

Selected Articles: Trump's Visit to Saudi Arabia

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President Donald Trump, together with the first-lady and Ivanka, has arrived in Saudi Arabia for the first leg of his international trips. Read the suggested articles below to uncover what was in the speech that he delivered to an assembly of despots and monarchs.



[Trump's Speech in Riyadh Signals US Escalation Against Iran](#)

By [Bill Van Auken](#), May 22, 2017

Much in Trump's half-hour address echoed the speech delivered by **Barack Obama** in Cairo eight years earlier. Both presidents declared their desire to reset US relations with the Middle East, while absurdly posturing as leaders of a pacifist nation seeking only good for the region and offering to head up a united struggle against "violent extremism."



[**U.S. \\$350 Billion Arms-Sale to Saudis Cements U.S.-Jihadist Alliance**](#)

By [Eric Zuesse](#), May 22, 2017

The U.S. government officially blames Iran for the 9/11 attacks and [has fined Iran \\$10.5 billion for those attacks](#). The Saudis hate Iran and claim that Iran poses an "[existential threat](#)" to them. These new weapons will, the Saudis claim, "protect" them from Iran. Right after Trump won the 2016 election, [he staffed the top level of his incoming Administration with people who consider Iran to be the main source of terrorism](#).



[**Trump Accuses Iran of Supporting Terrorists and Spreading Instability**](#)

By [South Front](#), May 22, 2017

US **President Donald Trump** has directly accused Iran in supporting terrorists and spreading instability in the Middle East during his speech at the Arab Islamic American Summit in Saudi Arabia.



[**Trump Signs "Single Largest Arms Deal in US History" with Saudi Arabia Worth \\$350 Billion**](#)

By [Tyler Durden](#), May 22, 2017

When all other sources of economic growth appear tapped out, there is always the military-industrial complex coming to the rescue of US GDP with the sale of arms and equipment to the world's biggest purchaser of weapons: Saudi Arabia. Because when one looks beyond the pageantry, pomp and circumstance of Trump's visit to Saudi Arabia, the main purpose behind the president's visit is precisely that: **selling weapons, some \$350 billion over the next decade, according to estimates.**



[**Trump in Riyadh - A Gulf NATO to Gang Up Against Iran and Syria**](#)

By [Jan Oberg](#), May 22, 2017

Here is what the United Arab Emirates' daily [The National reported on January 24, 2017](#). Interestingly, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the UAE are members of ICI - the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative - while Saudi Arabia and Oman plan to join. This is exactly the coalition we have mentioned above.

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