

COVID-19 Update – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Category	Recent Developments
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team formed to study impact of VAT hike on industries: Al-Khorayef (Link)• Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Starts Operating New Shipping Line to East Asia (Link)• FA, SCCA sign MoU to enhance settlements alternatives in financial sector (Link)• BICRA trends remain stable at '4'; Saudi banks ratings not affected (Link)• Saudi industrial production drops 3.29 percent in March (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ramadan gatherings cause COVID-19 cases among Saudi children, women to soar (Link)• Almost 40% of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Saudi Arabia recovered (Link)• Riyadh's air pollution drops significantly amid coronavirus measures (Link)• Saudi Arabia to enforce 24-hour curfew from May 23 to 27 (Link)• 'Tameni' app locates pharmacies having face masks and sanitizers (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saudi airports top Skytrax organization evaluation results (Link)• Repatriation of Saudi citizens from Australia begins (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saudi Arabia Hosts Meetings to Address Various Issues in Light of COVID-19 (Link)• Work resumes for third Saudi expansion of Grand Mosque (Link)• Public Prosecution launches new system (Link)• New VAT applicable only from July 1, GAZT stresses (Link)• King orders SR1.85bn in 'Ramadan aid' for social security beneficiaries (Link)
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oil stabilizes above 30-dollar benchmark (Link)• Saudi Arabia, Russia committed to oil market stability: Energy ministers (Link)• Saudi Cabinet urges OPEC+ countries to further reduce oil production (Link)• Saudi Arabia Announces Additional Voluntary Reduction of Crude Oil Production (Link)