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## **Shifting Sands in the House of Saud with a King's Declining Health**

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King Salman may not be on his deathbed, but his son is renowned for not wanting to waste an opportunity.

Is the ailing Saudi King Salman about to die and be replaced by his controversial son, Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman? The monarch is hospitalized in Riyadh, suffering from an inflamed gall bladder. That's not normally life-threatening, but the energy world is abuzz with rumor; after all, the kingdom is the world's largest petroleum exporter, and any disruption in Saudi oil flows is a big deal. Why should there be any change in Saudi oil exports? Because a transition in power may be challenged from within the Saudi royal family...

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