

His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal

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His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud was born on February 15, 1945, in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. HRH began his schooling at the Taif Model School and went on to complete his high school diploma at the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey. HRH then studied at Georgetown University.

His Royal Highness was appointed as an Advisor at the Royal Court in 1973. In 1977 HRH was appointed Director General (with a rank of Minister) of the General Intelligence Directorate (GID), Saudi Arabia's main foreign intelligence service and served as the head of the GID until August 2001.

In October 2002 HRH was appointed as the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. HRH served in that position until July 2005, when he was appointed as Ambassador to the United States. He retired in February 2007.

A Founder and Trustee of the King Faisal Foundation, His Royal Highness is also the Chairman of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies.

In addition, HRH is a Trustee of the Oxford Islamic Center at Oxford University and the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CCAS) at Georgetown University. HRH received an honorary PhD in Law in 2010 from the University of Ulster in Ireland and an honorary PhD in International Politics in 2011 from the University of Hankuk in Korea. HRH is a visiting Distinguished Professor at Georgetown University.

HRH is an active participant of the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting, Munich Security Conference, and Clinton Global Initiative's Annual Meeting. HRH is also a member of the International Advisory Board of National Bank of Kuwait.