

COVID-19 Update – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Category	Recent Developments
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vision 2030 helped in tackling pandemic: Saudi officials (Link)• All public sector employees to return to workplaces on Aug. 30 (Link)• Saudi shipping carrier Bahri signs \$410m deal for 10 chemical tankers (Link)• E-payment compulsory from Aug. 25; 30% reward for whistleblowers (Link)• Saudi ports handle 25 million tons of cargo in July (Link)• Airbus to build Badr-8 satellite for Arabsat (Link)• NEOM mega-project will boost the pace of development in the Kingdom, says Saudi governor (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saudi Arabia will not approve vaccine until completely safe, says health minister (Link)• Russia to roll out COVID-19 vaccine in global tests, including Saudi Arabia (Link)• King Salman fires officials for land encroachments in Red Sea project (Link)• E-ambulance system launched in Riyadh (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domestic tourism gets a filip as virus makes a retreat (Link)• Saudi citizens exempt from on-arrival quarantine in Switzerland (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7,000 carpets to be spread at Prophet's Mosque Thursday (Link)• GEA unveils logo for 90th Saudi National Day (Link)• Saudi government agency receives top European award for quality (Link)• Tent camps in Taif open parks woo picnickers (Link)
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saudi Aramco continues to explore its India investment plan (Link)• Saudi Aramco suspends plans for \$10b refinery in China (Link)