# SAUDI ARABIA

Capital: Riyadh

# **G**EODATA

Area

1,960,582 km<sup>2</sup>

Population

21.5 million

Population growth rate

3.4 %

Major languages

Arabic (official), English

Major religious groups

Muslim (Sunni 90 %, Shi'a 10 %)

# POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Absolute monarchy

Leaders

King Fahd

Crown Prince Abdullah

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Prince Saud

**UN Human Development Index (1999)** 

Saudi Arabia ranks 78th among 174 countries

### ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$131.5 billion US (1998)

GDP growth rate

1.6 % (1998)

GDP per capita

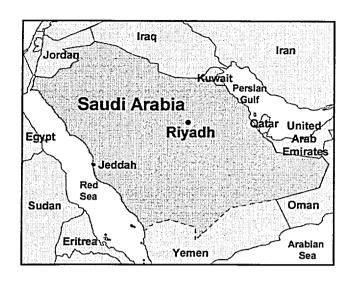
\$6,526 US (1998)

Inflation rate

-0.4% (1998)

Unemployment rate

6.5% (1998 est.)



#### Main exports

Petroleum and petroleum products

#### Main imports

Machinery and equipment, foodstuffs, chemicals, motor vehicles, textiles

#### Main exports to Canada

\$428.9 million (1999), including petroleum and petroleum-based products, machinery parts

## Main imports from Canada

\$277.9 million (1999), including armoured vehicles, telecommunications equipment, aircraft parts

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