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Just after the Iranian Revolution, a man who claimed himself as Mahdi occupied Macca Grand mosque in Saudi Arabia. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia restrained terrorist by force. By this incident King Fahd recognized the power of fanatic religious movements. He disliked Iran, the integrated state of religion with politics.

As the counter measures, he enforced the religious position of the ruling Saud family. He added the name of "Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques" in front of the title of "King". Thereafter, he was called officially "Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd bin Abdulaziz al Saud". Saud family itself is a secular ruling family. But King Fahd proclaimed himself not only secular dignity but also religious one.

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