

United Arab Emirates

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United Arab Emirates is coded as a monarchy from independence in 1971 until 2008.

Technically the UAE is a loose federation of seven emirates and is governed by a seven-member council that represents hereditary rulers from each emirate. At the head of the council is a President who is coded by Archigos as the ruler. UAE was ruled by Sheikh Zaid II ibn Sultan Al-Nahayan of the Al Nahyan (Abu Dhabi) dynasty (Morby 2002) at independence. There is no SOLS change at independence. Zaid II died in 2004. Sheikh Khalifa II ibn Zaid Al Nahayan (Abu Dhabi) of the Al Nahyan dynasty, eldest son of Zaid II, succeeded and ruled through 2008.¹ This is not a SOLS change since he came from the same dynasty. Department of State: “In accordance with the Constitution, the U.A.E.'s Supreme Council of Rulers elected Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan as U.A.E. Federal President” (US Department of State 2010).

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