

מרכז עזרי לחקר איראן והמפרץ הפרסי



The Ezri Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies



Newsletter

No. 8
May~June 2014

The Ezri Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies at the University of Haifa daily monitors dozens of news sites, dailies and various publications in the Persian Gulf region as well as in the Middle Eastern, Islamic and the international media.

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 May-June 2014 Ezri Center Newsletter.

You are most welcome to follow the Ezri Center's twits at: <https://twitter.com/EzriCenter> ,

be our friends on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Ezri-Center-for-Iran-and-Persian-Gulf-Studies/141080069242626>

and visit our site: <http://gulfc.haifa.ac.il/>



מרכז עזרי לחקר איראן והמפרץ הפרסי באוניברסיטת חיפה עוקב באופן שוטף אחר עשרות אתרים חדשותיים, יומונים ופרסומים שונים ברחבי המפרץ הפרסי, וכן בתקשורת המזרח תיכונית והבין לאומית.

בהתאם לכך, מעמיד המרכז לרשות חוקרים, סטודנטים, עיתונאים ולמתעניינים אחרים בארץ ובעולם את הידיעות הבולטות, הראויות לציון ואלו שבדרך כלל לא מסוקרות על ידי רוב התקשורת הבינ"ל, באמצעות רשת הטוויטר.

הניוזלטר של מרכז עזרי הוא פרסום דו-חודשי ובו מרכזים מבחר מתוך מאגר הציוצים והוא ניתן בשלב זה כשירות.

להלן הניוזלטר לחודשים מאי- יוני 2014.

אנו מזמינים אתכם לעקוב אחרי ציצי המרכז בכתובת: <https://twitter.com/EzriCenter> ,

להיות חברים שלנו בפייסבוק: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Ezri-Center-for-Iran-and-Persian-Gulf-Studies/141080069242626>

ולבקר אותנו באתר: <http://gulfc.haifa.ac.il/>

Table of Contents

Iran:

- Politics	4
- Nuclear	6
- Army	7
- Social	7
- Culture	8
- Crime	9
- Internet	9
- Religion	9
- Human rights	10
- Women in Iran	11
- Economy	12
- Environment	13
- International relations	13
- Iran and the Caucasus area relations	18

The Arab countries of the Persian Gulf:

- The GCC	21
- Qatar	24
- Bahrain	27
- Kuwait	28
- Saudi Arabia	30
- United Arab Emirates	38
- Oman	40
- Iraq	40
- Yemen	46

Other Countries of the Arab world:

- Syria	47
- Turkey	47
- Egypt	47
- Afghanistan	48

General:

- Energy	48
- Religion	49

Caricatures:	49
---------------------	-----------

Iran

Politics

May 4

Ahmad Khatami: Wherever there are religious seminaries, people are happy (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/17964>

May 4

Rahim Safavi: Southern Lebanon is Iran's border of defense (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/p8yys2y>

May 4

Former Ahmadinejad minister: Ahmadinejad used to lie (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/ahmadinejad-lies-kazemi-deceit-iran-presidency.html>

May 14

Who Makes Tehran's Arab Policy? (English)

<http://www.mei.edu/content/article/who-makes-tehrans-arab-policy>

May 17

Cancellation of an American architect's visit to Iran by radical Holocaust deniers (Persian)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/iran/2014/05/140515_u08_eisenman_iran.shtml

May 18

Kazem Sadiqi: In order to solve the country's problems, we need supplication (English)

<http://digarban.com/node/18135>

May 18

Students from University of Tabriz 'blew up' an Expediency Council member's speech (Persian)

<http://www.radiozamaneh.com/146471>

May 22

Dorri Najafabadi: We have to think of post-Khamenei era (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/q7cgp75>

May 27

Rouhani's Reforms, Besieged but on Track (English)

<http://en.iranwire.com/features/5787/>

May 29

Hashem Khastar: We did not revolted to be in such condition; regrettably, the current regime is worse than the Shah (Persian)

<http://www.roozonline.com/persian/news/newsitem/article/-380794eac3.html>

May 30

Government losing control over veiling, says Khamenei adviser (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/iran-loses-control-veils.html#ixzz33MrcZxI0>

June 5

What did Khomeini do to the Shi'i clerics? (Persian)

<http://www.radiofarda.com/content/f8-khomeini-legacy/25410109.html>

June 12

New Video Confirms Long Reach of Guards in Politics (English)

<http://en.iranwire.com/features/5823/>

June 15

Gholam-Ali Raja'i, Rafsanjani's advisor: Rouhani's government is not Rafsanjani's government (Persian)

http://sharghdaily.ir/VijehNO.aspx?V_NPN_Id=93&pageno=11

June 16

Iran: Khamenei and Rouhani Face Off on Culture War (English)

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/iran-khamenei-rouhani-face-culture-war-10668>

June 23

The Persian Gulf Observer, Issue No. 5: "The Clerical Regime at the Crossroads: Factional Politics in Iran after Ayatollah Mahdavi-Kani" (Hebrew)

<http://gulfc.haifa.ac.il/images/The%20PG%20Observer%20No.%205.pdf>

June 26

Iranian minister of justice: the Islamic Republic has the best medicine to cure human diseases (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/m6rarg6>

Nuclear

May 27

Iran's Nuclear Masters: Tehran has kept its core team of weaponization researchers intact (English)

<http://online.wsj.com/articles/irans-nuclear-weaponization-researchers-are-still-at-work-1401214103?tesla=y&mg=reno64-wsj&url=http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303480304579576071061574700.html>

June 15

Iran documentary "From Geneva to Vienna" published by Iran Broadcasting Authority criticizes Rouhani's nuclear policy (Persian)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBxl8Lojl-4>

The Nuclear Deal

May 6

The Right Way to Press Iran (English)

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/07/opinion/the-right-way-to-press-iran.html?_r=1#

May 11

Iran Nuclear Talks: What do Rouhani's Hard-line Critics Want? (English)

<http://www.lobelog.com/iran-nuclear-talks-what-do-hard-liners-rouhanis-critics-want/>

May 12

Optimism Grows for a Comprehensive Iran Nuclear Deal (English)

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303851804579558162293087156?mg=reno64-wsj&url=http%3A%2F%2Fonline.wsj.com%2Farticle%2FSB10001424052702303851804579558162293087156.html>

May 13

A Sweet Deal for the Mullahs (English)

<http://www.meforum.org/3818/a-sweet-deal-for-the-mullahs>

May 13

Nuclear talks will confront Iran's future capability to enrich uranium (English)

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/13/world/middleeast/nuclear-talks-will-confront-irans-future-capability-to-enrich-uranium.html?hp&_r=0

May 18

Annual Loss of Nuclear Program: \$160 Billion Dollars (English)

<http://www.roozonline.com/english/news3/newsitem/archive/2014/may/18/article/annual-loss-of-nuclear-program-160-billion-dollars.html>

May 21

Rezai: Ballistic missiles are part of Iranian red-lines in nuclear negotiations (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/pulag5d>

June 3

Détente with Iran; how Europe can maximize the chances of a final nuclear deal (English)

[http://www.ecfr.eu/publications/summary/detente with iran how europe can maximise the chances of a final nuclear deal](http://www.ecfr.eu/publications/summary/detente_with_iran_how_europe_can_maximise_the_chances_of_a_final_nuclear_deal)

Army

May 24

Generals and Rouhani make a deal (English)

<http://www.roozonline.com/english/news3/newsitem/archive/2014/may/24/article/generals-and-rouhani-make-a-deal.html>

June 1

IRGC Commander Calls on Muslims to Keep Vigilant against Enemies' Divisive Plots (English)

<http://english.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13930311000536>

June 15

IRGC establish a center for Islamic research to prepare the political guides in the armed forces by that the IRGC has no need in the religious seminars (Persian)

<http://taghato.net/article/6831>

Social

May 1

Divorce rates rise in Iran, as population growth falls (English)

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/divorce-rates-rise-iran-population-growth-falls>

May 13

Crystal meth: 'Walk a little way in any direction and buy it for a trifle' (English)

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/iran-blog/2014/may/13/crystal-meth-tehrans-new-drug-of-choice>

May 23

Bigger is better: Iranian leaders are increasingly worried by Iran's falling population growth rate, leading to efforts to increase the size of Iranian families (English)

<http://www.majalla.com/eng/2014/05/article55250032>

May 28

Family policy in Iran: Children for the revolution (English)

<http://en.qantara.de/content/family-policy-in-iran-children-for-the-revolution>

June 10

Clerical Rule, Luxury Lifestyle (English)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/11/opinion/clerical-rule-luxury-lifestyle.html?hp&rref=opinion&r=1>

June 15

Government official in Iran: the regime should give special reliefs to the married public in order to eliminate the unmarried couples cohabitation phenomenon (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/k35gsy9>

June 17

Iran: In some families, 3 or 4 college-educated youth are unemployed (English)

<http://www.irannewsupdate.com/news/economy/1284-iran-in-some-families-3-or-4-college-educated-youth-are-unemployed.html>

June 22

"Over five million" drug addicts in Iran (English)

<http://www.irannewsupdate.com/news/1308-over-five-million-drug-addicts-in-iran.html>

Culture

June 4

Iran's rock stars and their underground scene (English)

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/iran-blog/2014/jun/04/irans-rock-stars-and-their-underground-scene>

June 20

Melli vs. Messi: Iran's Soccer Team Squares off Against Sanctions, Shrinkage, and Argentina's 'La Selección' (English)

<http://muftah.org/melli-vs-messi-iran-world-cup/#.U6lMSJSSzTr>

Crime

May 19

1,700 pounds of heroin was smuggled into the Netherlands last week hidden in a shipment of Iranian raisins (English)

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/20/world/europe/the-netherlands-heroin-seized.html?partner=rssnyt&emc=rss&_r=1

Internet

May 5

Iran bans WhatsApp because of link to 'American Zionist' Mark Zuckerberg (English)

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2014/05/04/iran-bans-whatsapp-because-link-to-american-zionist-mark-zuckerberg/>

May 23

Iran court 'orders Instagram blocked' (English)

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/05/iran-court-orders-instagram-blocked-201452312278761193.html>

May 27

Mark Zuckerberg Summoned to Court in Iran (English)

<http://news.sky.com/story/1269843/mark-zuckerberg-summoned-to-court-in-iran>

Religion

May 18

Bushehri: Google shouldn't expropriate our Ashura because of the Zionists (English)

<http://digarban.com/node/18139>

May 20

Iran: Mounting Pressure on Baha'is (English)

<http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/05/19/iran-mounting-pressure-baha>

May 26

Sa'id Jalili: Our arsenal is not in Natanz or Fordo, but in Qom and in the religious seminaries (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/18264>

June 16

Ali Sa'idi, Khamenei's rep in the IRGC: for the Mahdi to appear, the Middle East has to be in complete turmoil (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/18490>

June 18

Mahmoud Nabavian, an Iranian MP: "Islam is incompatible with modernity" (Persian)

<http://www.radiozamaneh.com/154228>

June 18

Ayatollah Nouri Hamadani: The Western world has secularized the Islamic civilization; secular regimes are doomed (Persian)

<http://www.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13930327001120>

June 26

'Alireza Panahiyan' member of the Omar Camp: Cultural organizations are behind the martyrs and their time (Persian)

<http://www.digarban.com/node/18638>

Human Rights

May 15

Iran must investigate 'Black Thursday' brutality at Evin Prison (English)

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/iran-must-investigate-black-thursday-brutality-evin-prison-2014-05-14>

May 15

Iran: Woman hanged in front of daughters (English)

<http://deathpenaltynews.blogspot.co.il/2014/05/iran-woman-hanged-in-front-of-her.html>

May 21

Two Ahwazi Arab Activists Scheduled to be Executed Tomorrow (English)

<http://iranhr.net/2014/05/urgent-two-ahwazi-arab-activists-scheduled-to-be-executed-tomorrow/>

May 20

Shocking statistics about the Execution of convicts in Tabriz Prison (English)

<http://oyannews.com/en/shocking-statistics-about-the-execution-of-convicts-in-tabriz-prison/>

May 24

Mahafarid Amir Khosravi, billionaire at the heart of Iran bank scam, is executed; state TV says (English)

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2014/05/24/report-iranian-billionaire-at-center-2011-investigation-into-26b-bank-fraud/>

May 31

Urgent Call to Save the Life if Political Prisoner Gholamreza Khosravi (English)

<http://www.irannewsupdate.com/news/human-rights/1211-urgent-call-to-save-the-life-of-political-prisoner-gholamreza-khosravi.html>

May 30

British woman jailed in Iran for posting anti-government Facebook message (English)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/british-woman-jailed-in-iran-for-posting-antigovernment-facebook-message-9464168.html>

June 15

Iranian HR activists to the regime: Death sentence to 33 Sunnis political prisoners is illegal for they didn't had the right for a lawyer and a fair trial (Persian)

<http://melimazhabi.com/?p=63978>

June 16

'Alavi, Iranian Minister of Intelligence: e-mails, chats and SMSs are controlled by the ministry (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/18492>

June 16

More than 300 Iranian Associations Join in the Mobilization Campaign of the Grand Meeting in Paris June 27 (English)

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/iran-gathering-2014/16697-more-than-300-iranian-associations-join-in-the-mobilization-campaign-of-the-grand-meeting-in-paris-on-june-27>

June 26

Two prisoners complain to Khamenei about inhumane prison conditions (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/kxedt24>

Women in Iran

May 5

Women realtors may lose jobs in Iran (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/04/iran-female-realtors-ban-announcement.html#>

May 13

Iranian women discard their hijabs for 'stealthy freedom' Facebook page (English)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/iranian-women-discard-their-hijabs-for-stealthy-freedom-facebook-page-9361388.html>

May 19

Iranian actress in trouble over Cannes kiss (English)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/film/cannes-film-festival/10840146/Iranian-actress-in-trouble-over-Cannes-kiss.html>

May 25

Ambiguous Progress for Women in Iran (English)

<http://isa-global-dialogue.net/ambiguous-progress-for-women-in-iran/>

May 26

Sistani: any man can impose hijab on his wife by forbidding her to go out of the house (Persian)

<http://linkadeh.com/link/2014052621631>

June 26

A Tehran MP: Woman's duty is to give birth, raise children and take care of her husband, not watching volleyball (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/18642>

Economy

May 15

Iran: Oil Exports Continue to Decline (English)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/16/world/middleeast/iran-oil-exports-continue-to-decline.html?partner=rssnyt&emc=rss&r=1>

May 22

Rouhani: Turning Iran into one of the 10 most advanced countries is not a slogan; we can do it (Persian)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/Home/Single/378022>

May 25

Planning a vacation this summer? Iran prepares for tourist invasion in 2014 (English)

<http://www.albawaba.com/editorchoice/iran-tourism-578586>

May 30

Iran on Course to Break Energy Export Caps for 7th Month in a Row (English)

<http://www.thetower.org/0424oc-iran-on-course-to-break-energy-export-caps-for-7th-month-in-a-row/>

Environment

May 3

Iran sinks in water crisis (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/iran-water-crisis.html>

May 19

Water Crisis Looms in Iran (English)

<http://www.rferl.org/content/iran-water-crisis-drought/25390465.html>

International relations

May 21

Conference titled "regional developments and prospects for Iran" took place in Stockholm (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/n7ypIps>

May 31

Iran and the Ikhwan: The ideological roots of a partnership (English)

<http://www.aawsat.net/2014/05/article55332765>

May 30

How Iran is benefiting from the Middle East unrest (English)

<http://www.albawaba.com/news/iran-arab-spring-580039>

June 22

Iranian regime's global image becomes more negative – poll (English)

<http://www.irannnewsupdate.com/news/1310-iranian-regime-s-global-image-becomes-more-negative-poll.html>

Iran- The West relations

May 18

President of the IRGC's university: our civilization is completely at odds with the Western culture (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/k32gor6>

May 26

Hosseini, former minister of Islamic guidance: Hollywood is anti-Iranian and anti-Islamic (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/18265>

May 27

Akhtari: The execution of scholars such as Galileo indicates that the West doesn't support science & knowledge (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/18273>

June 16

Iran Eases Constraints on Academic Contacts with West (English)

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/16/world/middleeast/iran-eases-constraints-on-academic-contacts-with-west.html?_r=1

June 26

Zarif: the West has targeted Iran's power by using human rights (Persian)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/Home/Single/411774>

Iran- U.S. relations

May 1

Time for apologies: Iran & the USA (English)

<http://weekly.ahram.org.eg/News/6082/19/Time-for-apologies.aspx>

May 14

Iranian women theological students pay first visit to the US (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/iranian-women-gom-theological-students.html#ixzz31ILYf58>

May 22

Elusive Equilibrium: America, Iran, and Saudi Arabia in a Changing Middle East (English)

<http://carnegieendowment.org/2014/05/22/elusive-equilibrium-america-iran-and-saudi-arabia-in-changing-middle-east/hbec>

May 27

Talebzadeh: Freedom of speech is greater in Tehran than in Washington (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/18274>

Iran- Russia relations

May 12

Russia constructs railway in Iran (English)

<http://www.today.az/news/regions/133507.html>

May 22

Russia plans to build up to eight new nuclear reactors in Iran (English)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/05/22/uk-iran-nuclear-russia-plants-idUKKBN0E21GJ20140522>

Iran – China relations

May 21

China calls for new security pact with Russia, Iran (English)

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/china-calls-for-new-security-pact-with-russia-iran/>

May 22

Rouhani: We welcome and support Chinese investment in Iran (Persian)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/Home/Single/378313>

May 31

MP: China Planning to Finance Completion of Khoda Afarin Dam in Northwestern Iran (English)

<http://english.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13930310000610>

Iran- Saudi Arabia relations

May 21

Rafsanjani offers road map for Iran-Saudi ties (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/iran-saudi-arabia-relations-road-map-rafsanjani-regional.html>

June 4

Rouhani's Saudi Challenge (English)

<http://www.mei.edu/content/article/rouhani%E2%80%99s-saudi-challenge>

June 11

Rafsanjani's wife, Effat Marashi: My husband doesn't have plans to visit KSA, he may go there in the future (Persian)

<http://www.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13930313000746>

Iran – Kuwait relations

May 31

Senior Lawmaker Upbeat about Expanding Ties between Iran, Kuwait (English)

<http://english.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13930310000501>

June 1

Kuwait's ruler makes rare visit to Iran to build ties (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/oupgchm>

June 2

Kuwait wants to buy Iran gas as energy ties trump nuclear fear (English)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-06-02/kuwait-wants-to-buy-iran-gas-as-energy-ties-trump-nuclear-fears.html>

Iran – Bahrain relations

May 16

Iran and Bahrain: Crying Wolf, or Wolf at the Door? (English)

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/iran-and-bahrain-crying-wolf-or-wolf-at-the-door#.U3ZxDHZRjiE.twitter>

Iran- UAE relations

June 4

Iran-UAE trade talks another sign of gulf thaw (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/06/iran-uae-talks-signal-gulf-thaw.html>

Iran- Iraq relations

May 23

Iran's Approach to Iraq Rooted in Regional Strategic Issues (English)

<http://www.iranreview.org/content/Documents/Iran-s-Approach-to-Iraq-Rooted-in-Regional-Strategic-Issues.htm>

Iran – Sudan relations

May 12

Key Iran role in Sudan arms (English)

<http://www.news24.com/World/News/Key-Iran-role-in-Sudan-arms-20140512>

May 28

Sudan rejected Iranian offer to build air defense system on Red Sea coast: FM (English)

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article51160>

Iran and the war in Syria

May 18

Tabasi: Iran's presence in Syria is cultural, not military (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/18137>

May 22

Iran Pays Afghans to Fight for Assad (English)

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304908304579564161508613846?mg=reno64-wsj&url=http%3A%2F%2Fonline.wsj.com%2Farticle%2FSB10001424052702304908304579564161508613846.html>

Iran – Israel

May 19

Persian film shows nuke war with Israel (English)

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/persian-clip-shows-nuclear-war-with-israel/>

Iran – Hamas

May 24

Hamas, Iran meet for first time in three years as unity deal nears (English)

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/middle-east/.premium-1.592581>

Iran and the Caucasus area relations

May 9

Iran in talks with Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan over oil swap (English)

<http://en.trend.az/regions/iran/2272262.html>

May 30

Georgia, Iran keen on intensifying bilateral co-op (English)

<http://www.azernews.az/region/67559.html>

Iran – Azerbaijan relations

May 10

Why did an Iranian newspaper edit out Atletico's sponsor logo? (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/media/print/2014/05/10/Why-did-an-Iranian-newspaper-edit-out-Atletico-s-sponsor-logo-.html>

May 13

Borderlands: The View from Azerbaijan (English)

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/stratfor/2014/05/13/borderlands-the-view-from-azerbaijan/>

May 14

Iran, Azerbaijan to open joint border gate in Astara (English)

<http://www.azernews.az/azerbaijan/67041.html>

May 17

Envoy: All Iran-Azerbaijan Border Disputes Settled Down (English)

<http://english.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13930227000586>

May 18

Iran, Azerbaijan to expand media cooperation (English)

http://www.irna.ir/en/News/2684140/Politic/Iran,_Azerbaijan_to_expand_media_cooperation

May 25

Iran values ties with Azerbaijan: Defense Minister (English)

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2014/05/25/364043/iran-values-ties-with-azerbaijan/>

May 26

Azerbaijan's SOCAR to fix gas exports to Iran at 400mcm in 2014 (English)

<http://news.az/articles/economy/88772>

May 26

Iranian ambassador on national groups' activities in Baku (English)

<http://www.aysor.am/en/news/2014/05/26/mohsen-pakaein/>

May 29

Iran, Azerbaijan Receiving Audio Bible Channels via Satellite TV Powered by the Digital Bible Platform (English)

<http://crossmap.christianpost.com/news/iran-azerbaijan-receiving-audio-bible-channels-via-satellite-tv-powered-by-the-digital-bible-platform-10619>

May 30

Iranian Ambassador to Azerbaijan: "The Nagorno-Karabakh conflict should be resolved within Azerbaijan's territorial integrity" (English)

http://en.apa.az/xeber_iranian_ambassador_to_azerbaijan_the_n_212056.html

Iran – Armenia relations

May 6

IRI FM: Iran is grateful for support of Armenia in international organizations (English)

<http://www.panorama.am/en/politics/2014/05/06/Iran-armenia-fm/>

May 7

Iran 'Ready' to Supply Gas to Europe via Armenia (English)

<http://asbarez.com/122785/iran-%E2%80%98ready%E2%80%99-to-supply-gas-to-europe-via-armenia/>

May 9

Iran – Armenia trade volume hits \$293mn in 2013 (English)

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2014/05/09/361898/iranarmenia-trade-volume-hits-293mn/>

May 12

Iran, Armenia determined to enhance ties (English)

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2014/05/12/362323/iran-armenia-determined-to-enhance-ties/>

May 22

Armenia mulls increasing gas imports from Iran: Movsisyan (English)

<http://www.presstv.com/detail/2014/03/22/355681/armenia-mulls-iran-gas-imports-hike/>

May 26

Armenia and Iran to increase weekly flights (English)

<http://armenpress.am/eng/news/763209/armenia-and-iran-to-increase-weekly-flights.html>

The Arab countries of the Persian Gulf

The GCC

May 5

Gulf Arabs free fuel for Egypt reaches \$6 billion in value (English)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/05/egypt-oil-idUSL6N0NR0M420140505>

May 5

Arms and Influence in the Gulf (English)

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/141391/bilal-y-saab/arms-and-influence-in-the-gulf>

May 6

Defense bill calls for military pacts with Gulf States (English)

http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/military-pact-gulf-states-house-bill-us.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

May 7

As US pivots to Asia, UK steps back to Middle East (English)

<http://southasiamonitor.org/detail.php?type=sl&nid=7939>

May 12

Greater GCC collaboration needed in delivering US\$1 trillion megaprojects program (English)

<http://www.bi-me.com/main.php?c=3&cg=2&t=1&id=65449>

May 12

GCC countries to pioneer the implementation of integrated digital hospitals (English)

<http://www.bi-me.com/main.php?c=3&cg=2&t=1&id=65453>

May 12

British national interest in the Gulf: rediscovering a role? (English)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-2346.12132/abstract>

May 15

Wehrey: Sectarian Politics in the Gulf (English)

<http://pomeps.org/2014/05/15/wehrey-sectarian-politics-in-the-gulf/>

May 16

Water sustainability a major challenge for GCC (English)

<http://www.gulfbase.com/news/water-sustainability-a-major-challenge-for-gcc/262370>

May 17

Gulf States urged to release thousand of prisoners of conscience (English)

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/gulf-states-urged-release-thousands-prisoners-conscience>

May 17

Analyst: Arabian Gulf Nations May Build Closer Russian Relations (English)

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20140517/DEFREG04/305170026/Analyst-Arabian-Gulf-Nations-May-Build-Closer-Russian-Relations>

May 18

Gulf climate change and irreversible sea level rise (English)

<http://www.thenational.ae/business/industry-insights/economics/gulf-climate-change-and-irreversible-sea-level-rise>

May 19

GCC neighbors could soon take the lead in foreign investment (English)

<http://www.iraqdirectory.com/en/2014/05/19/27170/gcc-neighbours-could-soon-take-the-lead-in-foreign-investment.aspx>

May 21

Gulf Cooperation Council to be involved in EuraCA (English)

<http://www.azernews.az/business/67304.html>

May 21

Russia's Deep Dive into the Persian Gulf (English)

<http://muftah.org/russias-deep-dive-into-the-persian-gulf/#.U4cEj3KSzTr>

May 22

The Gulf Cooperation Council: Deepening Rifts and Emerging Challenges (English)

<http://www.defenddemocracy.org/media-hit/david-weinberg-the-gulf-cooperation-council/>

May 27

Strong need for GCC companies to use corporate culture to achieve better business results (English)

<http://www.bi-me.com/main.php?c=3&cg=4&t=1&id=65543>

June 2

Articles on Migrant Labor Abuses in the Gulf Don't Tell the Whole Story (English)

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pardis-mahdavi/articles-on-migrant-labor_b_5434332.html

June 5

Iranian Overtures to the Gulf (English)

<http://www.defenddemocracy.org/media-hit/oren-adaki-iranian-overtures-to-the-gulf/>

June 15

Women in the Gulf: Better Educated but Less Employed (English)

<http://www.al-fanarmedia.org/2013/10/women-in-the-gulf-better-educated-but-less-employed/>

June 16

The Gulf between social confrontation and power-wealth relations (Arabic)

https://www.gulfpolicies.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1718:1-&catid=199:2014-05-20-07-03-50&Itemid=458

June 18

The Water's Edge: While Saudi Arabia has taken major strides in securing fresh water supplies; some of its neighbors face a series of growing crises (English)

<http://www.majalla.com/eng/2014/06/article55250330>

June 26

Population melting pot: Expats v. locals across the Gulf (English)

<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/photos/population-melting-pot-expats-v-locals-across-gulf-555330.html?img=0>

Qatar

May 1

Qatar reforms wage payment plan for expat workers (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/world-cup-workers-qatar-reform-payment-plan.html>

May 2

The Muse of Qatar: The Sheikha who brought FIFA World Cup (Hebrew)

<http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-4515366,00.html>

May 5

Qatar supports Palestinian reconciliation efforts (English)

http://english.nugudy.com/Gulf/Qatar_supports_Pale-6601

May 8

Corruption in Qatar? The Link between the Governance Regime and Anti-Corruption Indicators (English)

<http://carnegie-mec.org/2014/05/08/corruption-in-qatar-link-between-governance-regime-and-anti-corruption-indicators/hb2z>

May 9

Qatar's Regional Ambitions and the New Emir (English)

<http://www.mei.edu/content/article/qatar%E2%80%99s-regional-ambitions-and-new-emir>

May 11

Why an elected Majlis in Qatar will not work (English)

<http://thegulfblog.com/2014/05/11/why-an-elected-majlis-in-qatar-will-not-work/>

May 14

Qatar's Former PM Hamad bin Jassim al-Thani - Video (English)

<http://www.businessweek.com/videos/2014-05-14/hamad-bin-jassim-al-thani-charlie-rose-05-14>

May 20

Qatar comes to European banks' rescue – with a twist (English)

<http://blogs.wsj.com/middleeast/2014/05/20/qatar-comes-to-european-banks-rescue-with-a-twist/>

May 22

Expatriate sentenced to death in Doha for spying (English)

<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/expat-sentenced-death-in-doha-for-spying-551317.html>

May 25

Qatar plays key role in strengthening UN Alliance of civilizations initiative: Al-Attiyah (English)

<http://thepeninsulaqatar.com/news/latest-news/285096/qatar-plays-key-role-in-strengthening-un-alliance-of-civilizations-initiative-al-attiyah>

May 31

IctQatar prioritizes digital access to workers as part of new strategy (English)

<http://dohanews.co/ictqatar-workers-get-computers-online-access/>

May 31

Taliban members heat to Qatar after nation brokers prisoner swap deal (English)

<http://dohanews.co/taliban-members-head-qatar-nation-brokers-prisoner-swap-deal/>

June 1

Citing loss of funding, Katara Art Center announces closure (English)

<http://dohanews.co/citing-loss-funding-katara-art-center-announces-closure/>

June 3

In Gaza, Hamas ministry bids a teary farewell (English)

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/in-gaza-hamas-ministry-bids-a-teary-farewell/>

June 4

Tiny Qatar Stands to Benefit from Go-Between Role (English)

http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=318763729&utm_campaign=storyshare&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social

June 5

Money Can't Buy Qatar Love: \$200 Billion in World Cup Spending Jeopardized Over Alleged Corruption (English)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-06-04/qatar-emir-finds-money-can-t-buy-love-as-world-cup-woes-increase.html>

June 5

The rise was stunning, but Qatar has plenty of other worries besides football (English)

<https://theconversation.com/the-rise-was-stunning-but-qatar-has-plenty-of-other-worries-besides-football-27559>

June 9

Qatar to build biggest beach resort in region (English)

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20140610207949>

June 10

Qatar businesses losing money by ignoring GCC customs duties savings (English)

<http://www.gulf-times.com/eco.-bus.%20news/256/details/395689/%E2%80%98qatar-businesses-losing-money-by-ignoring-gcc-customs-duties-savings%E2%80%99>

June 11

Russia, Qatar compete in natural gas market (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/06/russia-qatar-natural-gas-market-cooperation-rivals-lng-putin.html>

June 16

Gulf backs Qatar against World Cup accusations (English)

http://www.tradearabia.net/news/MEDIA_260175.html

June 25

Emir's accession, one year on: What's changed & what's stayed the same (English)

<http://dohanews.co/emirs-accession-one-year-whats-changed-whats-stayed/>

Bahrain

May 5

Hezbollah Cavalcade: Liwa 'Abis: A New Active Militant Group in Bahrain (English)

<http://jihadology.net/2014/05/05/liwa-abis-a-new-active-militant-group-in-bahrain/>

May 20

Bahrain between its Backers and the Brotherhood (English)

<http://carnegieendowment.org/sada/2014/05/20/bahrain-between-its-backers-and-brotherhood/hb8a>

May 22

Bahraini Columnist: Gulf Stated Should Unite Against U.S. and the U.S. – Iran Conspiracy (English)

<http://www.memri.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/0/7998.htm>

May 24

Top Bahrain activist released from prison (English)

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/top-bahrain-activist-released-prison>

May 28

Bahrain: A System of Injustice (English)

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2014/05/28/bahrain-system-injustice>

May 29

The Struggle for Information: Revelations on Mercenaries, Sectarian Agitation, and Demographic Engineering in Bahrain (English)

http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/17912/the-struggle-for-information_revelations-on-mercen

June 5

All expats face ban from driving in Bahrain (English)

<http://arabianindustry.com/supply-chain/news/2014/jun/5/all-expats-face-ban-from-driving-in-bahrain-4719611/#.U57YQZSSzTq>

June 9

One Persian Gulf monarchy's surprising embrace of Jews (English)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2014/06/09/one-persian-gulf-monarchys-surprising-embrace-of-jews/>

June 13

Bassiouni: Bahrain's progress limited by 'piece-meal' approach to reforms (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/06/cherif-bassiouni-bici-bahrain-uprising-violations.html>

June 24

Bahrain *Contra* Iraq: Foreign-Backed "Terrorism" vs. Indigenous "Uprising" (English)

<http://bahrainipolitics.blogspot.co.il/2014/06/bahrain-contra-iraq-foreign-backed.html>

June 26

Bahrain struggling to cut oil subsidies (English)

<http://www.abo.net/oilportal/topic/view.do?contentId=2264741>

Kuwait

May 4

IMF Assesses Kuwait as Economic Reform Momentum Grows (English)

<http://blogs.wsj.com/middleeast/2014/05/04/imf-assesses-kuwait-as-economic-reform-momentum-grows/>

May 7

Kuwaiti Salafism and its Growing Influence in the Levant (English)

<http://carnegieendowment.org/2014/05/07/kuwaiti-salafism-and-its-growing-influence-in-levant/ha83>

May 8

Kuwait's royals are taking their feuds public (English)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/05/08/kuwaits-royals-are-taking-their-feuds-public/>

May 16

Rising tensions in Kuwait's political arena (English)

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-27446807>

May 16

Photo series of unrealized mega museums in the Gulf superimposed on images of Kuwait during Gulf War (English)

<http://www.ibraaz.org/projects/74>

May 20

Kuwait: At the Crossroads of Change or Political Stagnation (English)

http://www.mei.edu/content/article/kuwait-crossroads-change-or-political-stagnation?utm_content=bufferdc2a2&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

May 25

Kuwait: leading the world in number of Twittes (Arabic)

<https://twitter.com/alqabas/status/470632868473876480/photo/1>

May 26

Kuwait minister resigns after worker deaths (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/kuwait/kuwait-minister-resigns-after-worker-deaths-1.1338868>

May 27

Kuwait lags on development despite oil wealth (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/kuwait-development-economy-oil-income-government.html>

May 29

Kuwait offers plan to buy foreign citizenship for Bedoon (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/kuwait-bedoon-comoros-stateless-citizenship.html#ixzz33MqjMn1Y>

June 10

A year in Kuwaiti jail for a Tweet? Draft law threatens free speech (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/06/kuwait-telecommunications-law-twitter-dissent-freedoms.html>

June 18

Kuwait ex-PM ready to face investigation (English)

http://www.gulfinthemedias.com/index.php?id=705509&news_type=Top&lang=en

Saudi Arabia

May 6

Saudi Arabia uncovers terror cell plotting attacks (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/saudi-arabia/saudi-arabia-uncovers-terror-cell-plotting-attacks-1.1328963#.U2k7zYUYIOZ.twitter>

May 6

MERS: A Virologist's View from Saudi Arabia (English)

<http://news.sciencemag.org/health/2014/05/mers-virologists-view-saudi-arabia>

May 12

Saudi fears rise over mystery virus (English)

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-27337627>

May 13

Saudi Arabia needs to spend \$213 bln on water, power in next decade (English)

<https://en-maktoob.news.yahoo.com/saudi-arabia-needs-spend-213-bln-water-power-144553842.html>

May 18

Testing Times for Saudi Arabia (English)

<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/Digital-Library/Publications/Detail/?fecvnodeid=118608&groupot593=0c54e3b3-1e9c-be1e-2c24-a6a8c7060233&dom=1&lng=en&fecvid=33&v33=118608&ots627=0c54e3b3-1e9c-be1e-2c24-a6a8c7060233&id=179906>

May 15

Saudi activists 'hibernate' after series of arrests (English)

http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/saudi-human-rights-blogger-sentence-badawi-abulkhair.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

May 16

The paralyzed "Tweeter Patient" that excites the Saudis (Hebrew)

<http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-4520259,00.html>

May 17

Saudi Arabian Government and Qatar: Stop supporting Islamist jihadist groups in Syria (English)

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Saudi_Arabian_Government_and_Qatar_Stop_supporting_Islamist_jihadist_groups_in_Syria/

May 21

Saudi Arabia: Researching Divine Politics in a Profane World (English)

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/mec/2014/05/21/saudi-arabia-researching-divine-politics-in-a-profane-world/>

May 19

Saudi Arabia and the UAE bring arms industry to the Gulf (English)

<http://natocouncil.ca/saudi-arabia-and-the-uae-push-to-create-defence-industries/>

May 27

What's going on in Saudi Arabia? (English)

<http://www.lobelog.com/whats-going-on-in-saudi-arabia/>

May 27

9 professors held for Brotherhood links in Saudi Arabia (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/saudi-arabia/9-professors-held-for-brotherhood-links-in-saudi-arabia-1.1338559>

May 27

Five Saudi Nationals Killed, One Wounded in Seyoun Attack (English)

<http://www.yementimes.com/en/1784/news/3893/Five-Saudi-nationals-killed-one-wounded-in-Seyoun-attack.htm>

May 29

Standard Arabic to be adopted in Saudi schools (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/saudi-arabia/standard-arabic-to-be-adopted-in-saudi-schools-1.1340776>

May 31

Football in Saudi Arabia: Where the popular will matters (English)

<http://www.economist.com/news/middle-east-and-africa/21603072-beautiful-game-provides-rare-space-candour-and-criticism-where?fsrc=rss#sthash.48qAKGz2.dpbs>

June 2

An Interview with the Imprisoned Daughter of Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah (English)

<http://muftah.org/interview-imprisoned-daughter-saudi-arabias-king-abdullah/#.U5mdPnKSzTr>

June 3

Saudi Arabia bans books by pro-Muslim Brotherhood clerics (English)

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/saudi-arabia-bans-books-pro-muslim-brotherhood-clerics>

June 4

Saudi lawyers face severe fines after critical Tweets (English)

<http://blogs.wsj.com/middleeast/2014/06/04/saudi-lawyers-face-severe-fines-after-critical-tweets/>

June 4

OPEC Loses Price Power as Saudis Take Control (English)

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2014-06-04/opec-loses-price-power-as-saudis-take-control>

June 5

Cinemas to open in Saudi Arabia? (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/variety/2014/06/05/Cinemas-to-open-in-Saudi-Arabia-.html>

June 5

Saudi plans for expat-only immigration queues (English)

<http://arabianindustry.com/travel/news/2014/jun/5/saudi-plans-for-expat-only-immigration-queues-4720534/#.U57XBpSSzTq>

June 7

Saudi Economic Woes Fuel Islamist Extremism (English)

<http://www.islamistgate.com/735>

June 9

Saudi Arabia calls Muslim Brotherhood terrorists, yet its cabinet welcomes the PA govt backed by Hamas (English)

<http://www.spa.gov.sa/english/details.php?id=1241787>

June 10

Saudis spend average 30% of income on phone, internet bills (English)

<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/saudis-spend-average-30-of-income-on-phone-internet-bills-553473.html>

June 11

'Hands off Islamic law' (English)

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/585016>

June 12

Saudi Sheikh: Soccer admiration is a social, ethical and publicly abomination (Hebrew)

http://www.memri.org.il/cgi-webaxy/sal/sal.pl?lang=he&ID=107345_memri&act=show&dbid=articles&dataid=3651

June 13

Saudis debate Salafism and democracy (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/06/saudi-arabia-debate-salafism-governance-isis.html>

June 14

Saudi Arabia's Sectarian Challenge (English)

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/giorgio-cafiero/saudi-arabias-sectarian-c_b_5495200.html?utm_hp_ref=tw

June 16

Jihadi Recruitment in Riyadh Revives Saudi Arabia's Greatest Fear (English)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-06-15/jihadis-recruitment-drive-in-riyadh-revives-biggest-saudi-threat.html>

June 17

Demand boons among Saudis (English)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/18/business/energy-environment/18iht-ren-saudi18.html?smid=tw-share>

June 18

Saudi Arabia's Duplicitous Legalism (English)

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/19/opinion/saudi-arabias-duplicitous-legalism.html?_r=1

June 18

167 foreign investors launch legal action against KSA (English)

<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/167-foreign-investors-launch-legal-action-against-ksa-554356.html>

June 22

Riyadh rage: Inside Saudi Arabia's joyriding craze (English)

http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jun/22/saudia-arabia-joyriding-cars-drifting-street-racing-riyadh-rage?CMP=tw_t_gu

June 26

The sexually stifled kingdom (English)

<http://www.washingtonblade.com/2014/06/26/sexually-stifled-kingdom/>

June 26

Leading the Counter-Revolution: Saudi Arabia and the Arab Spring (English)

http://www.swp-berlin.org/fileadmin/contents/products/research_papers/2014_RP07_sbg.pdf

June 29

Which Is Worse for Saudi Arabia, ISIS or Maliki? (English)

http://www.lobelog.com/which-is-worse-for-saudi-arabia-isis-or-maliki/?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

June 29

Saudi King Sacks Deputy Defense Minister (English)

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20140629/DEFREG04/306290014/Saudi-King-Sacks-Deputy-Defense-Minister?odyssey=nav%7Chead>

Security in Saudi Arabia

May 27

A Saudi Arabian Defense Doctrine (English)

http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/24254/saudi_arabian_defense_doctrine.html

May 14

Surprise Rotation of Saudi Defense Officials (English)

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/surprise-rotation-of-saudi-defense-officials>

June 11

Saudi Arabia among the world's 6 largest spenders on national defense (English)

<http://www.bi-me.com/main.php?c=3&cg=2&t=1&id=65681>

Saudi Succession

May 2

Saudi Royal Court focus of Twitter crossfire (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/prince-muqrin-appointment-controversy.html>

May 16

Undermining the Sudairi clan: The king manages the power struggle (English)

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/undermining-sudairi-clan-king-manages-power-struggle>

May 26

Appointment of deputy heir to throne stirs controversy in Saudi Arabia (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/qgyxecd>

May 27

Changes in Saudi Defense Ministry a matter of family politics (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/reshufflings-saudi-defense-ministry-abdullah.html>

May 30

Saudi king's sons well-placed for transition (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/saudi-transition-kings-sons-well-place.html>

Women in Saudi Arabia

May 17

Women in Saudi Arabia: Unshackling themselves (English)

<http://www.economist.com/news/middle-east-and-africa/21602249-saudi-women-are-gaining-ground-slowly-unshackling-themselves?fsrc=rss>

June 6

Only 10% Saudi investors are women (English)

http://www.zawya.com/story/Only_10_Saudi_investors_are_women-ZAWYA20140606043238/?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRogvKXIZKXonjHpfsX%2F7%2B0IWbHr08Yy0EZ5VunJEUWy0IoDS9Q%2FcOedCQkZHblFnV4JQ624SrUNrKEO

Saudi Arabia International relations

May 19

Saudi Arabia closes embassy in Libya due to security concerns (English)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/19/us-saudi-libya-diplomacy-idUSBREA4I0AD20140519>

May 21

Dutch face Saudi anger over anti-Muslim lawmaker (English)

<https://my.news.yahoo.com/dutch-face-saudi-anger-over-anti-muslim-lawmaker-144027449.html>

May 26

Sisi and Saudi Arabia: immediate security concerns and cooperation (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/views/2014/05/26/Sisi-and-Saudi-Arabia-immediate-security-concerns-and-cooperation.html>

May 26

Why Azerbaijani-Saudi Relations are improving (English)

<http://registan.net/2014/05/26/why-azerbaijani-saudi-relations-are-improving/>

Saudi Arabia- Iran relations

May 13

In thaw, Saudi extends invitation to Iran (English)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/in-thaw-saudi-extends-invite-to-iran/2014/05/13/b89a1d19-3b62-4e3e-9f56-730b8819e4e2_story.html

May 16

Saudi invitation a first step with Iran (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/saudi-arabia-iran-region-deescalation.html>

May 21

Saudi Arabia slowly softening its Iran approach (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/saudi-arabia/saudi-arabia-slowly-softening-its-iran-approach-1.1336252#.U35Wr5dB8wc.twitter>

June 11

New status quo KSA & Iran in MENA "no winner no loser" (Arabic)

<http://www.alaraby.co.uk/opinion/a0f1fdc0-d624-4d30-9ed6-ea24e89c9005>

Saudi Arabia- Russia relations

June 4

The Kremlin and the Kingdom: Contradictory Signals? (English)

<http://www.lobelog.com/the-kremlin-and-the-kingdom-contradictory-signals/>

Saudi Arabia- UAE relations

May 22

With an Eye on Iran, Saudis and Emirates Form "Supreme Committee" for Gulf (English)

<http://www.thetower.org/03810c-with-an-eye-on-iran-saudis-and-emirates-form-supreme-committee-for-gulf/>

May 26

Saudi, UAE coordination signals differences with Qatar (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/saudi-uae-joint-committee-regional-policy-libya-egypt.html>

Saudi Arabia- Bahrain relations

May 26

Saudi-Bahrain crude pipeline planned (English)

<http://www.arabianoilandgas.com/article-12516-saudi-bahrain-crude-pipeline-planned/>

Saudi Arabia- Israel relations

May 22

Former head of Saudi intelligence will appear at a public panel with a retired Israeli general (English)

<https://twitter.com/DavidKenner/status/469535143087316992/photo/1>

May 26

Video: former Israeli and Saudi Intelligence chiefs share a glass of water (English)

<http://iran-israel-observer.com/2014/05/26/video-former-israeli-and-saudi-intelligence-chiefs-share-a-glass-of-water/>

May 26

Former intelligence heads of Israel/Saudi Arabia debate – Brussels (English)

<http://www.gmfus.org/israel-and-the-middle-east-seeking-common-ground/#sthash.hxzP8l3t.dpuf>

May 27

Saudi press house under fire for translating Israeli book (English)

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4524192,00.html>

May 29

Saudi Peace Initiative takes back seat to Iran (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/saudi-peace-initiative-iran-palestine-israel.html>

Saudi Arabia- Egypt relations

June 7

Saudi shouts support for Egypt's new anti-Islamist leader (English)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/07/us-saudi-egypt-idUSKBN0EIOCS20140607>

June 22

Saudi king's short victory lap in Egypt (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/06/saudi-arabia-egypt-king-abdullah.html>

United Arab Emirates

May 4

Families hit by new minimum monthly wage rule for visas (English)

<http://www.thenational.ae/uae/labour-law/families-hit-by-new-minimum-monthly-wage-rule-for-visas>

May 12

Abu Dhabi Street named after king Abdullah (English)

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/568796>

May 13

The UAE's Preservation of the Status Quo (English)

<http://www.lobelog.com/the-uaes-preservation-of-the-status-quo-egypt-mb/>

May 13

UAE calls Arab and Central Asian states to play a proactive role in reshaping the global economic landscape (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/business/economy/uae-calls-arab-and-central-asian-states-to-play-a-proactive-role-in-reshaping-the-global-economic-landscape-1.1332153>

May 14

Which foreign countries spent the most to influence U.S. politics? (English)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/in-the-loop/wp/2014/05/14/which-foreign-countries-spent-the-most-to-influence-u-s-politics/?tid=sm_fb

May 17

UAE drinkers consume almost double global alcohol average (English)

<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/uae-drinkers-consume-almost-double-global-alcohol-average-550467.html?tab=Article>

May 19

UAE 'Qaeda cell' on trial over Syria jihadist's support (English)

<https://en-maktoob.news.yahoo.com/uae-qaeda-cell-trial-over-syria-jihadists-support-171319924.html>

May 20

INYT emailed subscribers to say it was not printed in UAE because the story was "too sensitive for local printing" (English)

<https://twitter.com/NYTBen/status/468760423190507520/photo/1>

May 24

The importance of statistics in the UAE (English)

<http://www.thenational.ae/business/industry-insights/economics/the-importance-of-statistics-in-the-uae>

May 25

New Abu Dhabi cruise terminal to 'preserve' the history of Zayed Port (English)

<http://www.thenational.ae/business/industry-insights/tourism/20140525/new-abu-dhabi-cruise-terminal-to-preserve-the-history-of-zayed-port>

May 25

Dubai launches first guide for Hollywood movie makers (English)

<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/dubai-launches-first-guide-for-hollywood-movie-makers-551252.html>

May 27

Congress drops effort to block airport preclearance deal with Abu Dhabi (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/05/abu-dhabi-airport-congress-pre-screen.html>

May 27

Mass. Governor Patrick to Talk Innovation in Israel & UAE (English)

<http://jpupdates.com/2014/05/27/mass-governor-patrick-talk-innovation-israel-uae/>

June 1

Envoy lauds UAE-Azerbaijan relations (English)

<http://gulftoday.ae/portal/54bbe13c-004a-49a5-b577-2969d0923238.aspx>

June 8

Abu Dhabi foils bid to smuggle 16,700 bottles of alcohol out of the UAE (English)

<http://arabianindustry.com/supply-chain/united-arab-emirates/news/2014/jun/8/abu-dhabi-foils-bid-to-smuggle-alcohol-4722835/#.U57Yn5SSzTg>

June 9

Boom, Bust and Boom in Dubai (English)

<http://www.merip.org/boom-bust-boom-dubai>

June 11

The new tax haven: unreported Israeli fortune wandering from Europe to Dubai (Hebrew)

<http://www.globes.co.il/news/article.aspx?did=1000945164&from=iglobes>

Oman

May 6

Oman in east Africa: Gingerly coming back (English)

http://www.economist.com/blogs/baobab/2014/04/oman-east-africa?fsrc=scn/tw_ec/gingerly_coming_back

May 19

Oman jails former commerce minister for corruption (English)

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-27469354>

June 1

Oman on its way to a new growth model, says QNB (English)

<http://www.gulf-times.com/eco.-bus.%20news/256/details/394318/oman-on-its-way-to-a-%E2%80%98new-growth-model,-says-qnb>

June 18

Oman's economic policies spark rare protest on Twitter (English)

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/omans-economic-policies-spark-rare-protest-twitter/1164208109>

Iraq

May 13

The Islamic Government of Iraq and Syria: It was al-Qaeda that ordered us not to attack Iran and its interests (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/ko5539w>

May 20

Sunnis Big Losers in Iraq Elections, PM al-Maliki has Largest Party (English)

<http://www.juancole.com/2014/05/elections-maliki-largest.html>

May 25

Sunni & Shia Iraqis praying together at the Kadhimiya shrine, Baghdad Iraq (English)

<https://twitter.com/AliAjeena/status/470615197808590848/photo/1>

ISIS fights in Iraq

June 11

Report: Thousands of Shiite activists from the Iraqi militia Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq and Kata'ib Hezbollah are hastening to free Mosul from ISIS (English)

<https://m.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=765174060193380>

June 11

Khamenei's Kayhan on ISIS's takeover of Mosul: The terrorists took revenge for their defeat in Syria on the Iraqis (Persian)

<https://twitter.com/YMansharof/status/476673649189982208/photo/1>

June 11

Prominent Iranian daily calls upon the region countries to send forces to Iraq for the decisive battle against ISIS (Persian)

http://www.jomhourieslami.com/1393/13930321/13930321_01_jomhori_islami_sar_magaleh_0001.html

June 11

IRGC official: We won't take part in the battles vs ISIS but we'll give logistic aid to Maleki & the Shiites militias (Persian)

<http://www.middle-east-online.com/?id=178323#>

June 11

Sunni fighters gain as they battle 2 governments, and other rebels (English)

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/12/world/middleeast/the-militants-moving-in-on-syria-and-iraq.html?hp&_r=0

June 12

Saudis 'Arming Jihadists' seizing Iraqi cities (English)

<http://www.wnd.com/2014/06/saudis-arming-jihadists-seizing-iraqi-cities/>

June 12

Khamenei rep blames Saudi Arabia, Qatar for Iraq insurgents (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/06/khamenei-representative-blames-qatar-saudi-iraq-crisis.html>

June 12

Kurdish fighters take a key oil city as militants advance on Baghdad (English)

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/13/world/middleeast/iraq.html?hp&_r=2

June 12

Iran's Special Forces rush in to help floundering ally (English)

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/middleeast/iraq/article4116273.ece>

June 13

The Second Iran-Iraq War and the American Switch (English)

<http://hnn.us/article/155999>

June 13

Jihadist expansion in Iraq puts Persian Gulf states in a tight spot (English)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/jihadist-expansion-in-iraq-puts-persian-gulf-states-in-a-tight-spot/2014/06/13/e52e90ac-f317-11e3-bf76-447a5df6411f_story.html

June 15

Kuwaiti publicist Fayez Alnashwan warns Iran: your participation in the fights against the ISIS will turn the Iraq crisis to a Shiite-Sunni war (Arabic)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFeTSIYADmQ#t=154>

June 15

ISIS's destruction of Iraq: Impact on the Gulf littoral (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/views/2014/06/15/ISIS-s-destruction-of-Iraq-Impact-on-the-Gulf-littoral.html>

June 15

Nazi-Style executions of Shi'ites by ISIS in Iraq (GRAPHIC CONTENT) (English)

<http://www.memrijttm.org/nazi-style-executions-of-shiites-by-isis-in-iraq-graphic-content.html>

June 16

GCC wary over US-Iran cooperation in Iraq (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/region/iraq/gcc-wary-over-us-iran-cooperation-in-iraq-1.1348089>

June 16

Trade air strikes for Maliki stepping down (English)

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/columns/trade-air-strikes-maliki-stepping-down#>

June 16

Kerry is ready to cooperate with Iran on Iraq (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/qcowaes>

June 16

John McCain, Lindsey Graham split on Iran (English)

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/06/john-mccain-lindsey-graham-iran-split-107897.html>

June 16

"Iraq" is Still Arabic for "Vietnam" (English)

<http://hnn.us/blog/153386>

June 16

How ISIS Games Twitter (English)

<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2014/06/isis-iraq-twitter-social-media-strategy/372856/>

June 17

Iran's Baghdad policy and its impacts (English)

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/587831>

June 17

Iraq crisis needs a proper response from this region (English)

<http://www.thenational.ae/thenationalconversation/comment/iraq-crisis-needs-a-proper-response-from-this-region>

June 17

The Hour of ISIS Power: How did it come to this? (English)

<http://hnn.us/article/156035>

June 17

Iraq shockwaves felt across Gulf stock exchanges (English)

<http://www.cnbc.com/id/101765217>

June 18

Contacts between Egypt and the Gulf over Iraqi developments (English)

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/news/africa/12193-contacts-between-egypt-and-the-gulf-over-iraqi-developments>

June 18

ISIS advanced in Iraq forces Gulf donors to rethink their patronage (English)

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2014/0618/ISIS-advance-in-Iraq-forces-Gulf-donors-to-rethink-their-patronage>

June 19

How to market Terror: Jihad organization in Iraq is working as a Business Corporation (Hebrew)

<http://www.globes.co.il/news/article.aspx?did=1000947387&from=iglobes>

June 20

ISIS on the TV screen (English)

<http://www.onthemedias.org/story/isis-tv-screen/>

June 23

'Thank god for the Saudis': ISIS, Iraq, and the lessons of Blowback (English)

<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2014/06/isis-saudi-arabia-iraq-syria-bandar/373181/>

June 23

Saudi Funding of ISIS (English)

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/saudi-funding-of-isis#.U6klKz5890M.twitter>

June 23

Turmoil in Iraq Spells Trouble for Oil Markets (English)

<http://online.wsj.com/articles/gal-luft-and-robert-mcfarlane-turmoil-in-iraq-spells-trouble-for-oil-markets-1403563728>

June 24

Cover of Kayhan associated with Khamenei: American Senator admits US assisting ISIS to inflame (English)

<https://twitter.com/YMansharof/status/481335771593322496/photo/1>

June 24

Iraq's Minorities Left between Scorpions and a Hard Place (English)

<http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/06/24/iraq-s-minorities-left-between-scorpions-and-hard-place>

June 25

Jabhat al-Nusra: Hezbollah and IRGC participating in fights against us in Rif Homs Syria (Persian)

<http://mobile.lebanese-forces.com/2014/06/24/nosra-leader-confirms-hezbollah-participation-in-homs-outskirts-battle/>

June 25

Iran Secretly Sending Drones and Supplies into Iraq, U.S. Officials Say (English)

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/26/world/middleeast/iran-iraq.html?_r=1

June 25

Saudi Arabia threatened by ISIS advance in Iraq (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/06/saudi-arabia-sunni-isis-threat-iraq-shiite-maliki-setbacks.html>

June 25

Saudi Arabia sees allies among Iraq's Sunni tribes (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2014/06/saudi-arabia-iraq-long-history-suspicion.html>

June 25

Kuwait on alert over ISIL territorial gains in Iraq (English)

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/kuwait-alert-over-isil-territorial-gains-iraq/1961622656>

June 26

Ayatollah 'Alavi Gorgani: The ISIL members are ignorant (jahil) (Persian)

<http://isna.ir/fa/news/93040402795/%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%B9%D8%B4%DB%8C-%D9%87%D8%A7-%D8%AC%D8%A7%D9%87%D9%84-%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%AF>

June 26

Iran Secretly Sending Drones and Supplies into Iraq, U.S. Officials Say (English)

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/26/world/middleeast/iran-iraq.html?_r=1

June 30

ISIL declares its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, as Caliph and leader of all Muslims (Persian)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/iran/2014/06/140629_i39_isil_caliphate.shtml

Yemen

May 22

Yemen's GCC Roadmap to Nowhere (English)

<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/Digital-Library/Publications/Detail/?fecvnodeid=118620&groupot593=0c54e3b3-1e9c-be1e-2c24-a6a8c7060233&dom=1&fecvid=33&lng=en&v33=118620&ots627=0c54e3b3-1e9c-be1e-2c24-a6a8c7060233&id=179772>

June 25

Yemen to begin \$3.5bn international road project (English)

http://www.gulfinthemedial.com/index.php?id=706550&news_type=Economy&lang=en

June 28

Federal challenge: Yemen's turbulence may have opened a door for the return of the sultans (English)

<http://www.thenational.ae/world/federal-challenge-yemenx2019s-turbulence-may-have-opened-a-door-for-the-return-of-the-sultans#page1#ixzz360RwFCRB>

June 30

Hadhramaut: 4 Years after Floods, Housing Project Still Not Built (English)

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/haykal-bafana/hadhramaut-4-years-after-floods-housing-project-still-not-built/414465161966833>

Other Countries of the Arab world

Syria

May 7

Crucifixion from ancient Rome to modern Syria (English)

<http://hnn.us/article/155570>

June 25

Sources in Syrian opposition: 40 deaths to Hezbollah, among them seniors, in an ambush in Kalamon (Persian)

<http://mobile.lebanese-forces.com/2014/06/19/battles-in-kalamoun/>

Turkey

May 14

Turkey's Presidential Prospects: Assessing Recent Trends (English)

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/turkeys-presidential-prospects-assessing-recent-trends>

May 21

Pro-Erdogan paper blames mine disaster on the Jews (English)

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/middle-east/1.592026>

June 26

Turkey competes with Europe and China for Iranian oil and gas (English)

<http://muftah.org/turkey-competes-europe-china-iranian-oil-gas/#.U7JUHZZSsTr>

Egypt

May 22

Gulf regimes aid Egypt's Sisi to ensure their own security (English)

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/gulf-regimes-aid-egypts-sisi-ensure-their-own-security>

May 28

Gulf investors eye Egypt tourism fund (English)

[http://www.zawya.com/story/Egypt to launch tourism fund in June-ZAWYA20140528043200/](http://www.zawya.com/story/Egypt%20to%20launch%20tourism%20fund%20in%20June-ZAWYA20140528043200/)

June 4

The Gulf and Egypt: From Life Support to a Sustainable Economy? (English)

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/egyptsource/the-gulf-and-egypt-from-life-support-to-a-sustainable-economy>

Afghanistan

May 31

Bowe Bergdahl, American Soldier, Freed by Taliban in Prisoner Trade (English)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/01/us/bowe-bergdahl-american-soldier-is-freed-by-taliban.html>

General

May 21

Hamas Official: The only "Peace" will be via Ethnic-Cleansing (English)

<http://virtualjerusalem.com/news.php?Itemid=12910>

June 20

Gaza in Crisis: The Strong Female Voice if Hamas (English)

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/isra-al-mudallal-is-the-spokesperson-for-hamas-in-gaza-a-976150.html>

June 20

Israel needs to prepare for a wholesale breakdown of the Middle East (English)

<http://hnn.us/article/156084>

June 23

Palestinians mock kidnapping in video (English)

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/palestinians-parody-kidnapping-in-video/>

Energy

June 15

Patrolling Chokepoints: Naval forces counter threats to navigation and infrastructure (English)

<http://unipath-magazine.com/patrolling-chokepoints/>

June 24

Analysis: Israel and the Kurds, silence is golden (English)

<http://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/middle-east/35247-140624-analysis-israel-and-the-kurds-silence-is-golden>

June 26

Kurdish oil to Israel, a new Mid-East (English)

<http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/kurdish-oil-to-israel-a-new-mid-east/>

Religion

May 13

Germany: Islamists Infiltrating Schools in Hamburg (English)

<http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/4315/germany-islamists-hamburg>

June 4

In the Arab World, a new discourse on religious coexistence takes root (English)

<http://news.bahai.org/story/1007>

Caricatures

June 11

Photomontage: Obama takes the U.S. forces out of Iraq and giving it to Nouri Al-Malaki, Iran's protégé

<https://twitter.com/YMansharof/status/476504304837095424/photo/1>

June 16

Sick: Fatah Posts Cartoon Mocking Kidnapped Teens as 'Rats'

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/181726#.U6auuJSSzTp>
