

- Association founded 1959
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1956



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Saudi Arabia

For several years now, Saudi Arabia has been one of the powerhouses of Asian football. On their FIFA World Cup debut in the USA in 1994, the *Green Falcons* caused quite a surprise when they beat Belgium and Morocco to qualify for the round of 16. They won against Belgium thanks to a goal by Saeed Al-Owairan, which to this day is one of the most memorable moments in World Cup history. However, after four qualifications in a row between 1994 and 2006, Saudi Arabia failed to qualify for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

At continental level, Saudi football went through a golden age between 1980 and 2000, winning three Asian Cup titles and finishing second twice in 1984 and 2000. The *Green Falcons* once again reached the final of that tournament in 2007.

One of Saudi Arabia's top players of all time is goalkeeper Mohamed Al-Deayea. With 181 appearances between 1990 and 2006, he is the most capped player ever. He participated in all the World Cups his country qualified for.

The first Goal project

Having observed the increasingly regular use of artificial turf pitches during regional and continental tournaments in which it had participated, the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) submitted a proposed project to the Goal Bureau on 1 December 2009 for the construction of three international standard artificial turf pitches. Thanks to these pitches, the SAFF will now be able to train the national teams on surfaces similar to those they play on during some international competitions.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Construction of three artificial turf pitches

Project approved on

1 December 2009

Status

Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	425,000
Association	USD	675,000
Total cost	USD	1,500,000

Use of FAP funds

