

# Saudization Framework and Unemployment in Saudi Arabia: Antecedents and Consequences

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## Abstract

It is safe to say that it is not odd to become aware of the unemployment issue from the biggest oil exporter on the planet? The issue of unemployment in Saudi Arabia started to show up at the start of the most recent century. In 1975, Saudization framework was propelled as a method for supplanting exile with Saudi laborers for limitation employments, yet following 37 years of unemployment is still one of the vital subjects of concern to national. In view of this, this paper attempts to discuss the principal reason behind this issue. Also, the paper argues the unemployment aspects that are crucial in Saudi Arabia are training framework, work framework, organizations and outside laborers. In a universe of developing interest for vitality and sailing oil costs, the Saudis have nothing to stress over; Saudi Arabia's oil stores represent more than 25% of the world's aggregate and its regular gas stores are hence on the planet after Russia, Iran and Qatar. Then again, the Kingdom confronts some incredible investment challenges which call for consideration in order to achieve their significant objectives.

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## 1. Introduction

Saudi Arabia is the biggest nation in the Middle East. It is a flat out government, administered by HM King Abdullah container Abdul Aziz al-Saud (since King Fahd's passing in 2005). It is truly an overwhelming player in the global field, essential because of its weight in Intra-governmental Payment and Collection system (IPAC) and the worldwide vitality market and through its collaboration with both the U.S. (e.g., in the war with Iraq) and the Arab League. The Saudi economy is still intensely reliant on oil preparation and related commercial ventures (e.g. Refineries and petroleum businesses). The money related area is additionally truly created, somewhat in light of the fact that banks do not pay the charges. Saudi Arabia is a barren land and water assets are constrained. Horticulture represents a little portion of the economy; just about 50% of rural items are transported in. Notwithstanding, the significant budgetary test Saudi Arabia confronts today is the huge unemployment rate in one of the world's quickest developing populaces. Saudi Arabia has the seventh greatest conception rate around the world, with 25 births for every 1000 occupants. According to the new figures published by the Central Department of Statistics and Information (Ministry of Economy and Planning) show that the unemployment rate jumped to 12 percent in the second half of 2012. The aggregate number of unemployed Saudis develops at 603,000, a whopping 34 percent increase from 2009 (Aluwaisheg, 2013).

## 2. Review of literature

In a previous study, Saudi Arabia has indicated its propositions to embrace a more empowered project to guarantee that more nationals enter the work market (Lutz et al., 2004). The Kingdom has received, over numerous years, an arrangement of alleged-Saudization which is pointed at slowly supplanting ostracize specialists with Saudi representatives, utilizing a strategy of the promptings and disciplines of private part businesses, for example, charges for work licenses or Iqamas, retreat-reentry visa expenses and the issuance of occupation visas. Throughout 2011, the Saudi Government began to execute a Saudization standard framework or Nitaqat which sets out particular work focuses for Saudization. The meaning of implementing this new amount framework is still not clear, however, as will be contended in this paper, the methodology of Saudization whether voluntary or quantity forced, ought not happen at the cost of effectiveness and profit in the national economy and that a parallel strategy of enhanced training and preparing is important to give Saudi work market contestants with the aptitudes and nature of instruction requested by the private division (Al Gosaibi, 2008). The combination of importing foreign workers while offering generous state welfare benefits to nationals has reinforced this negative attitude towards work and created a vicious cycle that encourages Saudis to stay out of a large part of the job market. The issue of work ethics has attracted some debate both from within and outside Saudi Arabia (Shatkin, 2002; Cordesman, 2003). This area is continuously directed towards expanding the extent of nationals in the different national advancement plans. How the legislature and private area energetically chip in to attain the national objective of expanded Saudization will be the litmus test for the achievement of the Nitaqat or different measures, for example, the proposed presentation of a base pay level for both the private and open segments, initially mooted at SR 3,000 (\$800) in 2011. The political and social upheavals saw in the more extensive Arab world throughout 2011 has likewise presented an included feeling of

critics for national approach markers.

The issue of unemployment and making a feasible financial environment to meet climbing youth unemployment yearnings has been a standout amongst the most pressing concerns emerging out of the purported-‘Bedouin Spring’ (Al Munajjed and Sabbagh, 2011). Then again, even before the coming of the ‘Middle Easterner Spring’ occasions, there was broad enthusiasm toward the issue of occupation creation, thus-called “localization” approaches as embraced in the Gulf Cooperation Council (Al Ali, 2008; Al Munajjed and Sabbagh, 2011; Al Alawi, 2010). Regardless of its key part in investment improvement, human assets remain a key test for most Middle East nations. The writing on this subject is differed, yet it is broadly acknowledged that human asset improvement and administration is a paramount element in monetary development and for impacting changes in financial structure (Heneman et al., 2000; Karoly, 2010; Peterson, 2009). Budgetary development of a nation requires both fiscal and human assets. While monetary assets have not of late been a basic issue in Saudi Arabia, as confirm by the arranged use for training and preparing which accounted about 25% of government planned consumption for the 2012 financial plan (Saudi Press Agency, 2011).

There are different ideas on the different Gulf Economic Council (GCC) localization programs, with some contending that Saudization in the case of Saudi Arabia might be both a gift and a condemnation (Chaudhry, 1989; Kapiszewski, 2001; Cordesman, 2003). The “gift” is that inborn in Saudi Arabia’s available reliance on lawful (and some illicit) outside laborers lay one result: to make a Saudi vocation by dislodging or decreasing the majority of the remote specialists. This appears to be the hypothetical underlying premise for the presentation of the portion or Nitaqat framework. The “condemnation” however of the present reliance on outside work is that the majority of the non-Saudi occupations are of the sort, because of social values, that numerous youthful Saudis don’t need, in spite of the fact that some unemployed Saudis are starting to acknowledge apparently social “demeaning” employments, for example, clerks, waiters and transport agents. The issue of Saudization and its adequacy has gained substantial consideration, yet the perspectives are blended, with some (Looney, 2004, Al Sheik, 2001) being mindfully hopeful, yet just if certain essential work and compensation changes are established, while others feel that demographic weights will result in long haul issues if livelihood era is not taken now (Al Toajjery, 2001; Al Dosary and Nahiduzzaman, 2010).

This topic is likewise focused by different analysts who highlight the security meanings of demographic weights (Urdal, 2006; Coates-Ulrichsen, 2011; Forstenlechner and Rutledge, 2010; Spiess, 2010; Yousef, 2003). At the point when auditing the current writing on Saudization and employment era measures, it could be watched that the assessment of unemployment patterns and localization arrangements inside the district is still to a degree restricted and that most studies have been a graphic quantitative information examination, or prescriptive appraisals of what governments ought to do as opposed to assessments of what has happened and why. A key reason is that as a consequence of the political measurement of the issue of localization, the segment is described by a general absence of information, and information which is regularly exceptional, conflicting or not dependable. Earnestly required data on the conclusion of government arrangements has a tendency to be kept to government reports, which for reasons of saw affectability and classifiedness, are unrealistic to enter the general population area. Subsequently, absence of accessible information and learning, alongside political will, displays itself as a key impediment to educate and proper decision making in this space. The point of this paper is to include unique understanding the issue of how the Nitaqat quantity framework happened and why, and evaluate its political achievement focused around major financial standards.

### **3. Unique aspects of the Saudi labor market**

The most extraordinary viewpoint to Saudi unemployment is that most unemployed persons are unemployed by decision. They can discover employments, yet the occupations they discover don’t live up to their desires of pay and work conditions. The greater part of the unemployed are junior first time work seekers, where unemployment is assessed to have arrived at 39%, ages 25 and beneath, as indicated by the Central Department of Statistics & Information (CDSI). First time work seekers are required to fill low expertise level employments, which in Saudi are normally filled by outside ease-Labor. First time work seekers are confronted by firm rivalry from abroad, without any assurance regulations. In a few cases, government strategies might unintentionally support outside Labor over nearby Labor, by keeping their wages low.

Saudi has a junior populace, where 48% of the populace is beneath the age of 19 years (Yousef, 2003). The Saudi work energy is required to twofold over the advancing decade. Unless business issues confronted by this section are determined, the issue will probably intensify as the amount of Labor business sector participants develops. Saudi Arabia and neighboring GCC nations have the most noteworthy rates of outside conceived workforce on the planet. Reliance on remote work began throughout the past oil blast in the seventies, when improvement activities were confronted by labor deficiencies. The plan was to bring remote Laborers, basically Asians, as a brief answer for complete the required advancement ventures. In practice, remote Laborers never left the nation, rather more were welcomed consistently and the amount of outside conceived laborers has been developing since the time that. The accompanying chart contrasts various OECD nations with Saudi Arabia, by

rate of outside conceived in the workforce. This high rate of remote-conceived Labor (51%) surely has its toll on the nearby Labor market. Saudi and the GCC nations, when all is said in done permit, a practically free stream of outside labor through issuing work visa licenses to private division organizations.

Any private undertaking that is looking to contract remote representatives requests work visa allows and gets a certain number of grants relying upon the measure of business. This circumstance has been happening since the seventies and in light of the fact that outside workers cost less, they have been the favored decision for private senior professionals or top management. Despite what might be expected of created nations where remote workers don't appear to influence unemployment, in Saudi Arabia, the more level wages impact of settler laborers is significant to the point that it makes employments unappealing to Saudis. Reliance on outside Labor was not an issue until genuine unemployment issues began to emerge. Unemployment climbed as of late, in spite of solid GDP development. In the accompanying pages we will talk about the underlying drivers of this issue, the adequacy of government arrangements set up and what is possible to enhance momentum strategies.

#### **4. Causes of unemployment**

The principal reason for the unemployment issue in Saudi Arabia is training framework. Actually, the training framework is neglecting to furnish junior Saudis with the right abilities and adolescent Saudis are not considering the subjects the general public needs. Case in point, something like 80% of the school people graduate ever, geology, Arabic writing and Islamic studies and the rest of for graduating in science, building or from the medicinal schools, which is not secured by work marketing needs of these orders as needed. Undoubtedly, there is befuddled between the amount of graduates from open and higher instruction establishments and the needs of the work market. That is one real purpose behind unemployment, yet it is not alone.

The second cause is work framework; it is extremely old and needs to be changed to adapt to up to date advancements. It additionally has numerous holes and it is not difficult to endeavor. For instance, one of Saudization project instruments is to expand the extent of Saudis specialists by 5% for every year, however, after more than 37 in the system, a few organizations still have rates short of what 10% (Al Toaijery, 2001). Also, a few organizations recorded Saudis laborer names as a placebo to build the rate of Saudization. In short, work frameworks helped essentially to the exacerbating unemployment issue in Saudi Arabia, which has turned into the most vital reasons. The Kingdom's unemployment issue is an outcome of crucial and precise weaknesses, for example, an absence of fitting instruction, the trouble in a religiously preservationist pop culture with incorporating ladies into the workforce, and a stagnant private area reliant on remote laborers.

#### **5. Consequences of unemployment**

##### **5.1 Work conditions**

The most essential measure of working conditions is the normal week by week working hours for distinctive employments. Looking at normal hours worked, with representatives in Saudi Arabia to those of OECD nations, it is wellspring that Saudi scores the most elevated. On Average, a worker in Saudi Arabia works just about 50 hours in every week. This normal incorporates government division occupations that require just 30 working hours for every week, so private area employments oblige working hours that are more amazing than the mean. Long working hours are reflective of the troublesome work conditions accomplished by private area workers in Saudi Arabia, contrasted with OECD nations. Once more, it is a noticeably substantiated case made by unemployed Saudis, asserting that the offered occupations have troublesome work conditions.

##### **5.2 Low productivity**

The best substitute measure of profit is the wages paid to workers, if wages are controlled by business sector strengths. From what we think about private part wages, work profit is generally lower than other similar nations. Second, low levels of capital creation in the economy in general. As a rate of GDP, the horrible capital arrangement has stayed stagnant lately, at beneath 20%, in spite of high financial development (Al Sheikh, 2001). This rate of capital structuring is more level than the rates achieved in other developing markets throughout-high development periods. Altered capital arrangements to GDP rates in China, for instance, where over 35% in the 1990's and India has taken after suite all the more as of late. Both Japan in the 1960's and South Korea in the 1970's achieved rates over 30%.

#### **6. Consequences of low levels of productivity**

The reform Low and falling levels of benefit, infers that we are making all the lower-wage employments that can't be filled by Saudis. Government's exertion to keep outside-conceived work, wages low broadens the hole between wages earned by remote Labor and the base pay levels needed by an unemployed Saudi. Remembering that most unemployed Saudis hold secondary school training or less, essential low-wage employments are the most significant occupations to this portion. Truly, government approaches are constantly expecting that all low-wage employments will be involved by outside Labor, however this may not be the situation later on. Late

demographic patterns, connected with the developing junior populace, made it essential to ingest a piece of the Saudi work compel in fundamental low-wage employments.

As long as the free stream of remote Labor is permitted, gains of a Laborer will dependably be focused around Labor benefit in his nation of starting point. Organizations don't have to enhance benefit as long as they can enlist more Labor from abroad. As said prior, unemployment around Saudis is because of the low level of wages, not the absence of occupations. So unless gains levels enhance and therefore wage expansion, employments won't be engaging the unemployed Saudis. On the off chance that we accept that we will dependably have Saudis working on the untalented portion, which is reasonable to expect for any experienced economy.

Compensation levels earned by the low-wage earners might need to expand for all laborers before any maintainable substitution of outside specialists by Saudis can happen. As long as outside specialists cost less, entrepreneurs have a motivating force to contract remote Labor. The absence of capital speculations by organizations is likewise as a result of the same reason. Entrepreneurs are not incentivized to put resources into capital and effectiveness on the grounds that the expense of Labor is so low. Unless we permit wages to climb, organizations won't move to more capital concentrated practices. The absence of capital financing by Saudi organizations makes organizations that don't match the nation's assets (work escalated organizations in a nation that has lack of work). This issue could have genuine outcomes for the economy as time goes on. The motivating force to put resources into capital is nearly identified with the expense of work. Given the decision, the business will constantly choose to contract all the more ease-Labor over bringing about capital ventures.

### **7. Social implications**

A standout amongst the most genuine effects of unemployment is its impact on the physiological state of the unemployed. Low self-regard, misery, which prompts powerless family ties and detachment from the group. Remembering that 89% of the unemployed are underneath the age of 29, helplessness to mental entanglement is more stupendous at this junior age (Munajjed and Sabbagh, 2011). Occupation market participants are most helpless against radical convictions and may be inclined to scouts of dread developments. Developing unemployment issues will likewise have negative suggestions on wrongdoing rates if not tended to appropriately. Giving employments and better than average living is the most ideal approach to captivate the young into the metro pop culture. The low cooperation rate of ladies in the workforce additionally restrains the advancement open doors for moms. By taking an interest in the workforce a mother might better comprehend occupation market prerequisites and raise her kids likewise. As of now there is more than 520 thousand down home partners in Saudi homes, for the most part Asians, whom are energetically taking an interest in raising Saudi youngsters. By diminishing the reliance on provincial aides it could support stronger ties between moms and kids.

Having a substantial bit of the populace as interim worker specialists likewise makes socio-political dangers. Hefty portions of the foreigner's populace in Saudi have existed here for quite a while and consider Saudi to be their home nation. It will be stupid to expect that all workers will calmly come back to their home nations once the requirement for their administrations has finished. Given the long-time of their lives used inside the nation they will doubtlessly request to be given changeless residency status or full citizenship rights. We should additionally recall the social suggestions on groups of outside Laborers that need to get by without a father or a mother, who is working abroad. In a few gauges, the state of Kerala, India, has more than one million single parents, frequently called the Gulf widows. It is not reasonable for such countless to be forgetting an imperative some piece of the family for work reasons. By depending less on remote incompetent Labor we give the widowed families a finer opportunity to live their lives together.

### **8. Government policies in place**

To meet these tests, the Saudi government captivates into a few estimations, which concentrate on expanding the Saudi economy, reinforce its significance in the worldwide vitality market and make employments for junior Saudis. These estimations incorporate:

- A18 billion USD venture to expand oil preparation to a limit of 13.1 million barrels for every day in 2013.
- King Abdullah's Economic City, a goal oriented venture to construct a modern and budgetary shoreline at the Red Sea with a speculation of 28.1 billion OSD.
- Saudization: a plan to movement current occupations held by non-natives to Saudis.
- Further ventures in petrochemical businesses, land activities and outside immediate speculations abroad.
- Evacuation of duties in an exertion to help utilization.

These progressions and others demonstrate that the Saudi government is ready to mend its economy and not going visually impaired after the current high benefits from oil. Saudi Arabia's 2005 joining to WTO is an alternate benchmark for this propensity (Jadwa, 2011). Up to 1.6 million youthful nationals will enter the workforce in the following five years in the Gulf nations of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar and the

UAE, as per another report by the IMF. In any case, the body cautions that just around 600,000 will discover occupations in the private area by 2018. A normal one million could end up without work. Tim Callen, the IMF's Mission Chief to Saudi Arabia, proclaimed in front of the occasion that as youth methodology working-age years in the Middle East, investment, and development has not been sufficient to make enough employments and to meet the goals of the individuals. Ladies additionally just embody 22% of the workforce in the locale. Moreover, organizations, particularly in the part of little-and-medium ventures face numerous snags to develop. An across the country winnowing of Saudi Arabia's huge remote workforce of around nine million individuals has effectively sent countless vagrants home in the previous two months. Saudi powers say the occupations deserted can and ought to be given to Saudis.

The kingdom has likewise actualized a so-called "Saudization" program that obliges organizations to guarantee that Saudi nationals make up no less than 50% of the workforce in place for the organization to have nuts and bolts like passageway and passage visas for its universal staff. The project has made what Saudis call "tasator" whereby organizations pay compensations to Saudis who don't really work. Entrepreneurs who do this say that numerous Saudis are not talented enough for the occupations they need along these lines think that it's less demanding to do this. Customarily, the Saudis have depended on open, steady and well-paying government occupations. The IMF says very nearly two-thirds of utilized Saudis nationals work for the legislature, however, that there is a need to enhance instruction to support the abilities and gains of specialists. Bundagji of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce stated that there requirements to be monetary incorporated that concentrates on Saudis who don't have admittance to subsidize. They need to connect with the individuals and additionally provide for them that trust that they can likewise long for having a top over their head (Batrawy, 2013).

Saudi Arabia, an outright government that has no wage expense, is attempting to push more natives into work to handle long haul-unemployment that the authorities see as unsustainable in light of high populace development and vulnerability over future oil income (Peterson, 2009). The presentation of unemployment protection is intended to make it more alluring for youthful Saudis to look for occupations in privately owned businesses, where the beginning compensation and different profits are less liberal than in government employments. While the authority unemployment rate is around 12 percent, economists say just 30-40 percent of working age grownups take an interest in the work energy. Most Saudis who don't have employments are fiscally underpinned by a relative. The vast majority of the individuals who work are utilized by the state, however the legislature can't backing such a substantial compensation bill in the long haul, and the International Monetary Fund has cautioned that the private area must take care of the future occupation demand. Paul Gamble, chief, sovereign group, Fitch Earnings, mentioned that in the event that there is a certification of wage, especially when that is joined with the level of past profit, it ought to make individuals more agreeable with taking positions in the private area (McDowall, 2014).

Under the new regulations, proclaimed by the Labor Ministry after they were endorsed at a bureau meeting on Monday, all Saudi specialists in both the private and open areas will be charged one percent of their month to month pay as a membership. Their boss will pay the same sum into the plan, which will be worked by another state protection body to be set up inside six months. The individuals who lose their occupations will be qualified for up to 12 months of payment, set at 60 percent of the normal compensation they earned in the past three years for the initial three months and after that 50 percent for the accompanying nine months. Profits are topped at 9,000 riyals (\$2,400) for the initial three months and 7,000 riyals for whatever remains of the year. There is a base installment of 2,000 riyals. Specialists who leave from their employments, have an elective wellspring of job or salary from ventures, or have been paying into the plan for a year are not qualified for recompense.

## 9. Spending warning

McDowall (2014) argues that Riyadh has risen using on social profits in the previous three years in light of the 2011 "Arab Spring" uprisings. While Saudi Arabia got away mass dissents, its pioneers were uncomfortably mindful that unemployment prodded showings somewhere else. Not at all like those profits, then again, will the new social protection be incompletely paid for by obligatory commitments from specialists and bosses. In spite of the fact that the Saudis don't pay charge, they have recently made obligatory commitments to a social protection trust to pay for their state annuities. The IMF and free economists have as far back as anyone can remember cautioned Riyadh it must rein in sumptuous government using notwithstanding years of high plan surpluses and outside coin saves greater than yearly horrible down home item. A month ago, it declared using arrangements, since 2014 that are 4.3 percent higher than it planned for 2013, in spite of the fact that the expansion is more modest than in past years. It is not yet clear if the installments Saudis will make into the plan will take care of the expense of protection installments. It may not be the most effective result in the near term yet in the event that it aides standardize the work market it is a value worth paying.

Besides the new unemployment protection, Saudi Arabia has likewise presented extreme new quantities for organizations to utilize Saudi nationals and also remote specialists, who are less expensive and simpler to flame. It has additionally presented a charge that organizations must pay for each one ostracize they enlist over the

amount of Saudi laborers, and has taken action against visa irregularities to diminish the amount of outsiders searching for occupations inside the kingdom (Metawae, 2011). In a nation where more than two-thirds of the populace is more youthful than 30 and something like 100,000 graduates enter the employment showcase every year, extreme measures ought to be taken. These incorporate decreasing the smothering hold of the Saudi government on the private area, expanding professional preparing in higher instruction and moving social confinements that hinder joining of Saudi ladies into the workforce. Unless actualized, the nation's unemployment issue dangers converting into a ticking time shell that undermines soundness. High oil costs and expanded processing have given a huge help to the Saudi economy. In the course of the most recent four years, the nation has recorded a yearly, normal development of 6.25% (Peterson, 2009). Yet, as far as occupations, Saudi's have just unassumingly benefitted from this blast, with most new employments going to outside specialists.

As per figures from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) discharged in July 2013, 1.5 million of the 2 million new employments made in the most recent four years went to non-Saudis. In the interim, the IMF shows that the unemployment rate around Saudi nationals has arrived at 12%. The young (30%) and females (35%) are especially influenced by the nation's unemployment issue. Just a little number of Saudis is utilized in the private segment. As indicated by facts for 2011 from the Saudi Ministry of Labor, discharged by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, Saudi laborers spoke to just 10.9% of the aggregate number of specialists in the private part. Organizations have customarily been hesitant to utilize Saudi's, who pays more than outsiders and delight in more occupation insurance. What is more, numerous Saudi's want to work with people in general part, since private superintendents offer nearly lower compensations, ugly profits bundles, and request longer working hours. There is additionally a bungle between the abilities of adolescent Saudis and the needs of private party bosses. With Saudi organizations of higher instruction concentrating on hypothetical instead of professional parts of training, graduates don't meet the prerequisites of organizations scanning for specialized and professional masters (Hoetjes, 2013).

On top of this, in light of fundamentalist elucidations of Islam in Saudi Arabia, it is seen as a violation of God's will for offhand men and ladies to blend. Thus, there are numerous confinements on ladies' capacity to work. With more ladies moving on from Saudi colleges than at any other time, the legislature confronts an immense test coordinating them into the workforce. To build a ladies' business, the Saudi government has attempted to make more openings for work. Bosses have been urged to build sex-isolated work territories and arrangements have been reported to lift a boycott on female legal counselors contending cases in courts. In a meeting with the Washington Post in November 2012, the Saudi Labor Minister Adel Fakeih mentioned his area of expertise was attempting to make occupations that permit ladies to telecommute. Moreover, the Saudi government has made moves to build the amount of Saudi nationals working in the private division (Sullivan, 2012). In June 2011, the Saudi Ministry of Labor presented another framework called 'Nitaqat' (Sehgal, 2013). Through the Nitaqat-framework, the Saudi government would like to continue supplant exile specialists with Saudi laborers. Under the new strategy, organizations are incentives to expand their rate of Saudi workers; organizations with a low rate of Saudi representatives are punished by having work visas for their non-Saudi specialists denied (Ghafour, 2011).

The Saudi government has likewise presented the Hafiz-program, which gives Saudi jobseekers a month to month stipend for a most extreme time of one year, restrictive upon their interest in employment hunts and preparing exercises. Regardless of these measures, there are still indications of pain inside the Saudi pop culture. A standout amongst the most dynamic discussions as of now occurring on Twitter, approximately interpreted as "Pay rates are insufficient" is very nearly completely powered by Saudi clients. Citizens were also disappointed to find out that the SR 2,000 monthly Hafiz payment was not the actual amount they would receive, and instead payments would be based on many criteria, including education level which meant a high school certificate owner would be paid SR 975 (\$260) per month and others SR 1,200 (\$320) for receiving additional state assistance (Al Jassem, 2011).

The exchange has turned into a web sensation with several tweets for every second and a huge number of tweets for every week on the subject. Twitter clients are urging the Saudi government to make a move against poor employment prospects, low wages, and the quickly climbing typical cost of basic items (Masi, 2013). While the Nitaqat-framework expects to expand the amount of Saudis working in the private part, it doesn't really transform its structure which is basically focused around ease-remote work and the Kingdom's similar focal point in vitality-serious businesses. Dr. Steffen Hertog, a master of political economy in Saudi Arabia based at the London School of Economics, noted in a later article for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace that short of what 400,000 of the 4 million exiles-held employments in the private segment directed a payment of more than 3,000 Saudi Riyals (\$800) a month in 2011 (Hertog, 2013). These methods there are just a couple of positions in the private part for which Saudis might significantly think about applying. The private part, in the Kingdom is predominantly overwhelmed by enormous business combinations which are the fundamental beneficiaries of government contracts in view of their nearby binds to the administration. Beginning business

visionaries, thusly, thinks that it's troublesome to create their organizations with 'government formality' fuelling support, eventually bringing about a stagnant private area that needs advancement and feeling of the enterprise. This is an enormous snag to the advancement of a more broadened economy that might expand the amount of suitable, high-paying employments accessible to the Saudi youth.

The measures taken by the Saudi government as to livelihood have additionally halted short of completely tending to the ladies' job. Lifting these confinements has the potential, be that as it may, of activating encounter between the administration and the traditionalist religious foundation. The strains between the Saudi government and the religious foundation as of late went to the fore when King Abdullah sacked his hard-line consultant Sheik Abdelmohsen al-Obeikan, after the sheik scrutinized the ruler's choice to unwind sexual orientation isolation (BBC News, 2012). Since brisk fixes are distracted, the unemployment issue in Saudi Arabia will remain a cerebral pain for the Saudi administration for a considerable length of time to come. In any case staying sit still despite diligent unemployment involves the most hazards. With such a large number of adolescent Saudis entering the work showcase in the nearing years, a period shell is holding up to blast.

### **10. Conclusions and policy implications**

Saudi Arabia is a gigantic Muslim nation and a solid economy, which experience radical change. Its oil stores and handling limits make it to be a key player in the worldwide vitality market. Therefore, Saudis revel in the rather high caliber of life (e.g. as far as newborn child death rate) and disposable pay. As oil costs stay high this example is not anticipated that will change within a brief period of time. Saudi Arabia is currently a part of WTO. Saudis are sharp for ventures in numerous different fields, for example, industry, foundation training, tourism and land, which are a significant main thrust to help the nation recuperate some of its shortcomings, specifically the high unemployment rate despite its perpetually-developing populace (Wahab, 2011). Along these lines, in spite of the fact that it remains a traditionalist nation, Saudis are a great deal more open to the western world and, as one ought to expect, comprehends the future significances of this move, likewise in the social viewpoint. They expend more than before and revel in the profits of being a vital part of advanced pop culture. The administration is clearly the pioneer of these progressions. Evacuation of taxes, acknowledgement of WTO exchange regulations and opening the business sector for remote financial gurus, retailers and so on is a significant venture ahead in the building procedure of the new Saudi economy, and join other vital activities, for example, the monetary urban areas, privatization of key parts (e.g., water frameworks) and the support for Saudi speculators to enhance the provincial market through speculations in agribusiness creation abroad.

Notwithstanding, the significant shortcoming of the Saudi economy remains its work market. Saudis' wages are dependent upon five times higher than those of outsiders, and there is a serious lack in prepared Saudis to support the economy. The bleak conclusion is that 88% of the representatives in the private area are non-natives. The legislature arranges to stop this pattern and to oblige organizations to utilize no less than 75% Saudis. Some different estimation is required so as to finish these endeavors. Ladies reconciliation in the workforce is one issue to give careful consideration to. Despite the fact that ladies accounted to about 50% of the instruction framework graduates, they contain just 5% of the workforce, implying that an enormous capability of gifted laborers stays outside of the business sector. An alternate issue is transparency and debasement, where Saudi Arabia still has far to go, and in addition to its moderate training framework and the crevices between rustic and urban Saudis. In 2012, the Saudi Government has gone further and has taken practical steps aimed at scrapping the individual sponsorship system, such as changing the term 'transfer of sponsorship' to 'transfer of services' and preventing sponsors from holding passports of foreign workers and also cancelling the condition to obtain the sponsor's approval for workers to bring their families to the Kingdom (Arab News, 2011). The new Saudization and least wage strategies could additionally influence other Saudi Government activities as opening up the Saudi economy to globalization. Making it appealing to outside immediate financing (FDI) could result in a clash for the twin destinations of Saudization and liberalization. The Kingdom's forceful Saudization strategy could be seen as excessively negative for outside organizations that like to work in an open work advertise, one that is directed by experience, capability and the needs of business sector supply and interest. Key remote organizations may decline to conform to forced Saudization standards, requiring yet more "special cases" to government approach (Ibrahim, 2007).

One range of effect from Saudization may be a diminishment of (FDI) in the Kingdom. Outside firms may feel that Saudization not just puts them off guard contrasted with their remote rivals, yet that the entire Saudization program itself is capricious, with guidelines and standards changing without cautioning. This component, consolidated with concerns over down home terrorist viciousness, might radically diminish FDI inflows. Concern over Saudization's effect on outside moguls likely underlined the Kingdom's choice to decrease the rate of expense of benefit to remote organizations to 20% from 40%. There is likewise an alternate measurement concerning the issue of how remote work is dealt with in Saudi Arabia and influencing the nation's notoriety. Instances of abuse of outside specialists have accepted across the board scope globally, and in 2005 the administration of Saudi Arabia made an extraordinary office, the Saudi Department of Protection of Domestic

Workers, after weight from the Philippines. Taking everything into account, the Saudi Government is gotten in a predicament sustaining the private part to assume a more compelling part in a supported and enhanced economy, while in the meantime attempting to deal with a climbing tide of energetic unemployed through government forced portion orders. Acknowledging all the over, the nation has the right means and demeanor for getting prevailing in different fields, more than all in its developing mechanical division. Greater government use and open-private associations are required, however, it appears that not at all like some different nations in the district, Saudi Arabia will be in ten years an entire distinctive nation.

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