



QUEEN ELIZABETH II & ARAB GULF LEADERS

The leaders of Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have paid tribute to late Queen Elizabeth II, following her death on 8 September 2022. During her 70 year reign, she saw five Arab Gulf countries gain independence from the United Kingdom, the creation of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and witnessed three Rulers of Bahrain, six Emirs of Kuwait, five Emirs of Qatar, three Sultans of Oman, seven Kings of Saudi Arabia and three Emirati Presidents (and even more rulers of the individual emirates). The following timeline shows some of the Queen's engagements with the Arab Gulf leaders over the years.



1953

▶ THE GULF RULERS AT QUEEN'S CORONATION

Guests at Queen Elizabeth's coronation included leaders of the British protectorates of Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar, and Prince Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, a representative of Saudi Arabia's King Abdulaziz.



1967

▶ THE FIRST VISIT BY SAUDI ARABIA'S KING

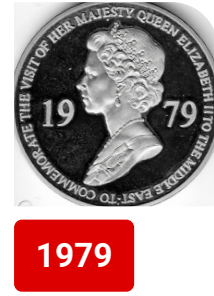
King Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud was the first Saudi, and Arab Gulf, monarch who was officially welcomed by the Queen in London. So far, three more Saudi Kings made official visits to the UK after him.



1969

▶ THE FIRST VISIT BY AN EMIRATI RULER

Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, the then Ruler of Abu Dhabi, was the first Emirati ruler received by Queen Elizabeth II. In 1989, he visited the UK as the UAE's first President.



1979

▶ QUEEN'S FIRST TOUR TO THE GULF

Queen Elizabeth II flew to the Gulf for her first and only full regional tour, where she visited Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE and Oman. On the occasion, she inaugurated several places, such as the Jebel Ali Port in Dubai and the Doha English Speaking School in Qatar.



1981

▶ VISITS BY SAUDI ARABIA'S KINGS

In the 1980s two Saudi Kings officially visited the UK: Khalid (1981) and Fahd (1987).



1982

▶ THE FIRST VISIT BY OMANI SULTAN

Oman's Sultan Qaboos was on his first state visit to the UK upon the Queen's invitation.



1984

▶ THE FIRST VISIT BY BAHRAINI EMIR

Queen welcomed Bahrain's Emir Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa on his first official visit to the UK.



1985

▶ THE FIRST VISIT BY QATARI EMIR

Queen Elizabeth II received Qatar's Emir Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani at Buckingham Palace.



1995

▶ THE FIRST VISIT BY KUWAITI EMIR

Kuwait's Emir Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah made the first state visit to the UK.



2010

▶ QUEEN'S SECOND VISIT TO THE GULF

Queen Elizabeth II embarked on her second official visit to the UAE and Oman, where she met the countries' leadership, including President Khalifa and Sultan Qaboos.



▶ GULF STATE VISITS TO THE UK: 2010s

The Queen received Saudi King Abdullah in 2007, Qatar's Emir Hamad in 2010, Kuwait's Emir Sabah in 2012, UAE's President Khalifa in 2013, and Qatar's Emir Tamim in 2014.



▶ THE LATEST GULF OFFICIAL VISITS TO THE UK

Queen Elizabeth II greeted Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman during a private audience on his first official visit to the UK in 2018. In 2019 and 2022, the Queen received Qatar's Emir Tamim, and in 2021 she welcomed Oman's new Sultan, Haitham bin Tariq Al-Said.

▶ EXTRACURRICULARS



Over the years, the shared passion for horses would bring the Queen and some Gulf monarchs together several times a year at events such as the Royal Ascot and the Royal Windsor Horse Show.



In 2009, Queen Elizabeth II and Qatar's Emir Hamad inaugurated Europe's largest LNG terminal in Milford Haven in Wales.



Bahrain's King Hamad, Qatar's Emir Hamad, Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed, Former Kuwaiti Prime Minister, and Saudi Ambassador to the UK, attended the Sovereign Monarchs lunch to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.



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