

President Trump softened his rhetoric on Islam in his speech at the Arab Islamic American Summit

He notably avoided using the term “radical Islamic terrorism”

Analysis

- President Trump spoke before a **gathering of 55 leaders** and representatives from Arab and majority-Muslim countries
- The summit’s slogan was “**Together we Prevail**”
- He did not focus on human rights, but rather said he was **not** there to “lecture”

At:

- Campaign
- Inauguration
- Joint session

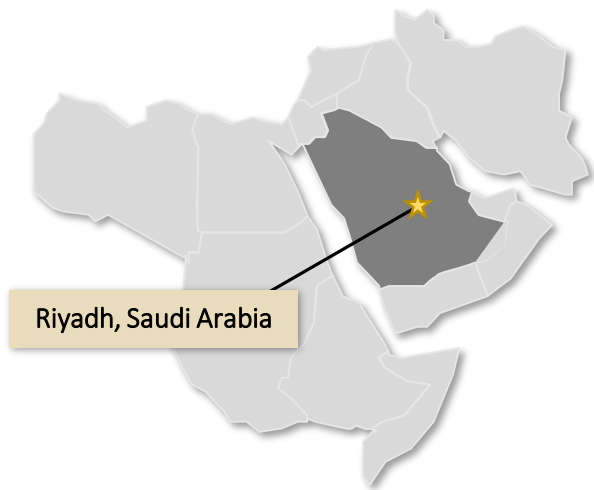
Trump said: “**Radical Islamic terrorism**”

In Riyadh,

Planned: “Islamist Extremism”

Actually said:

“Islamic extremism...Islamist...
Islamic terror”*



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**According to an administration official, Trump veered from the planned speech due to his exhaustion.*

Sources: Peter Baker and Michael Shear, “Trump Softens Tone on Islam but Calls for Purge of ‘Foot Soldiers of Evil’,” NY Times, May 21, 2017.