



Chronology of Saudi-U.S. Relations

- 2009** April 2: Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud meets with President Barack Obama on the sidelines of the G-20 economic summit in London.
- 2008** November 14-15: King Abdullah meets with President George W. Bush on the sidelines of the G-20 economic summit in Washington, DC
- May 16-17: King Abdullah meets with President George W. Bush at the Royal ranch in Jenadriyah, near Riyadh
- March 21-22: King Abdullah meets with Vice President Richard Cheney at the Royal ranch in Jenadriyah
- February 16: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal meets with President Bush at the White House
- January 14-16: King Abdullah meets with President Bush at the Royal ranch in Jenadriyah
- 2007** November 27: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal heads the Saudi delegation to the Middle East peace conference in Annapolis, Maryland
- October 23: King Abdullah meets with First Lady Laura Bush in Jeddah; Mrs. Bush was in the Kingdom to launch the US-Saudi Arabia Partnership for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research in Riyadh
- October 19: President Bush certifies Saudi Arabia as an anti-terrorism ally in a memorandum to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice
- July 31: King Abdullah meets with Secretary of State Rice and Defense Secretary Robert Gates in Jeddah
- May 12: King Abdullah meets with Vice President Cheney in Tabuk
- April 4: King Abdullah meets with Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi at his ranch in Janadriyah, near Riyadh.
- February 21: Saudi Ambassador to the US Adel A. Al-Jubeir presents his credentials to Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte in Washington, DC
- January 15-17: King Abdullah meets with Secretary of State Rice and Defense Secretary Robert Gates at the Royal farm in Rawdhat Khuraim, near Riyadh
- 2006** November 25: King Abdullah meets with Vice President Cheney in Riyadh
- October 2: King Abdullah meets with Secretary of State Rice in Riyadh

- September 4: King Abdullah approves the Program of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz for Foreign Scholarship, which provides 15,000 scholarships for Saudi students in the US; the program is the result of King Abdullah's 2005 meeting with President Bush
- July 24: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Secretary-General of the National Security Council Prince Bandar bin Sultan meet with President Bush at the White House
- May 18: Second Saudi-U.S. Strategic Dialogue held in Washington, co-chaired by Foreign Minister Prince Saud and Secretary of State Rice
- January 17: King Abdullah meets with Vice President Cheney at the Royal ranch in Jenadriyah
- 2005** November 13: First Saudi-U.S. Strategic Dialogue held in Jeddah, co-chaired by Foreign Minister Prince Saud and Secretary of State Rice
- September 12: Saudi Ambassador to the US Prince Turki Al-Faisal presents his credentials to Secretary of State Rice in New York
- April 23-26: Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz meets with President Bush at the presidential ranch in Crawford, Texas
- February 14: Sixtieth anniversary of the historic meeting between King Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al-Saud and President Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 2004** June/January: Joint designation by Saudi Arabia and the United States of a total of nine branches of the Al-Haramain Islamic Foundation as terrorist financiers under the 1999 United Nations Security Council Resolution 1267
- 2003** December 23: Joint designation by Saudi Arabia and the United States of the Bosnia-based Vazir and the Liechtenstein-based Hochburg AG organizations as financiers of terrorism under the UN Security Council Resolution 1267
- August/May: Setting up of joint Saudi-U.S. task forces in the war on terrorism, for law enforcement and for financial oversight
- 2002** June 13: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and President Bush discuss the Middle East peace process at the White House
- April 25: Crown Prince Abdullah meets with President Bush at the presidential ranch in Crawford, Texas
- March 16: Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd bin Abdulaziz meets in Jeddah with Vice President Richard Cheney
- 2001** September 11: Saudi Arabia's condemnation of terrorist attacks on the United States

- 2000** September 6: Crown Prince Abdullah and President Bill Clinton attend the Millennium Summit of the UN General Assembly in New York
- 1999** November 1-4: Second Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense and Aviation and Inspector-General Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz meets President Clinton at the White House
- 1998** September 23-25: Crown Prince Abdullah visits the United States as part of a seven-nation worldwide tour; meets with President Clinton at the White House
- May 1-2: King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah meet with Vice President Al Gore in Jeddah
- 1997** February 24-28: Prince Sultan visits the United States, meets with President Clinton and Vice President Gore at the White House
- 1996** September 25: Prince Saud Al-Faisal meets with President Clinton in Washington, DC
- March 13: Prince Saud Al-Faisal attends the Peacemakers Conference in Sharm Al-Shaikh, Egypt, cosponsored by President Clinton and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak
- 1995** October 26-27: Prince Sultan visits the United States, meets with President Clinton and Vice President Gore at the White House
- February 14: Fiftieth anniversary of the historic meeting between King Abdulaziz and President Roosevelt
- 1994** October 28: King Fahd meets with President Clinton in Hafr-Al-Batin, Saudi Arabia
- April 27-28: First meeting of the U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council
- 1991** October 30: Saudi Arabia attends the Madrid Middle East peace talks cosponsored by United States and Russia
- 1990** November 21: King Fahd meets with President George H. W. Bush in Saudi Arabia
- 1989** July 28: Start of United States tour of exhibition 'Saudi Arabia: Yesterday and Today'
- 1987** October 19: Crown Prince Abdullah meets with President Ronald Reagan and Vice President Bush at the White House
- 1985** October 4: Prince Sultan meets with President Reagan at the White House
- June 17: Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz serves as a payload specialist on the U.S. shuttle 'Discovery'; he is the first Arab and Muslim in space
- February 11-15: King Fahd visits the United States for his first official visit to Washington since becoming King in 1982; meets with President Reagan at the White House

- 1984** The U.S. Embassy moves from Jeddah to Riyadh; the Jeddah mission becomes a consulate.
- 1983** October 24: Prince Bandar bin Sultan presents his credentials as Saudi Ambassador to the US to President Reagan at the White House; serves the Dean of the Washington Diplomatic Corps from September 4, 1993 to September 8, 2005
- 1982** June 15: King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah meet with Vice President George H. W. Bush in Riyadh
- 1978** January 3: King Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and Crown Prince Fahd meet with President Jimmy Carter in Riyadh
- 1977** May 23-25: Crown Prince Fahd visits the United States, meets with President Carter at the White House
- 1976** July 6: Second Deputy Prime Minister and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah meets with President Gerald Ford at the White House
- 1974** June 14: President Richard Nixon becomes the first U.S. president to visit Saudi Arabia
- June 8: Establishment of the Saudi Arabian-U.S. Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation
- June 6: Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior Prince Fahd bin Abdulaziz meets with President Nixon at the White House
- April 14: Prince Abdullah visits Washington DC for agreement on U.S. assistance in modernizing the Saudi Arabian National Guard, of which he is the Commander
- 1971** March 27: King Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud meets with President Nixon in Washington DC
- 1969** October 13: Prince Fahd meets with President Nixon in Washington DC
- 1966** June 21: King Faisal meets with President Lyndon B. Johnson in Washington DC
- 1962** October 4: Crown Prince and Foreign Minister Prince Faisal meets with President John F. Kennedy during a visit to the U.S. for the opening session of the United Nations General Assembly
- February 13: King Saud bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud meets with President Kennedy in Washington
- 1957** September 23: Crown Prince Faisal bin Abdulaziz meets with President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the White House.
- 1957** January 30: King Saud meets with President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the White House; it is the first visit to the U.S. by a reigning Saudi King

- 1953** March 2: Foreign Minister Prince Faisal meets with President Eisenhower at the White House
- 1945** June 26: Prince Faisal visits San Francisco to sign the United Nations Charter
- February 14: King Abdulaziz and President Franklin D. Roosevelt meet on board the USS Quincy in the Great Bitter Lake of the Suez Canal
- 1944** Saudi Arabian legation opens in Washington, later raised to the rank of embassy; U.S. consulate established in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
- 1943** October: Prince Faisal and Prince Khalid meet with President Roosevelt in Washington; it is first high-level Saudi Arabian delegation to visit the United States
- 1942** April 13: James S. Moose, Jr., sent to Jeddah as chargé d'affaires of the first U.S. legation in the Kingdom
- 1940** February 4: U.S. Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Cairo, Bert Fish, accredited as envoy to Saudi Arabia
- 1938** March 3: Oil found in large quantities in the Eastern Province
- 1933** November 7: Agreement signed establishing diplomatic relations between Saudi Arabia and the United States; also covers commercial relations and navigation
- July 14: First oil concession in Saudi Arabia granted to Standard Oil of California
- 1932** September 23: Unification of the modern Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the leadership of King Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al-Saud
- 1919** January 18: Prince Faisal attends the Paris Peace Conference at Versailles, where President Woodrow Wilson affirms his Fourteen Points; the president's support of the principle of self-determination and decolonization makes a lasting impression on subsequent relations between Saudi Arabia and the United States



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