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**HM King returns**  
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa returned from Abu Dhabi after taking part in the trilateral summit.

Jordanian monarch King Abdullah II ibn Al Husain and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan took part.

The summit shed light on strong fraternal relations and ways of boosting cooperation in vital areas.

**Twitter to hand over @POTUS account to Biden on January 20**  
Reuters

Twitter Inc will transfer control of the @POTUS account to the Joe Biden administration on Jan. 20, the company said. The @POTUS account is the official account of the President of the United States and is separate from the @realDonaldTrump account that President Donald Trump uses to tweet.

**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

**TOTAL CASES**

**85,591**

**ACTIVE CASES**

**1,636**

**DEATHS**

**338**

**DISCHARGED**

**83,617**

**NEW CASES**

**124**

**CRITICAL**

**15**

# Saudi calls for affordable, 'equitable' vaccine access

Saudi King Salman opens G20 Riyadh Summit, calls to reopen borders, economies

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SAUDI ARABIA'S KING SALMAN



Saudi King delivers G20 summit opening remarks virtually as World leaders watch on

**Summit this year is held virtually**

**Saudi first Arab nation to hold G20**

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Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud yesterday called on World nations to provide "affordable and equitable" access to vaccines and other tools to all to combat the COVID-19 pandemic during his G20 Riyadh Summit opening remarks.

"Although we are optimistic about the progress made in de-

veloping vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics tools for COVID-19, we must work to create the conditions for affordable and equitable access to these tools for all peoples," King Salman, the custodian of the two holy mosques told world leaders.

He said the pandemic dealt "an unprecedented shock" to the world in a short time and that people and economies are still suffering from it.

King Salman assured the Saudi would do its best to "overcome this crisis through international cooperation."

On this note, he urged world economies to continue supporting the global economy and reopen economies and borders to

facilitate the mobility of trade and people.

King Salman further stressed the need to support developing countries in a coordinated manner to maintain the development already achieved over the past decades.

This year's G20 summit also aims to build a sustainable future.

King Salman said G20 countries must lead the international community in preserving and conserving the environment.

**Seven Saudi Hawks and three civilian aircraft from Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) conducted a flyover, trailing the Kingdom's national white and green colours.**

"We also need to create the conditions for a more sustainable economy," he said stressing the need to combat land degradation and conserve coral reefs and biodiversity to safeguard the planet.

The custodian of the two holy mosques said G20 leaders met for the first twelve years ago to deal with the financial crisis, and "today, we are working together again to face another, deeper global crisis, that has ravaged people and economies."

He expressed confidence that the Riyadh summit will deliver significant and decisive results and will lead to adopting economic and social policies that will restore hope and reassurance to the people of the world.

**In the draft communique**

The leaders noted the coronavirus crisis had hit the most vulnerable in society hardest, and said some countries may need debt relief beyond a temporary moratorium on official debt payments now slated to end in June 2021.

G20 leaders said they would decide next spring whether to extend the freeze, the Debt Service Suspension Initiative, for another six months, and endorsed a common framework for debt restructuring hammered out with the Paris Club of official creditors.

Leaders said they are determined to continue to use all available policy tools as long as required to safeguard people's lives, jobs and incomes, support the global economic recovery and enhance the resilience of the financial system, while safeguarding against downside risks," the statement said.

Leaders expressed support for a push by the International Monetary Fund to explore additional tools to address countries' needs as the crisis evolved, and to address the "particular challenges faced by small developing states".



**2008** The first G20 Leaders' Summit took place in Washington D.C. in November 2008.

The G20 members are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union (EU).



G20 nations have contributed more than \$21 billion to combat the pandemic, which has infected 56 million people globally and left 1.3 million dead, and injected \$11 trillion to "safeguard" the virus-battered world economy

India will enter the G20 Troika, along with Saudi Arabia when Italy will take over the Presidency of the G20 on December 1, 2020.