

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia

King Fahd was born in Riyadh in 1923 and received his formal education at the Royal Court.

His first responsibilities in the government were to manage tribal affairs. In 1945, at age 22, he was a member of the Saudi delegation at the signing of the United Nations charter in San Francisco.

The future king was appointed Saudi Arabia's first Minister of Education in 1953. In 1962, he was appointed Minister of the Interior and, in 1975, he also assumed the position of Deputy Prime Minister and was named Crown Prince.

In 1982, he was proclaimed King of Saudi Arabia. Since 1995, King Fahd has been ill and has shared his governing responsibilities with his brother, Crown Prince Abdullah.

King Fahd is married.