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## Weekly Update from Saudi Arabia

The Saudi Central Bank announced its objective to issue a “Two Hundred” denomination of the Saudi currency, on the five-year anniversary of launching “Kingdom's Vision 2030”, in the reign of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman. In other news, the resumption of international flights at 1 a.m. on May 17 will exclude the 20 countries where the ban on flights continues as part of preventive measures to curb the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), said Saudia airline.

### 1. Economy, Budgets and Finance

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#### 3.1. Internal

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### 3.2. External

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**Saudi Gazette:** Diriyah Gate participates in Kingdom's celebration of the World Heritage Day. [Read here](#)