

## **Nine million smokers in Saudi Arabia: Report**

Saudi Arabia's health authorities spend more than 10 million Saudi riyals (Dh9.79 million) to treat millions of smokers annually, a local expert has said.

"The number of men and women who smoke in the country is more than nine million, mainly between the ages of 17 and 40," Ali Zaeri, a psychology expert, said.

"The latest problem is the emergence of young girls who smoke shishas," he told local Arabic daily Al Watan. The Red Sea city of Jeddah tops the list of areas where young people smoke cigarettes and shishas, he said.

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