



THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

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DRC

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a major exporter of oil to the DRC, being the main product exported to the country. The Saudi government therefore has friendly relations with the DRC, supporting the state and condemning any attacks made by terrorist or rebel organisations operating within the country. Furthermore Saudi Arabia is currently discussing 15 billion USD investment opportunities with a number of African countries, including DRC, to offer an alternative to the Chinese mining sector for the USA and its allies. This is done without much concern for locals.

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<https://www.csis.org/analysis/saudi-arabia-has-strategic-advance-sourcing-critical-minerals-africa>

Myanmar

Since 2009 Saudi Arabia has been widely providing asylum to Rohingya and other Burmese Muslim, spending about 2.25 billion to house them and provide health care. In total 2023 refugees are hosted in Saudi Arabia, however, exact number is hard to determine, since many of them entered the country on 3rd country documents (such as Indian, Pakistani, but mainly Bangladesh). In 2023 as the situation in Myanmar stabilised Saudi Arabia started projects for the repatriation of Rohingya to Myanmar, also financially supporting a similar project of Bangladesh.

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Lithium Triangle

Understanding its dependency on oil Saudi Arabia is researching opportunities to diversify its economy. This includes investments into lithium. This year the Saudi mining minister visited Chile in 2024 to discuss investment opportunities. More than that, Saudi Aramco and Emirati ADNOC are interested in launching sustainable lithium extraction projects.

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