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Prince Albert is devoted to the charity work conducted in respect to the late Princess Grace. He established an organisation under the royal patronage of HSH Princess Grace, "Monaco Aide et Presence", and sat as the vice-president of the Princess Grace Foundation.

Qatar

His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani and Her Highness Sheikhha Mozah bint Nasser al Missned

His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani became the new emir of the state of Qatar on June 26, 1995, continuing the rule of the Al-Thani family that began nearly two centuries ago.

Sheikh Hamad was born in 1952. He began his education in Qatar and graduated in 1971 from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in the UK. He returned to serve in the military and was later appointed commander-in-chief of the Qatari Armed Forces. Sheikh Hamad was acclaimed Crown Prince in 1977 and at the same time was appointed minister of defence.

Sheikh Hamad became the emir of Qatar following a bloodless coup in 1995 and started modernising the country in all aspects from military, economics, education to sports.

Her Highness Sheikhha Mozah Bint Nasser al Missned was born in Qatar. She graduated from the University of Qatar in 1986 with a BA in Sociology. Her Highness Sheikhha has held several positions in both local and international organisations.

His Highness Sheikh Hamad and Her Highness Sheikhha Mozah Bint Nasser al Missned have seven children: five sons and two daughters.

Swaziland

His Majesty King Mswati III and Her Royal Highness Inkhosikati LaDube, the Royal Consort

His Majesty King Mswati III was crowned king of Swaziland on April 25, 1986, at the age of 18, following the death of his father, King Sobhuza II in 1982. He thus became the youngest ruling monarch in the world.

His Majesty was born on April 19, 1968, and is the second of the 67 sons of the elderly King Sobhuza II and Ntombia Thwala. His Majesty completed the Swaziland Primary Certificate examination with

a First Class merit in mathematics and English. He furthered his education at Sherborne School, UK, during which Queen Dzeliwe Shongwe and Queen Ntombi Thwala served as regent. His interests include the royal guard and he became the first young cadet to join the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF).

HM King Mswati III currently has 11 wives and three official fiancées.

Her Royal Highness Inkhosikati LaDube is the royal consort of His Majesty King Mswati III. Her Royal Highness was born Nothando Dube. She was chosen at the Reed Dance ceremony on August 30, 2004. They were married on June 11, 2005.

Sweden

His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf and Her Majesty Queen Silvia

His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf (Carl Gustaf Folke Hubertus), King of Sweden, is the seventh king in the Bernadotte dynasty on the Swedish throne. He ascended the throne on September 19, 1973, at the age of 27, following the death of King Gustaf VI Adolf, who died on September 15, 1973.

His Majesty was born on April 30, 1946, at Haga Palace to Prince Gustaf Adolf and Princess Sibylla of Sachsen-Coburg-Gotha. He became the crown prince at the age of four following the death of his father in 1947 and the accession of his grandfather, King Gustaf VI Adolf, to the throne in 1950. After completing his school years and two and a half years' training in the army, navy and air force, His Majesty pursued several programmes of academic studies from history, sociology, political science to economics at the University of Uppsala and the University of Stockholm. His best known mission is the Noble prize presentation.

Her Majesty Queen Silvia was born Silvia Sommerlath in Heidelberg, Germany, on December 23, 1943. She spent her childhood in Sao Paolo, Brazil, and West Germany. Her Majesty attended the Munich School of Interpreting between 1965 and 1969. Between 1971 and 1973, she worked as a training hostess for the Organising Committee for the Munich Olympics. She then became deputy head of protocol of the Organising Committee for the Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria.

HM King Carl XVI Gustaf and HM Queen Silvia met at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich. They married on June 19, 1976, and have three children: Crown Prince Carl Philip and Princess Victoria, Prince Carl Philip and Princess Madeleine.

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◆ Their Majesties the King and Queen, accompanied by HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, welcome Princess Juliana, former queen of the Netherlands, and Prince Bernhardt.

◆ Their Majesties the King and Queen hosted a banquet for Their Majesties Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah and the Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha of Brunei Darussalam in November 1988.

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◆ His Majesty the King with King Olav of Norway during his visit to Thailand in January 1965. With them are Her Majesty the Queen and HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

◆ Their Majesties the King and Queen welcomed Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh in 1996. Also present were HRH The Princess Royal and HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

◆ His Majesty the King and His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden in 1987.

State visits and official visits of heads of state (or their representatives) of foreign countries to Thailand

- ◆ His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia (December 15-21, 1954)
- ◆ President Ngo-Dinh Diem of the Republic of Vietnam (August 15-19, 1957)
- ◆ President Soekarno of the Republic of Indonesia (April 16-20, 1961)
- ◆ President Arturo Frondizi of the Republic of Argentina and Mrs Arturo Frondizi (December 8-11, 1961)
- ◆ Their Majesties King Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid of Denmark (January 12-24, 1962)
- ◆ President Heinrich Lubke of the Federal Republic of Germany and Mrs Heinrich Lubke (November 21-26, 1962)
- ◆ General Ne Win, Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the Union of Burma (December 14-21, 1962)
- ◆ Their Majesties King Paul I of the Hellenes and Queen Frederika (February 14-18, 1963)
- ◆ His Majesty King Sri Savang Vatthana of Laos (March 22-25, 1963)
- ◆ Her Majesty Queen Juliana and His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands (October 15-22, 1963)
- ◆ Their Majesties King Baudouin I and Queen Fabiola of the Belgians (February 3-10, 1964)
- ◆ Their Majesties the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia (Tuanku Syed Putra ibni Al-marhum Syed Hassan Jamalullail, the Third Yang di-Pertuan Agong) (February 24-March 3, 1964)
- ◆ Their Imperial Highnesses Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko of Japan (December 14-21, 1964)
- ◆ His Majesty King Olav of Norway (January 15-23, 1965)
- ◆ His Royal Highness Prince Bertil of Sweden (February 2-10, 1965)
- ◆ President Park Chung Hee of the Republic of Korea and Mrs Park (February 10-13, 1966)
- ◆ President Lyndon B. Johnson of the United States of America and Mrs Lady Bird Johnson (October 28-30, 1966)
- ◆ President Franz Jonas of the Republic of Austria (January 17-26, 1967)
- ◆ President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines and Mrs Imelda Marcos (January 15-19, 1968)
- ◆ His Imperial Majesty Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Aryamehr Shahanshah of Iran and Her Imperial Majesty Farah Pahlavi Shahbanou of Iran (January 22-29, 1968)
- ◆ His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia (May 1-4, 1968)
- ◆ President Richard M. Nixon of the United States of America and Mrs Patricia Nixon (July 28-31, 1969)
- ◆ General Soeharto, President of the Republic of Indonesia and Mrs Soeharto (March 19-22, 1970)
- ◆ Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (February 9-15, 1972)
- ◆ President Shri Varahagiri Venkata Giri of India and Shrimati Sarasvathi Giri (March 27-30, 1972)
- ◆ Their Majesties the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia (Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Bahlilishah, the Fifth Yang di-Pertuan Agong) (February 1-8, 1973)
- ◆ General U Ne Win, President and Chairman of the Council of State of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma (March 4-6, 1979)
- ◆ President Ziaur Rahman of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Begum Ziaur Rahman (April 8-10, 1979)
- ◆ General Soeharto, President of the Republic of Indonesia (March 25-26, 1981)
- ◆ President Chun Doo Hwan of the Republic of Korea and Mrs Chun Doo Hwan (July 3-6, 1981)
- ◆ Their Majesties King Hussein Bin Talal and Queen Noor Al-Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (September 25-27, 1983)
- ◆ President Karl Carstens of the Federal Republic of Germany and Mrs Carstens (February 29 - March 2, 1984)
- ◆ His Holiness Pope John Paul II of the Vatican State (May 10-11, 1984)
- ◆ Their Majesties King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev and Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Shah of Nepal (December 12-15, 1984)
- ◆ President Li Xiannian of the People's Republic of China and Mrs Lin Jiamei (March 11-15, 1985)
- ◆ Their Majesties the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia (Sultan Iskandar, the Eighth Yang di-Pertuan Agong) (December 17-21, 1985)
- ◆ Mrs Nancy Reagan, the wife of the President of the United States of America (May 3-5, 1986)
- ◆ Sir Ninian Stephen, AK, GCMG, GCMG, KBE, KSTJ, Governor General of Australia and Lady Stephen (January 14-21, 1987)
- ◆ Mrs Jeanne Sauve, PC, CC, CMM, CD, Governor General of Canada and Mr Maurice Sauve, PC, CC (March 27-April 1, 1987)
- ◆ General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (October 21-24, 1987)
- ◆ Their Majesties King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sofia of Spain (November 18-22, 1987)
- ◆ President Hussain Muhammad Ershad of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Begum Raushan Ershad (March 28-31, 1988)
- ◆ Their Majesties Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah and Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha of Brunei Darussalam (November 1-4, 1990)
- ◆ Their Majesties the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia (Sultan Azlan Muhibuddin Shah, the Ninth Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Bainun) (December 17-21, 1990)
- ◆ President Yang Shangkun of the People's Republic of China (June 10-15, 1991)
- ◆ Their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko of Japan (September 26-30, 1991)
- ◆ President Kaysone Phomvihane of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Mrs Thongvin Phomvihane (January 6-15, 1992)
- ◆ President Arpad Goncz of the Republic of Hungary and Mrs Zsuzsanna Maria Goncz (February 15-18, 1993)
- ◆ President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic and Mrs Olga Havlova (February 11-14, 1994)
- ◆ President Nouhak Phoumsavanh of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Mrs Boumna Phoumsavanh (February 14-19, 1995)
- ◆ Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (October 28-November 1, 1996)
- ◆ President William Jefferson Clinton of the United States of America and Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton (November 25-27, 1996)
- ◆ President Tran Duc Luong of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (October 6-8, 1998)
- ◆ President Jiang Zemin of the People's Republic of China and Mrs Wang Yeping (September 2-6, 1999)
- ◆ Their Majesties the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia (Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Sha, the Eleventh Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah) (March 27-30, 2000)
- ◆ Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and His Royal Highness the Prince Consort (February 7-12, 2001)
- ◆ His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajah Mariam of Brunei Darussalam (August 26-28, 2002)
- ◆ Their Majesties King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden and Queen Silvia (February 25-March 1, 2003)
- ◆ President Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China and Mrs Liu Yongqing (October 17-18, 2003)
- ◆ President George W. Bush of the United States of America and Mrs Laura Welch Bush (October 18-19, 2003)
- ◆ President Vladimir Putin of the Russian Federation and Mrs Lyudmila Putina (October 22, 2003)
- ◆ Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Willem-Alexander, Prince of Orange (January 19-23, 2004)
- ◆ President S. R. Nathan of the Republic of Singapore and Mrs S. R. Nathan (January 17-21, 2005)
- ◆ President Jacques Chirac of the French Republic and Mrs Bernadette Chirac (February 17-19, 2006)
- ◆ Their Majesties King Juan Carlos I of Spain and Queen Sofia (February 21-23, 2006)

Royal consorts, queens or high-ranking members of royal families from four countries

Bahrain

His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, HH The Bahraini Prime Minister

His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa is the prime minister of the state of Bahrain. He is the uncle of the reigning king, His Majesty Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa.

His Highness was originally appointed the prime minister in 1970 by the then emir, Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa. He is one of the longest-serving prime ministers in the world.

His Highness was born in 1936. He is the second of three sons born to Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, former emir of Bahrain.

His Highness attended primary and secondary schools in Bahrain. He furthered his education in London, England. After his return to Bahrain from the UK, he served several positions in the government, among them acting secretary to the government of Bahrain and finance minister.

His Highness has two sons and one daughter.

Denmark

His Royal Highness Prince Consort Henrik of Denmark (Royal Consort of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II)

His Royal Highness Prince Consort Henrik of Denmark is the husband of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II. The royal couple were married on June 10, 1967.

The prince consort was born Henri Marie Jean Andre de Laborde de Monpezat on June 11, 1934, in Talence, Gironde, France to Andre de Laborde de Monpezat and his wife, Rene Doursenot. The prince consort spent his childhood and completed his early education in Vietnam. He later studied law and political science at the Sorbonne, Paris, and Chinese and Vietnamese at the Ecole Nationale des Langues Orientales. He also studied in Hong Kong and Saigon in 1958.

The Prince Consort also served in the French army and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, assuming the secretary post based in London.

Prince Henrik and Queen Margrethe II have two children: Crown Prince Frederik and Prince Joachim.

Morocco

Her Royal Highness Princess Consort Lalla Salma (Royal Consort of His Majesty King Mohammed VI)

Her Royal Highness Princess Consort Lalla Salma is the wife of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco.

Princess Lalla Salma was given the royal title of princess consort in 2003.

The Princess Consort was born Salma Bennani on May 10, 1978, in Fez, Morocco, to El Haj Abdelhamid Bennani, who is a university professor. She was educated in private and public schools in Rabat. Princess Lalla Salma received a degree in computer

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Monarchs unable to attend from three countries:

- ◆ Nepal
- ◆ Samoa
- ◆ Saudi Arabia