

COVID-19 Update – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Category	Recent Developments
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King Salman, President Trump reaffirm strong Saudi-US ties (Link) • Remote dispute resolution program launched to help business sector (Link) • Al Mudaifer stresses economic strength of mining sector (Link) • Saudi Arabia embarks on austerity measures – economist (Link) • Saudi Royal Commission receives over \$13.3bn worth of investments in first quarter of 2020 (Link) • Saudi Arabia’s Government launches measures to support industrial & mining sectors in response to COVID-19 pandemic (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health Announces WhatsApp Service for its Contact Center 937 (Link) • Between 8 to 10 percent of COVID-19 tests in Kingdom are positive (Link) • Coronavirus recovery numbers continue to grow in Saudi Arabia (Link) • Gatherings of more than 5 banned in Saudi Arabia as virus death toll reaches 219 (Link) • Saudi health minister: 96% of Kingdom’s coronavirus allocated ICU beds remain empty (Link) • Madinah governor opens SR628 million health projects (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repatriation of expats from Saudi Arabia gathers pace (Link) • Saudi ministry, Red Sea Development company sign deal for CSR initiatives (Link) • Daily flights from US start this week (Link) • Initiative to enable expatriates to return streamlined on “Absher” platform (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saudi authorities monitor health violations in Eastern Province (Link) • Hefty fines for violating social distancing, public gathering norms (Link) • Red Sea Mall opens its doors and resumes business again (Link) • Saudi Arabia’s NEOM launches 1st technical diploma program (Link)
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saudi Arabia succeeds in gaining oil market share (Link) • ‘Saudi Arabia doesn’t use oil as a weapon’ (Link) • Saudi Arabia could emerge as unlikely winner of 2020 oil crash (Link)