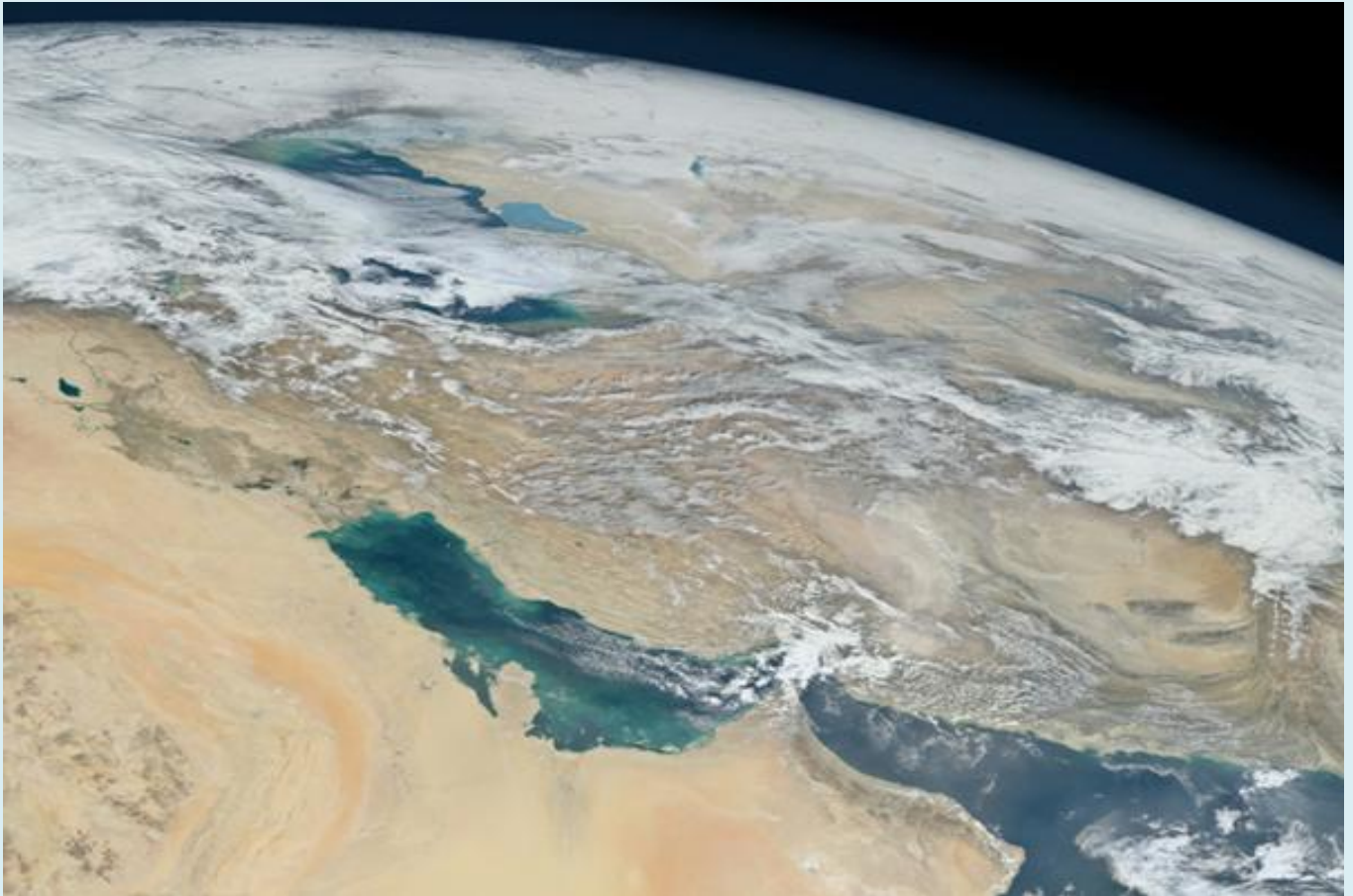


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Accordingly, the Ezri Center offers scholars, researchers, students, journalists and all other interested people in Israel and around the world the most noteworthy of those news items, with a special stress on "unique" items which are not covered by the vast majority of the international media, through the Twitter service.

A selection of those twits is being published in a bi-monthly newsletter of the Ezri Center, which is currently being offered as a gratis service.

Attached please find the January - February 2014 Ezri Center Newsletter.

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Iran

Politics

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Mehdi Taeb, an associate to Khamenei, calling the regime to execute the protest leaders Mousavi and Karroubi (Persian)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/Home/Single/225182>

January 1

The return of the regime's lobbyist: Why Mousavian returned to Tehran? (Persian)

<https://khodnevis.org/article/54505>

January 1

Rouhollah Qarahi: "In the 2009 events, the Leader [Khamenei] was receiving instructions from Emam-e Zaman [i.e., the Mahdi]" (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/16288>

January 16

Rouhani: We all know that the greatness of the Leader is the greatness of Iran; everyone needs to understand that (Persian)

<http://www.nasimonline.ir/TextVersion/Detail/?Id=757895&Serv=9>

January 20

Ayatollah Nouri Hamadani: "In an Islamic regime there is no place for a group of palace-sitters to rule over the people" (Persian)

<http://www.mehrnews.com/detail/News/2216998>

January 21

Ali Tabarzadi: "The sayings that things would change with the coming of Rouhani are all empty words" (Persian)

<http://www.roozonline.com/persian/news/newsitem/article/-b184b0ce65.html>

January 26

'Ali-Reza Panahian: "Velayat-e Faqih desires to own the 'decision' and 'property' of individuals" (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/16588>

February 10

Soltani-Far: "Shrines belonging to the children of the Imams would be rebuilt and rejuvenated" (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/nyhhhej>

February 10

Mohtashemi-pour on the Hojjatiyyeh Society (Persian)

<http://www.etemaad.ir/Released/92-11-21/345.htm#267133>

February 11

Moqteda'i: "corruption was rife during the Pahlavi regime" (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/16835>

February 11

Mohammad Dehqan: "Vali-ye Faqih prevents presidents to become dictators" (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/16825>

February 11

Moslehi, former minister of intelligence, criticizing the Pahlavi regime and Rouhani (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/16830>

February 11

Mesbah Yazdi: "Those who have been raised in the path of martyrdom won't complain about cost of living and inflation, but rather about the deterioration of Islamic and cultural values" (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/16836>

February 12

Iranian MP Ali Motahari called the regime to allow Sunnis to build a Sunni Mosque in Tehran (Persian)

<http://www.farsnews.com/printable.php?nn=13920919000027>

February 20

Hasan Abbasi: To prevent world economy from collapsing it needs to become Islamic (Persian)

<http://www.digarban.com/node/16985>

February 24

Head of the Special Court for Clerics: The voluminous files of this court is one of its biggest problems (Persian)

<http://www.digarban.com/node/17043>

February 24

Sadeq Zibakalam: I recognize Israel (Persian)

<http://www.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13921127000749>

The Nuclear Deal

January 9

Three days in March: New details on how US, Iran opened direct talks (English)

<http://backchannel.al-monitor.com/index.php/2014/01/7484/three-days-in-march-new-details-on-the-u-s-iran-backchannel/>

January 13

Gulf States divided over Iran sanctions (English)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-25713793>

January 21

Zibakalam: solving the nuclear crisis is the key to Iran reform (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/01/sadegh-zibakalam-interview.html>

January 30

Iranian Academic reformist Sadegh Zibakalam: The nuclear program didn't provide Iran with any economic benefit. Iran must stop it and use the funds to solve its problems in the unemployment and infrastructure fields (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/np9yyng>

Sanctions

January 5

'Chance of a Century': International Investors Flock to Tehran (English)

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/geneva-deal-sparks-new-international-investor-interest-in-iran-a-940629.html>

Social

January 1

Research reveals that people of Yazd are the least and those of Zanzan the most happy in Iran (Persian)

<http://www.radiozamaneh.com/116925>

January 5

2 Iranian fashion designers: "without us, the society would be buried under dark colors" (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/ne6jacx>

January 5

Travelling in Iran: nerve breaking and extremely dangerous (Persian)

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January 9

Younger Iranians are beginning to break old taboos by cohabitating without marriage (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/01/iranian-unmarried-couples-living-together.html>

January 27

Inside Iran: Iran's demographic problem (English)

<http://www.jpost.com/Features/Front-Lines/Inside-Iran-Irans-demographic-problem-339246>

Internet

January 15

Behshahr municipality spokeswoman was fired for having a Facebook account (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/oq3z3aw>

Human Rights

February 14

The Most Disadvantaged Groups at Risk of Execution (English)

<http://iranwire.com/en/projects/4983>

Economy

January 5

List of the richest Iranians (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/ncedznd>

January 15

Iran's Intelligence Minister Says No Need for Media to Cover Economic Corruption (English)

<http://www.rferl.org/content/iran-corruption-coverage-minister-economy-alavi/25231470.html>

January 21

Nuclear deal cracks open Iran economy and helps students (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/01/nuclear-deal-iran-economy-helps-students.html#ixzz2qzCDAsVp>

Education

February 26

At least 25% of the teaching program at Iranian schools is dedicated to religion and belief (Persian)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/iran/2014/02/140225_nm_education_religouse_school.shtml

Minorities

February 19

Salek, Head of the Cultural Commission of the Majles: "Baha'ism serves the CIA & the Mossad" (Persian)

<http://www.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13921129000440>

History

February 3

Historic Photos from Iran – Oil, Power and Revolution (English)

<http://blogs.denverpost.com/captured/2013/10/03/iran-historic-photos/6429/>

February 7

Newly released documents from Israel Archives marking the 35th Anniversary of the Rise to Power of Khomeini in Iran

English: <http://www.archives.gov.il/NR/exeres/E5D1F239-E308-4F5D-A725-3083E50EDA92.frameless.htm?NRMODE=Published>

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International relations

Iran and the war in Syria

February 5

Ali Akbar Velayati, Khamenei's adviser: 11,000 European citizens are fighting in Syria against the Syrian regime (Persian)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/Home/Single/272776>

February 26

The commander of the Protectors of the Shrine (of Zaynab) was killed in Syria (Persian)

http://www.abna.ir/data.asp?lang=1&id=508890&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Iran- West

January 27

Iran issues report critical of U.S. human rights (English)

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Special/2014/01/27/Iran-issues-report-critical-of-US-human-rights/UPI-73131390845082/#ixzz2rgWew5Bw

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Iran vs. Israel and US

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddDcr3mXQ1A&feature=youtu.be>

January 31

'Ali Fadavi, commander of IRGC's naval force: "Iran's economic power is greater than those of the US allies"(Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/16697>

January 31

Ahmad Khatami, Tehran's Temporary Friday Prayer Leader: "The Americans are stupid like a cow" (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/16700>

February 16

Haji-Sadeqi, Khamenei's deputy rep at the IRGC: The US is a wolf, not a cow, and one can not make peace with a wolf (Persian)

<http://www.digarban.com/node/16891>

February 25

Farajollah Solhshour: "It is Hollywood that has kept America alive"

<http://tinyurl.com/kyojm2k>

Iran - UAE

January 12

UAE-Iran islands row: Prove claim or keep quiet, journalist told (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/bahrain/uae-iran-islands-row-prove-claim-or-keep-quiet-journalist-told-1.1276518>

Iran- Bahrain

January 15

Iran and Bahrain: The New York Times' uncritical take (English)

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Iran – Israel

January 7

'Iran's Hemingway' visited Israel in 1963, and wrote about it (English)

<http://www.pri.org/stories/2014-01-07/iran-s-hemingway-visited-israel-1963-and-wrote-about-it>

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Khamenei official Twitter account: Sharon was the Zionists last hope (English)

https://twitter.com/khamenei_ir/status/422081632355352576

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Dr. Soli Shahvar's interview to the TV show "Pargar", BBC Persian TV Broadcast on the establishment of the State of Israel (Persian)

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February 18

What is young Iranian looking for in Israel's beaches? (Hebrew)

<http://www.mako.co.il/news-world/arab/Article-f7fb6ff95b34441004.htm?sCh=3d385dd2dd5d4110&pId=1434139730>

February 19

Iran blames Israel for deadly Beirut bombing in Hezbollah stronghold

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4490036,00.html>

Iran- Hezbollah

January 19

Larijani: Iran gives its life for Hezbollah (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/16511>

February 19

Nasrallah in stress: Hezbollah loses support (Hebrew)

<http://mida.org.il/?p=28754>

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Farjollah Solhshour: "Cinema is a sewage that has even drawn the Hezbollah into it"

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The Arab countries of the Persian Gulf

The GCC

January 1

Gulf countries take steps to achieve monetary unity (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/business/2013/12/gulf-gcc-monetary-union-central-bank.html>

January 10

The Gulf States and the Rebalancing of Regional and Global Power (English)

<http://bakerinstitute.org/research/gulf-states-and-rebalancing-regional-and-global-power/>

January 13

GCC: The Arab Spring spoilers (English)

www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2013/12/gcc-arab-spring-spoilers-201312251230835766.html

January 14

Changing the Meaning of Success: Young People and Employment in the GCC (English)

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Britain's hypocrisy over Gulf links (English)

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Running on Empty: Why unbridled oil consumption in the Middle East could pose a threat to the region and beyond (English)

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2014/01/23/running_on_empty

February 3

Gulf Arabs Embrace Pakistan (English)

<http://www.the-american-interest.com/blog/2014/02/03/gulf-arabs-embrace-pakistan/>

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Gold rewards Gulf dieters as obesity threatens 68\$ Billion Bill (English)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-02-18/gold-rewards-gulf-dieters-as-obesity-threatens-68-billion-bill.html>

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Debate: Will the Syria conflict contribute to sectarianism in the Gulf? (English)
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USA in the Persian Gulf

February 19
U.S. Navy's Fearsome New War Boat Arrives in the Persian Gulf (English)

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February 19
Energy Revolution: U.S. on the way to be the world's biggest oil producer (Hebrew)

<http://www.themarket.com/wallstreet/1.2247953>

Qatar

January 12

Qatar: Syria rebels' tiny ally in the background (English)

<http://www.latimes.com/world/la-fg-syria-funding-20140112,0,5673903.story#axzz2qGVvFLKY>

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Where did it all go wrong? The Qatar-Turkey power house comes up short (English)

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January 16

Egyptian judge's remark on Qatar sparks fury (English)

<http://thepeninsulaqatar.com/news/qatar/268567/egyptian-judge-s-remark-on-qatar-sparks-fury>

January 20

Qatar most expensive country for living in Gulf (English)

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20140120193108>

January 23

Egypt will return \$3bn to Qatar in 2014 (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/business/economy/2014/01/23/Egypt-will-return-3bn-to-Qatar-this-year.html>

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Qatar World Cup: 185 Nepalese died in 2013 – official records (English)

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jan/24/qatar-2022-world-cup-185-nepalese-workers-died-2013>

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Gay faculty furious over UK uni's Qatar campus (English)

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January 29

Qatar, China top ranking of frontier and emerging markets (English)

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Gaza youth dream of jobs in Qatar (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/01/gaza-qatar-employment-agreement-youth.html>

February 3

Qatar's sports-focused public diplomacy backfires (English)

<http://mideastsoccer.blogspot.co.uk/2014/02/qatars-sports-focused-public-diplomacy.html>

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Israel's Shahar Peer to play in Qatar again; should sports be exempted from sanctions? (English)

<http://www.justhere.qa/2014/02/opinion-israeli-player-shahar-peer-play-qatar-sports-really-exempted-sanctions/>

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Qatar scales back ambitions amid financial constraints (English)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-26140986>

February 13

Qatar's leadership transition: Like father, like son (English)

http://ecfr.eu/page/-/ECFR95_QATAR_BRIEF_AW.pdf

February 14

In Doha, a "Climate of Fear" (English)

<http://nuchronicle.com/in-doha-a-climate-of-fear/>

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Emir announces major shake-up of ministries and councils

<http://dohanews.co/emir-announces-major-shake-up-of-ministries-and-councils/>

Bahrain

January 2

Bahrain accuses the Iranian regime for training opposition activist in Iran in order to carry out terrorist attacks in Bahrain (Arabic)

<http://www.bna.bh/portal/news/595359>

January 6

Bahrain: Reform, Security, and U.S. Policy (English)

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/95-1013.pdf>

January 10

Bahrain national dialogue suspended over impasse (English)

<http://www.mei.edu/content/bahrain-national-dialogue-suspended-over-impasse>

January 13

Corruption in Bahrain (English)

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/arab-awakening/hasan-tariq-al-hasan/corruption-in-bahrain>

January 15

Bahrain crown prince meets opposition on ending political deadlock (English)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/01/15/bahrain-politics-idUSL5N0KP2KO20140115>

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Bahrain's Crown Prince Makes His Move (English)

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January 23

Bahrain political parties asked for dialogue ideas (English)

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Royal rivalry: Bahrain's ruling family and the Island's political crisis (English)

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/royal-rivalry-bahrains-ruling-family-and-the-islands-political-crisis#.UuLOaRwzLhQ.twitter>

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Politics impede Bahrain's labor movement (English)

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February 5

'For the Sake of Freedom': British World War II Propaganda Posters in Arabic (English)

<http://britishlibrary.typepad.co.uk/untoldlives/2014/02/for-the-sake-of-freedom-british-world-war-ii-propaganda-posters-in-arabic.html#>

February 9

Bahrain opposition unveils roadmap for talks (English)

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February 13

(No) Dialogue in Bahrain (English)

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February 18

Bahrain's Hijacked Reform Efforts (English)

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February 19

Bahrain's culture minister works to encourage Arab artists (English)

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Bahrain moots renovation of Manama synagogue (English)

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Kuwait

January 9

New government in Kuwait, but no new politics (English)

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January 14

Kuwait strips 40,000 workers of their visas (English)

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January 15

Kuwait's ruling family 'in visa fraud case' (English)

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January 16

New Kuwaiti justice minister has deep extremist ties (English)

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January 20

Israeli conspiracies against Arabs- Al-Ghanem sounds alarm bell (English)

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January 22

A Paradise Lost? The Rise and fall of the Palestinian Community in Kuwait (English)

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00263206.2013.849695#.Ut-HPtL8LGg>

January 24

Kuwait expects to spend \$77bn, raises budget by 3.2% (English)

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Kuwait residency cap for expats touches off maelstrom (English)

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February 7

Kuwait's demographic crisis (English)

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Lebanon looks to Kuwait for Saudi-Iranian rapprochement (English)

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Kuwait abandons regional neutrality, backs Egypt's Sisi

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Saudi Arabia

January 17

Saudi slums highlight wider housing problems (English)

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January 20

Revealed: Nigerians in Saudi change names to avoid deportation (English)

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January 20

The 'Super Sheikh' and education issues (English)

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January 21

Saudi Food Company Battles Iran Currency Weakness (English)

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January 23

Impact of Saudi Labor Crackdown Spreads Through Economy (English)

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January 26

Saudis urged to dismantle religious police (English)

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January 29

New Saudi writers offer form of Islamic liberation theology (English)

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Despite their immense wealth, the Saudis are not happy (English)

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February 5

The social media discourse in Saudi Arabia: The conservative and radical camps are the dominant voices (English)

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Health care bleeds as road crashes increase (English)

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February 10

Rein In the Saudi Religious Police

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February 13

Saudi Mobile App Hopes to Score Big at World Cup (English)

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