



Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, the Humane King



Growing up in the governance school placed him early in responsibility

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The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud – may Allah protect him, has inherited from his father King Abdul Aziz the superb qualities of leadership, wisdom, and foresight. King Abdul Aziz was his first mentor, as he has impressed him very evidently, when King Abdullah has benefited from the school of his father and from his experiences in the fields of governance, politics, management and leadership.

The vision of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques is characterized by two correlated dimensions: ethical based on the teachings of Islam in tolerance and truth; and political focuses on application of the behavior adopted by Islam in caring for the best interests of the people and the country in all details of life. The name of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques is also associated worldwide with “moderation” without being at the expense of justice. To know more about these qualities in the character of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, we must return to his early growth and the moral education school in which he has brought up.

In addition to the school of his first mentor, King Abdul Aziz – may Allah have mercy upon him, King Abdullah has accompanied top scholars and thinkers who have worked on developing his abilities since he was young, so he is always keen on meeting them, in addition to his meetings with the influential people, both within or outside the

Kingdom. As for the third stream of his culture, it is what he has taken from his various readings in all fields. The fourth stream is his love of the desert, the environment which refined his chivalrous qualities.

Deep-rooted House

The historian and writer Abdul Rahman Al Ruwashed deems that the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, may Allah protect him, has grown up in a deep-rooted House, well versed in the spirit of Islam and Arabism in each of its parts, as he has lived in the palace of his father, King Abdul Aziz, may Allah have mercy upon him in “Al Deira” in the north of Riyadh, named (Al Muraba) in that wide house, to see his great father engaging in battles in order to unify the different parts of the country. King Abdullah has received his first education in the school of the palace established by King Abdul Aziz, and he joined the school early in his life.

As for the reform approach of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Al Ruwashed says: “When the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques pursues reform, this is because he - May Allah prolong his age - knows the value of reform. Al Saud is in fact reformers, not only kings as said by King Abdul Aziz, may Allah rest his soul, We Al Saud are not kings, but holders of a mission, whose mission is reform and calling always for reform.”

Simplicity in Living

King Abdullah tends to, in nature, not in simulation, the desert life

by camping therein, and he kept during these trips carrying his falcons with him, until he stopped fishing since mid-nineties due to his preoccupations and lack of time.

Man of Responsibility

These qualities deep-rooted in the character of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques have made him qualified to assume positions and take responsibility at an early age, as in 1384 H. - 1964, he has been chosen by King Faisal bin Abdul Aziz to be chief of the National Guard. In 1395 H – 1975, King Khalid bin Abdul Aziz has issued the high royal decree for appointing Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud as Deputy Prime Minister in addition to his position as chief of the National Guard. On Sunday 21 Shaban 1402 H, corresponding to 13 June 1982, King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz has issued the high royal decree for appointing Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz as the First Deputy Prime Minister and chief of the National Guard in addition to his position as the Crown Prince.

Arrogance or superiority has no way to his heart

On Monday 26 Jumada II 1426 H., corresponding to 1 August 2005, the people have pledged allegiance to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz as the King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz as the Crown Prince.



“Do not deprive me of seeing my people”

Direct relationship with the people and private institutions for the care of their affairs

The personal and practical qualities of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, may Allah protect him, has made him to win the love of the people and their prayers for victory and establishment of his rule. His relationship with his people has been very special, the basis thereof is his strong passion to achieve their needs based on the principle that the rule is a trust and responsibility and not a reward.

This relationship stems primarily from King Abdullah personally, and touched by every citizen, as he assigns an official to assume the citizens affairs, and to examine their complaints and requirements on daily basis, and he – may Allah protect him – has instructed to receive the request of any citizen and present it to him, and he becomes very glad when he receives a report about a case of a citizen who actually needs help, the same as for those who work with him.

HE Mr. Ibrahim bin Abdul Rahman Al Tasan, head of the Special Affairs of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques sheds light on aspects of this relationship, saying: “King Abdullah is featured by loyalty to his people in the first place, and to those who work with him in the second place, as he always ask about those who work with him and seeks to know and solve their problems. “

He adds that: “In his visit to the markets and public places in Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam and Medina, and recently in Mecca, we got surprised, the same surprise as by those who are responsible for the security guard, that all security arrangements for the movements of King Abdullah between a number of sites in the same places change once there are men or women desiring to salute him, or talk with him,



or make a complaint or assistance. In such circumstances, it is difficult to control the situation, and when there is time to ask the King about the same, he answers: “Do not deprive me of seeing my people.”

Then he continues saying: “The protector is Allah, and my trust in my people is greater than a barrier to stand before it.” Such situations also include that when the procession of King Abdullah moves in the way to the palace or the court and stops suddenly, everyone gets surprised that the reason for stopping is that King Abdullah sees a man or woman who needs help, thus he calls with his voice and opens the window and talks in absolute spontaneity, and asks about their need, and instructs to provide the assistance, and not only this, but he – may Allah protect him – asks in the next day about what have been made in the object of the man or the woman that we have met yesterday.

The council of King Abdullah does not lack citizens who sit beside him on the chair and talk with him directly about their needs, in addition to

his spontaneous meetings with the citizens in the markets and public places, even he goes to their homes as known in his visit to the crowded neighborhoods in the city of Riyadh.

Door of pardon is opened

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques did not spare his wealth or high rank for helping the needy permanently and daily, in addition to his special care for redemption of many citizens for whom he has borne the blood money to come back to life again, and build and expansion of mosques and establishment of public houses for the poor and the needy. All these actions and more are a real expression of the essence of the unique relationship between King Abdullah and his citizens. On another hand, he has paid much attention to build the Saudi man, not by money, but by thought which feeds his consciousness to assume his responsibilities towards his religion and homeland. For example, he has called for national dialogue and he succeeded in the same, and has established the values of tolerance in the society and left the door of pardon opened to every citizen who



committed a sin against his homeland, and has increased the aspects of responsible opening in the society, so that the citizens have become more coherent with their leaders to face the challenges.

King Abdullah also follows well the humanitarian cases of the citizens published in the daily newspapers, and instructs more than once to follow up many of these cases in coordination with the competent governmental authorities.

\$ 300 million to finance energy and environment researches

Building new systems

This special relationship between the King and his people has reflected on many achievements materialized in the pursuit of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to build the Saudi man as a cornerstone of development, and promote the interior achievements, thus he has issued the judiciary and Grievances Office systems, and has allocated seven billion riyals for the project of developing the judiciary facility, and has allowed the Saudi woman more participation in the process of development, thus she assumed important and senior positions on the domestic and international level.

The King has started his regime by issuing the system of the Allegiance Commission and its executive regulations and composition of the Allegiance Commission. A number of bodies, governmental departments and NGOs have been established

that are concerned with the affairs and interests of the citizens, including (The National Authority for Protecting Integrity and Combating Corruption) and (The Public Housing Authority). A main unit has also been established in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry at the level of an agency concerned with the consumer affairs.

The municipal councils have started to exercise their local responsibilities and the civil society institutions have increased and started to contribute to the inputs of the decisions that are of social and economic dimensions, and the Human Rights Commission has been established and its regulations have been issued, and the members of its board have been appointed, in addition to the establishment of a civil association called the Consumer Protection Association and the Food & Drug Authority. King Abdul Aziz Center for National Dialogue has performed its role in spreading the culture of dialogue in the community and contributed to the formation of common concepts concerning perception of the challenges facing the community and how to deal with them.

His interests, may Allah care for him, in the human rights have extended to issuing his decision for establishment of the Human Rights Commission, and the Kingdom joining the Human Rights Council of the United Nations. He also has interested in the public and higher education and has allocated billions in order to advance these two sectors, thus they witnessed quantitative and qualitative expansion, and ordered his program for scholarship to provide the national cadres scientifically qualified to participate in the development of the country. Here comes the launch of King Abdullah University of Sciences and Technology as the most prominent example for such interest.

Youth Advancement

In the fields of youth, King Abdullah has been keen on advancement of youth and providing job opportunities for them and qualifying them for the labor market through technological and professional institutes and colleges. In the health sector, the Kingdom has witnessed a remarkable development in the health services and health insurance and establishment of many hospitals and health centers to provide the services needed by the citizens and the residents. His generosities have extended to the road, port and airport projects, which have become a witness of the era of reformist openness, which features this prosperous era. His generosities have also extended to the families of the duty martyrs, in care, support, attention and appreciation of their sacrifice and redemption to the country.

The number of universities in the Kingdom has doubled from eight universities to more than twenty universities, and technological and health colleges and institutes, girl education colleges have been opened. In the same context, the Cabinet has approved in its meeting held on 24 Muharram 1428 H. the project of King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz for development of the public education, which is a specific leap in the course of education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as it is a specific project that serves the education and development thereof in the Kingdom to build an integrated people from all social and psychological aspects. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques has launched his initiative that the Government of the Kingdom shall allocate three hundred million dollars to be the nucleus for a program that funds the scientific researches relating to energy, environment and climate change.



Preservation of the Arab Dignity is an inherent approach for the foreign policy



The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz has sought to correct the image of Islam and Muslims before the nations of the world, stressing that Islam is a religion of peace, love and compassion, and not a religion of murder, destruction or terrorism, calling in this regard to interfaith dialogue and rapprochement of cultures, strengthening the bilateral relations with most nations of the world, raising the banner of peace and cooperation, and claiming the legitimate rights of the Palestinian People, calling for preventing shedding the blood of the Arab peoples and preserving their dignity.

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques has been keen on taking attitudes that take into consideration the unity of the Arab States and stopping shedding the blood of their peoples, and from this point of view was his decisive attitude, which called the Syrian government to stop shedding the blood of the Syrian people and resort to wisdom and reason. In the context of the changes

taking place in the Arab World, the Kingdom has called, since the start of the outbreak of the crisis in Yemen early this year for dialogue between all parties with a view to reach an agreement ensuring stability and unity of Yemen out of the turmoil taking place therein.

The Kingdom has also stuck together with the Libyan people who suffered actual massacres committed by the regime of the colonel Muammar Gaddafi, and in this context it has supported the resolution of the Arab League which calls for international intervention to protect the civilians of the brotherly Libyan people.

The support of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for the sister Arab States on the basis of justice and preservation of the citizens' dignity has also reflected on the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The decision of sending Peninsula Shield Forces which protected the unity of Bahrain from the scheme of external intervention has been

decisive in aborting the schemes of regional countries that used to intervene in the internal affairs of the Arab States. The Bahraini people has organized "the Loyalty Day" to thank the Kingdom and the Cooperation Council for the Arab Gulf States for their decisive attitude in support of the security and unity of Bahrain.

On the same level, he, may Allah care for him, has paid attention to reconcile the Arab brothers, and solving the Arab – Arab disputes under one house "the Arab House". In presence of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, a bilateral agreement was signed in 2007 for developing and strengthening relations between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of Chad. Then, the Sudanese President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir and Chadian President Idriss Deby Into have signed the bilateral agreement to develop and strengthen relations between their two countries with the blessing of King Abdullah.



Opened the door before her participation in the political life **Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques strengthens the position of woman in the Saudi society**

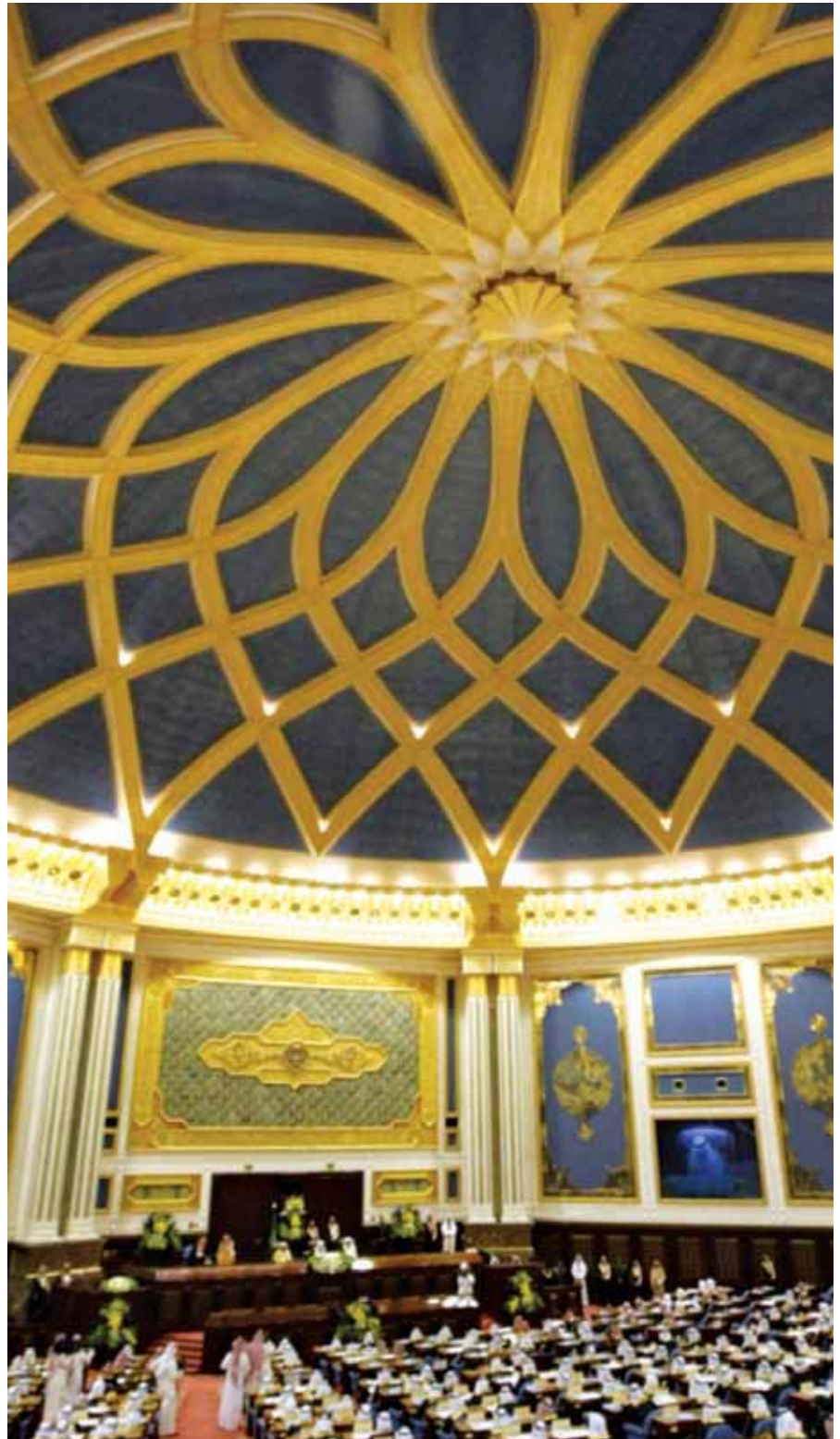
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The Saudi woman has not been far away from the reform progress led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, may Allah protect him, as in his blessed era she has won most of his kind attention and care. Since the beginning and in the year in which he has assumed the reins of government, six women have been appointed in Shura Council as counsels, which paved the way for the Saudi woman to assume higher positions in the State.

Woman on top of priorities

In 2009, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosque issued royal decision for appointing the first female deputy minister in the history of the Kingdom, as Ms. Noura Al Fayez has been appointed in the position of the deputy Minister of Education for Girls Affairs, and she has obtained a Master of Education in the education technologies discipline from the University Utah in the United States, and she has won the Award of Excellence for the Excellent Arab Woman for this year in the field of public education.

In 2008, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, may Allah protect him, has inaugurated the University of Princess Noura bint Abdul Rahman, one of the largest universities for girls in the world, as it has capacity for about 40 thousand female students, representing more than 60% of the female high school graduates, and it





includes more than 13 colleges from various disciplines. Not only that, as it has been followed by a high royal decision for appointing Dr. Huda Mohammed Al Ameel as the director of the University, which is a big boost for the Saudi woman in terms of assuming the effective managerial positions in public life.

The process of generosity and working pursued by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques continues by his unlimited support for the Saudi woman, as in the past year His Highness has honored Dr. Khawla bint Sami Al Karia, the senior scientist of cancer research in King Faisal Specialist Hospital, and she has been awarded the medal of King Abdul Aziz "First Class" for making many distinguished research achievements.

Since the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz assumed the reins of government in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the National Day has become an important occasion to celebrate the glorious achievements and blessed issuance of decisions affecting the life of the Saudi citizen, and the eighty first anniversary of this year, which falls on twenty third of September has not been away from this context, but to the contrary, as it has witnessed the celebrations of the Saudi woman for the issuance of the blessed royal decision for granting her the right to membership of Shura Council and the right of nomination and election in the municipal councils.

The noble royal decision is a new era for the Saudi woman by activating her participation actually in the political life of the Kingdom in addition to strengthening her role in the public life, decision making, community service and participation in the opinion and advice.

Because You are the basis



Woman is my mother, my sister, my daughter, my wife...

Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud



Effective presence... And awards tell humanitarian biography

The presence of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz in the events and international conferences gives them significance and success, because of his significance and influential role in respect of the Arab and international resolutions. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques has been keen on representing the Kingdom at the Arab and International levels even when he was a crown prince, which earned him experience in the foreign politics parallel to the internal politics prior to pledging allegiance to him in 2005.

He, may Allah protect him, has suggested to establish a counter-terrorism international center through the Counter-Terrorism International Conference held in Riyadh in February 2005 under his patronage and with participation of more than 50 Arab, Islamic and foreign countries in addition to a number of international, regional and Arab organizations.

The external participations made by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques have extended beyond that, as he, may Allah care for him, is always keen on participation and presence in the international, Arab and regional conferences and official visits to most countries of the world, and he effectively contributes to laying the strong established foundations for an international community of peace, security and brotherhood.

This local, regional and international presence has been a gateway for King Abdullah to win many awards

that reflect aspects of the deep character of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

Awards and honors received by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques

The “Transparency & Integrity” award which was in continuation of a series of distinguished achievements and valued awards that he kept to win since his assumption of the reins of government in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Saafah Role Model Foundation has announced granting its award for “transparency and integrity” for this year 2011 to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, in recognition of the great efforts that he exerts to establish the principles of integrity, transparency and justice in the society, along with approving the national strategy for protecting integrity and combating corruption, and establishing the National Anti-Corruption Commission and attaching it directly to him, may Allah protect him.

- He received the honorary doctorate in the service of sciences and medical education from the Arab Gulf University in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Jumada 1431 H.
- King Khalid Award for his national achievements in education for the year 1430 H.
- He won the award of the Arab Federation for Libraries & Information,

and he was granted the award of “the world champion for fighting hunger for the year 2008”.

- Award of “Lech Walesa” (Poland) in recognition of his work in the human and charity field.
- Turkish State Award 1427 H.
- In 2005, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques was named the political personality of the year in the Gulf.
- King Saud University award the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques the honorary doctorate in the year 1429 H, and he also was granted the King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam for the year 1428 H.
- World Health has granted him the Anti-Smoking Prize for the year 1428 H.
- Nayef bin Abdul Aziz International Prize for the Prophet’s Sunnah and Contemporary Islamic Studies for Service to the Prophet’s Sunnah for the year 1427 H.
- In the year 1427 H, the National Islamic University (Jamia Millia Islamia), New Delhi has granted its highest academic honorary degree to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.
- He, may Allah care for him, received the honorary doctorate in Islamic Development and the First Royal Medal of Excellence from the Islamic National University, Malaysia, 1427 H.