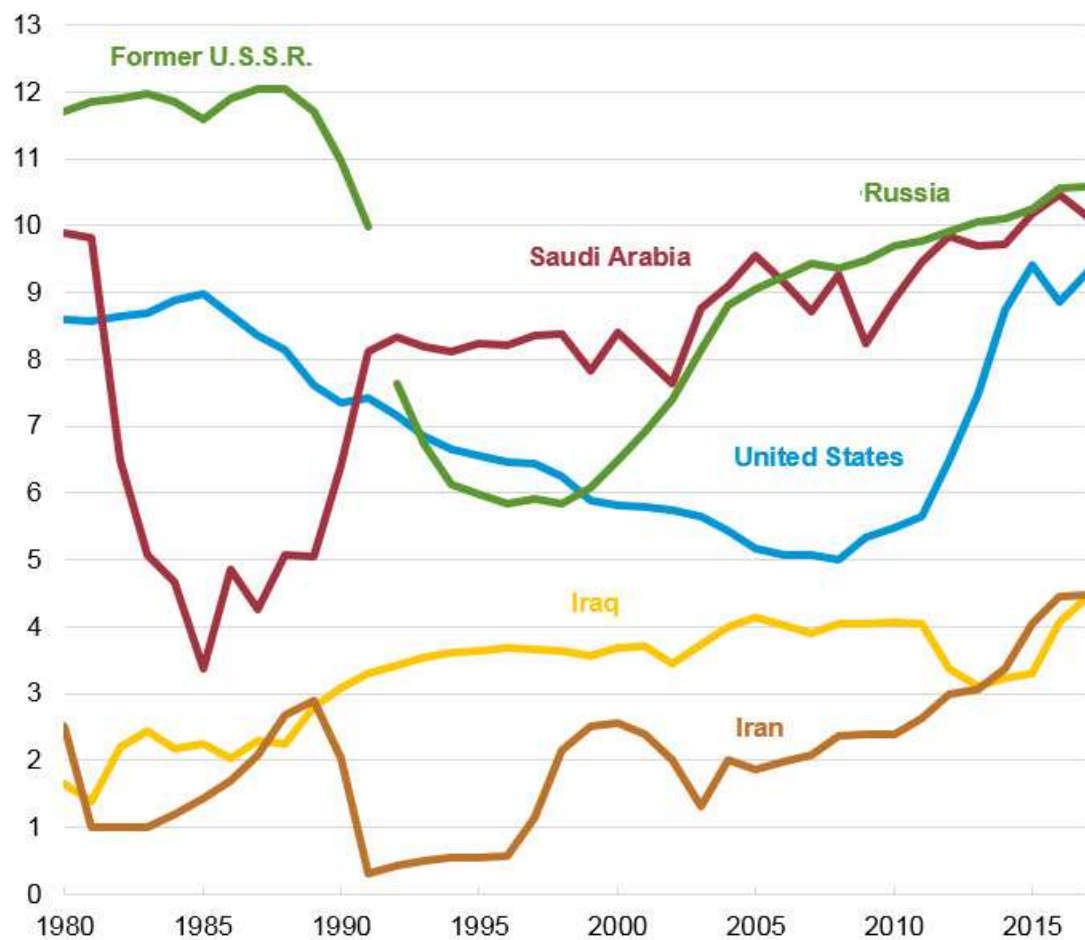


National Geographic, Dec. 2012.



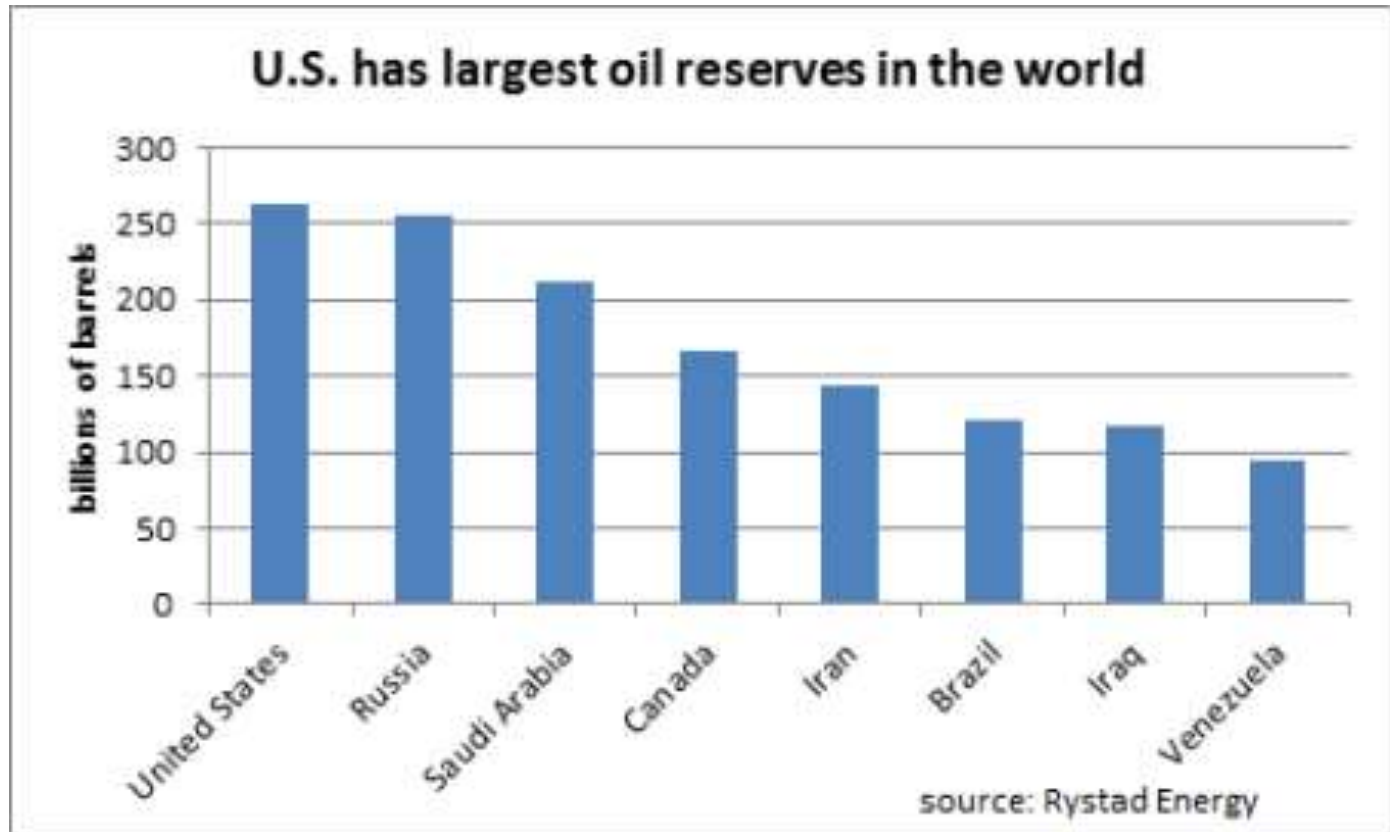
## Top five crude oil producing countries, 1980–2017

million barrels per day



Note: Includes crude oil and lease condensate. Ranking based on production in 2017.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, International Energy Statistics, May 2018



Oil reserves, including shale.



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