

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

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The United Arab Emirates (UAE), like Qatar and Bahrain, achieved independence from Britain in 1971. The UAE is made up of seven individual emirates, or kingdoms, united in a federation. The ruling sheik of the emirate Abu Dhabi is also elected the president of the entire nation.

The UAE has only had two emirs throughout its existence. Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan ruled from independence until his death in 2004, when he was succeeded by his son Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan. This transition was not coded as a SOLS change as both men were members of the Al-Nahyan dynasty, and the UAE was effectively a monarchy.¹

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¹ **NB:** Archigos missed this transition and lists Al-Nahyan for the entire period