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Date of Birth: 1954

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Businessman, currently the Chairman of Golden Grass, Inc., and TFIC. Director/Founder of Saudi Voters Center and establish Al Ulama Management & Agricultural Consultancy Services and Feasibility Studies. Visiting Professor at the Department of Agriculture and Bio-systems Engineering, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Arizona, USA.

I choose to start my own business and not to work for anybody to create my own road. After returning back from the USA with my newly born son, I have created a company name Turki Faisal International Corporation (TFIC) establish in 1981 as a successful general trading business and maintenance company to date in both private and government organizations.

Golden Grass, Inc. is agriculture and contracting company, established in 1982. Its business is diversified into farming, trading of agrochemicals, animal health, environmental health, recruitment, construction and maintenance. In 2006, Golden Grass, Inc. celebrated its 25 years of successful business in Saudi Arabia. It showcases the achievements of being the top exporter of peanuts in the Middle East (Search Magazine 1995, 1996 & 1997) and one of the top 100 companies in Saudi Arabia (Arab news and Al Eqtisadiyah Newspaper 1995, 1999, 2000 & 2001).

Saudi Voters Center is a non-government & non-profit organization launch in 2004. The first bilingual website specialized in releasing, exploring and discussing all the latest issues regarding the Saudi election.

Achieved 4.0 million hits after 4 months launching (Arab news 17 Feb 2005).

Saudi in focus was launch in 2007 a daily electronic publication that delivers news and articles about all aspects in Saudi Arabia and the rest of the world currently 7.0 million hits average per month. It highlights the Saudi Arabia role in regional and national economies,

societies, and political debate. In addition, www.saudiinfocus.com publishes commentary by a range of journalists, scholars, and policy makers around the globe.

Al Ulama Management and Agricultural Consulting Services was established to help and give consulting services to government and private organization projects in relation to agriculture in particular and how to enhance food security, alleviate poverty and promote economic growth in particular.

QUALIFICATIONS

Date	Level	Subject
2011	Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) Liverpool John Moores University, UK	Agricultural Development Strategies: the Saudi Experience
2004	Executive Master in Business Administration (EMBA) King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia	Business Administration
1981	Bachelor of Arts (BA) University of Arizona, USA	Agricultural Engineering

EMPLOYMENT

Dates	Organization	Position
2013	The University of Arizona, USA	Visiting Professor
2012-2015	Liverpool John Moores University, UK	Visiting Research Fellow
2011	Al Ulama Management & Agricultural Consultancy Services	Founder /Director
2004 2004 2007	Saudi Voters Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saudi election • Saudi in focus 	Founder/Director Founder/Director Founder/Director
1982	Golden Grass, Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture company • Food Producer 	Chairman
1981	Turki Faisal International Corporation (TFIC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trading company • Maintenance company • Investment company 	Chairman

DIRECTORSHIP

Date	Organization	Position
2014	Global Advisory Board of the Global Health Institute (GHI) University of Arizona, USA	Board member
2011	Southwest Initiative for the Study of Middle East conflicts (SISMEC) University of Arizona, USA	Acting Chairman
2000 - 2004	National Agriculture Development Company (NADEC), Saudi Arabia	Board Member
1990 - 1996	Riyadh Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, Saudi Arabia	Member

COMMENTATOR

Frequent TV and newspaper commentator both local and international about the local and international issues related to Saudi Arabia such as Al Eqtisadiyah TV, BBC UK, Al Arabiya, Saudi Channel 1, New York Times, The National Newspaper UAE, Reuters etc.

SELECTED TV AND RADIO INTERVIEWS

Date	TV and Radio Stations	Subject
May 2012	Al Hurra TV station	Agricultural Development Strategies: the Saudi Experience
May 2010	NPR Radio Station	Poverty Hides Amid Saudi Arabia's Oil Wealth
Jan. 2010	Al Eqtisadiyah TV station	Government Subsidies Saudi Arabia-Economic issues
Jan.2010	Al Eqtisadiyah TV station	The continuous Saudi economic crisis; are they real or created
May 2008	BBC TV World Report	Agriculture in Saudi Arabia: Middle East Business report
Jan 2008	Al Eqtisadiyah TV station	Sovereign Wealth Fund
Nov 2004	BBC Radio	Saudi Arabia Municipal Elections

PUBLISH ED BOOKS

Date	Publications
2012	<p><i>Post Arab Spring (Arabic): The manual labor of Democracy Change</i></p> <p>These books are selected articles about the impact of the Arab revolution on the Arab world in general and Saudi Arabia in particular.</p>
2012	<p><i>Agricultural Development Strategies: the Saudi Experience (Arabic)</i></p> <p>A translation of the book in English with more emphasis for the Arab readers. This book is about the role of agriculture to enhance food security, alleviate poverty and promote economic growth.</p>
2012	<p><i>Agricultural Development Strategies: the Saudi Experience (English)</i></p> <p>This book is about the role of agriculture to enhance food security, alleviate poverty and promote economic growth.</p>
2010	<p><i>Al Taba Al Ula</i></p> <p>This book (the English translation of its title is ‘First Edition’) is a selection of articles, some of which have already been published in the newspapers. The book explores the needs to reflect on the issues relevant to the Saudi reality and the future on the heels of turbulence that devastated the Arab World.</p>
2010	<p><i>Ma Ka Tabt</i></p> <p>This book (the English translation of the title is ‘What I have written’) is presented in the form of a collection of articles concerned with dealing with and addressing the issues that trouble the community. Based on careful investigation and documentation, this book takes into consideration the views of specialists in extending the formulation of the problems and issues facing society to provide solutions according to the available resources and capabilities of the parties.</p>

WRITER

Write articles in various English and Arabic Newspaper namely: Arab News, Al Watan, Al Riyadh, Al Jazirah, Al Eqtisadiyah newspapers and Saudi in focus website in Saudi Arabia about local, political, social and international issues. It runs normally about 1,000 words per article.

ARTICLES in ENGLISH: ARAB NEWS

Date	Subject
April 2011	Upcoming municipal elections – emergence of reform
Feb 2010	Arab food security gap
Jan 2009	Why should we bail out US automobile Industry
Nov 2008	Eradicating poverty: Role of agriculture
Dec 2008	Egyptian agriculture: incentives and obstacles
Nov 2008	What ails Sudan’s agricultural sector

ARTICLES in Arabic: AL EQTISADIAH NEWSPAPER

Date	Article title
27 Oct 2011	Crown Prince Sultan and 5 decades knowing him
29 June 2008	Food security gap in the Arab world
03 June 2009	Saudi Real estate and housing: urgent solutions to current crisis
02 Jan 2008	Appearing in the media: of age or accessories from the imperatives!
14 Nov 2007	Restructuring Saudi subsidies: it is about time

ARTICLES: KHARTOUM DAILY, SUDAN NEWSPAPER

Date	Article title
04 June 2008	Sudan and the risks surrounding the role of mercenary armies

19 May 2008	Egyptian agriculture: incentives and obstacles
14 May 2008	Farming in Sudan: opportunities and complexities

ARTICLES in Arabic: AL JAZIRAH NEWSPAPER

Date	Article title
07 June 2012	We are waiting for the ministerial committee for results on rural migration
12 Apr 2012	News print maybe time to panic
01 Apr 2012	Arab spring in the Arab countries
18 Mar 2012	Saudi Military academy acceptance
01 Mar 2012	The illusions of Israel attacking Iran and the GCC position
19 Feb 2012	Agriculture information center
29 Jan 2012	Political Islam: Prospects Success and Failures
19 Jan 2012	Agriculture is not wheat only
30 Jan 2008	Saudi nuclear reactor and insurance benefits for future phase (2-2)
28 Jan 2008	Saudi nuclear reactor and insurance benefits for future phase (2-1)

ARTICLES in Arabic: AL WATAN NEWSPAPER

Date	Article title
22 Aug 2009	Saudi agricultural strategy when it will see the light?
11 July 2009	Social responsibility between the government and the private sector
04 July 2009	Family business challenges maintaining the existing wealth.
27 June 2009	Male and Female thinking
20 June 2009	Time management
13 June 2009	Saudi poverty in figures
06 June 2009	Saudi youth demand and opportunities
30 May 2009	Barack Obama's Arab world visit and the Israeli interests
23 May 2009	Legend of the office
16 May 2009	Saudis dream of home ownership
09 May 2009	Natural disaster management

02 May 2009	The end of a nation
25 Apr 2009	Awaiting for the Saudi house of representatives
18 Apr 2009	Senior positions with academic title
11 Apr 2009	Saudi privatization programs
04 Apr 2009	Dear Mr. President, I am giving you my advice
28 Mar 2009	Corruption: the biggest obstacle to development
21 Mar 2009	Why don't you smile?
14 Mar 2009	Illegitimate academic titles
07 Mar 2009	The black box of the Saudi Shura council
28 Feb 2009	Influential individual: role and responsibility
21 Feb 2009	Saudi Education and labor market gap
14 Feb 2009	Saudi elections and coherence of the home front
07 Feb 2009	Higher education future in the Gulf
31 Jan 2009	Transportation and the growth of inter-Arab trade
24 Jan 2009	Value Added Tax Saudi Arabia
17 Jan 2009	The United States Outlook
07 Jan 2009	The role of agriculture to alleviate poverty and developing rural areas
21 Dec 2008	Saudi public opinion polls
01 Dec 2008	Saudi media: reality and expectations
18 Nov 2008	Thank you, Mr. President Obama
03 Nov 2008	Is it the end of American capitalism?
26 Oct 2008	Creation of civil society tribes
22 Oct 2008	Saudi Arabia and the choices available
16 Oct 2008	Failed States
07 Oct 2008	Bush administration: the final accounts
23 Sept 2008	Saudi economy: who is responsible?
09 Sept 2008	Saudi labor market reform
09 Aug 2008	Why not strive for a normal society?
04 Aug 2008	Blackwater out: Graystone in
30 July 2008	Bush and Cheney legacy and poison

21 July 2008	Saudi suburbs waste and garbage
14 July 2008	When religion becomes evil
01 July 2008	Post U.S. dominance
18 June 2008	Mercenaries in the Middle east
10 June 2008	Sudan and mercenaries
31 May 2008	Saudi universities : appointed vs. selected
19 May 2008	Agriculture Egypt: opportunities and obstacles
11 May 2008	Farming in Sudan: opportunities and complexities
01 May 2008	Unutilized five millions hands in Saudi Arabia
15 Apr 2008	Saudi unexpected disaster
31 Mar 2008	Economic issues in the Arab economic conference
25 Mar 2008	National crisis plan for Saudi Arabia
11 Mar 2008	Average life expectancy vs. age retirement
18 Feb 2008	Imprisonment and alternative punishment
10 Feb 2008	Solution for Saudi housing crisis
05 Feb 2008	A good citizen
22 Jan 2008	U.S. occupation of Iraq
16 Jan 2008	What after Bush?
08 Jan 2008	Public relation in Saudi Arabia: necessity or luxury?
4 Dec 2007	Financial dream seller and wealth bleeder
24 Nov 2007	Saudi Arabia Sovereign wealth funds

ARTICLES in Arabic: SAUDI IN FOCUS

Date	Article title
17 Dec 2011	Containing the extremist
10 Dec 2011	Conferences in Saudi Arabia: What is wrong?
03 Dec 2011	Winners and Losers from the Arab Spring
26 Nov 2011	Negotiating games USA vs. Iran
19 Nov 2011	Arab world position: retreating the USA dominance
11 Nov 2011	Arab revolutions inspire the rest of the world
17 Oct 2011	Attempt to assassinate Al-Jubeir: Who benefits?
14 Oct 2011	Gap between rich and poor in the Arab world
26 Aug 2011	Libya after the Gaddafi...where to go?
20 Aug 2011	Syria...before the end
13 Aug 2011	Trial of the Pharaoh: lessons
06 Aug 2011	Link to the U.S. economy: need to review
15 July 2011	Egypt: challenges and opportunities of the post-revolution
09 July 2011	Egypt-Saudi Bridge
02 July 2011	People's aspirations vs. special interest group
25 June 2011	Turkey and the administration of Arab citizen
18 June 2011	Entrepreneurship program in the Kingdom
11 June 2011	Yemen new era
04 June 2011	Arab League: lost dream!
28 May 2011	Obama's speech: what's new?
21 May 2011	USA relations and the new Middle East
14 May 2011	Features of the next decade
07 May 2011	GCC confederation will it see the light?
30 Apr 2011	Agricultural investment abroad a must, but!
23 Apr 2011	Living with fear
16 Apr 2011	Post Arab Spring

09 Apr 2011	Strategy of distraction
02 Apr 2011	The next municipal elections: beginning of reform
26 Mar 2011	Steps on the road to reform
19 Mar 2011	Bahrain: toward real disarmament defuse tension
03 Mar 2011	Toward an effective decisions
25 Feb 2011	Bahrain in the eye of the storm
19 Feb 2011	Winds of change
14 Feb 2011	A new Arab world
11 Feb 2011	Arab peoples are moving: will leaders fulfill the promise?
06 Feb 2011	The Arab world and the emergence of a new era

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Date	Association
2010	Charitable institution to care for Saudi Families Abroad (AWASSER)
2004	Saudi Management Association
2004	Saudi Society for Agriculture Sciences
2004	Saudi Council of Engineers
2002	Saudi Korean Business Association – Riyadh Chamber of Commerce

RECOGNITION/AWARDS

Date	Recognition/Awards
2005	Prominent Alumni, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM)
2005	Election monitoring, Certificate Saudi Arabia
2008	Silver Certificate, Agriculture Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee 25 years
2014	Alumni Achievement Award in recognition for the outstanding professional achievements and a lifetime service to the University of Arizona, USA

SELECTED ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR

Date	Attendance	Location	Title
27 April 2015	Invited to speak on	University of Hail, Hail, Saudi Arabia	Entrepreneurship Forum 2015: Social Agriculture: Strategic Management Capabilities for Sustainable Development in the Rural Areas
25-26 February 2015	Invited to be panelist on	UN House-Beirut, Lebanon	EGM on Methodology for Mainstreaming Appropriate Green Technology Initiatives in Rural Areas of the Arab Region: Sustainable Agricultural Development in the Rural Areas
30 Oct 2014	Keynote Speaker	Marriott University Park, Tucson, Arizona, USA	Symposium on Arid Lands, Food Security & Health
25-28 Aug 2014	Workshop Director	Cambridge University, UK	Doctoral Symposium: Addressing the Sustainability Agenda in the Gulf Region
12-14 Nov 2013	Invited to Speak on	Cinnamon Grand, Colombo Sri Lanka	Commonwealth Business Forum 2013: Partnering for Wealth Creation and Social Development: The Commonwealth, Indian Ocean and SAARC 'Developing the rural economy for sustainable shared growth
2-5 July 2013	Workshop Director	Cambridge University, UK	The 2013 Gulf Research Meeting: Sustainable Development Challenges in the GCC
16 April 2013	Invited to be panelist on	Qatar University: Doha, Qatar	Round Table Seminar on Iran and Saudi Arabia: Exploring Iran & Saudi Arabia's Interest in Afghanistan & Pakistan: Stakeholders or Spoilers – A Zero Sum Game?
25-27 Feb 2013	Invited to be panelist on	Intercontinental Hotel Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	Investing in Regional Food Security: Global Aginvesting Middle East 2013
14-15 Nov	Invited to speak on	Qatar University Doha, Qatar	The International Conference on Food Security in Dry Lands – Food security in the Middle East

2012			and the role of Private Capital
12 May 2012	Invited to give lecture on	University of Hail, Hail, Saudi Arabia	The role of agriculture to enhance security, alleviate poverty and promote economic growth
9 May 2012	Invited to speak on	King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	‘Agricultural Development Strategies: The Saudi Experience’ The Saudi Economy: Opportunities and Ambitions.
30 Sept. 2011	Invited to give lecture	The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, USA	The role of agriculture and how it will enhance security and the promotion of economic growth
27 Sept. 2011	Invited to give lecture	Princeton University, New Jersey, USA	Running out of food in the Middle East? Food security and the challenges of the Arab Spring
24 May 2011	Invited to speak on	King Saud University, Saudi Arabia	‘Starting a Business’ King Saud University Entrepreneurship Center
16 Sept. 2010	Invited to speak on	Universidad De Palermo, Buenos Aires, Argentina	‘Agriculture Development Strategies (ADS) to enhance food security, alleviate poverty and promote economic growth: the Saudi Arabia Experience’ at the Agribusiness: opportunities between Argentina and the Middle East Conference
22 June 2010	Invited to speak on	Liverpool, UK	‘Investigating Saudi Arabia’s Agricultural Development Strategies’ Third Annual Doctoral Conference, LJMU
7 April 2010	Invited to be a panelist	Brussels, Belgium.	‘South South Cooperation’ Crans Montana Forum 2010: Africa after the London and Pittsburg G20s: The New Economic Parameters
8 April 2010	Invited to be a panelist	Brussels, Belgium.	‘The Role of Agriculture to enhance security and alleviate Poverty’ Crans Montana Forum 2010: Africa after the London and Pittsburg G20s: The New Economic Parameters
9 April	Invited to be a	Brussels, Belgium.	‘New Leaders of Tomorrow’

2010	Moderator		Crans Montana Forum 2010: Africa after the London and Pittsburg G20s: The New Economic Parameters
13 to 16 Apr 2010	Invited to be a panelist on	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	'Agriculture and Food Security' Jeddah Economic Forum 2010: The Global Economy 2020

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Date	Activities
2011	Management Consultant
2011	Agriculture Consultant
2010	Poll Observer Bahrain Municipal Elections
2010	Frequent writer in various English and Arabic Newspapers
2007/09	Weekly columnist Al Watan Saudi newspaper
2006	Poll Observer Kuwait Parliament Election
2005	Poll Observer Saudi Arabia Municipal Election

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