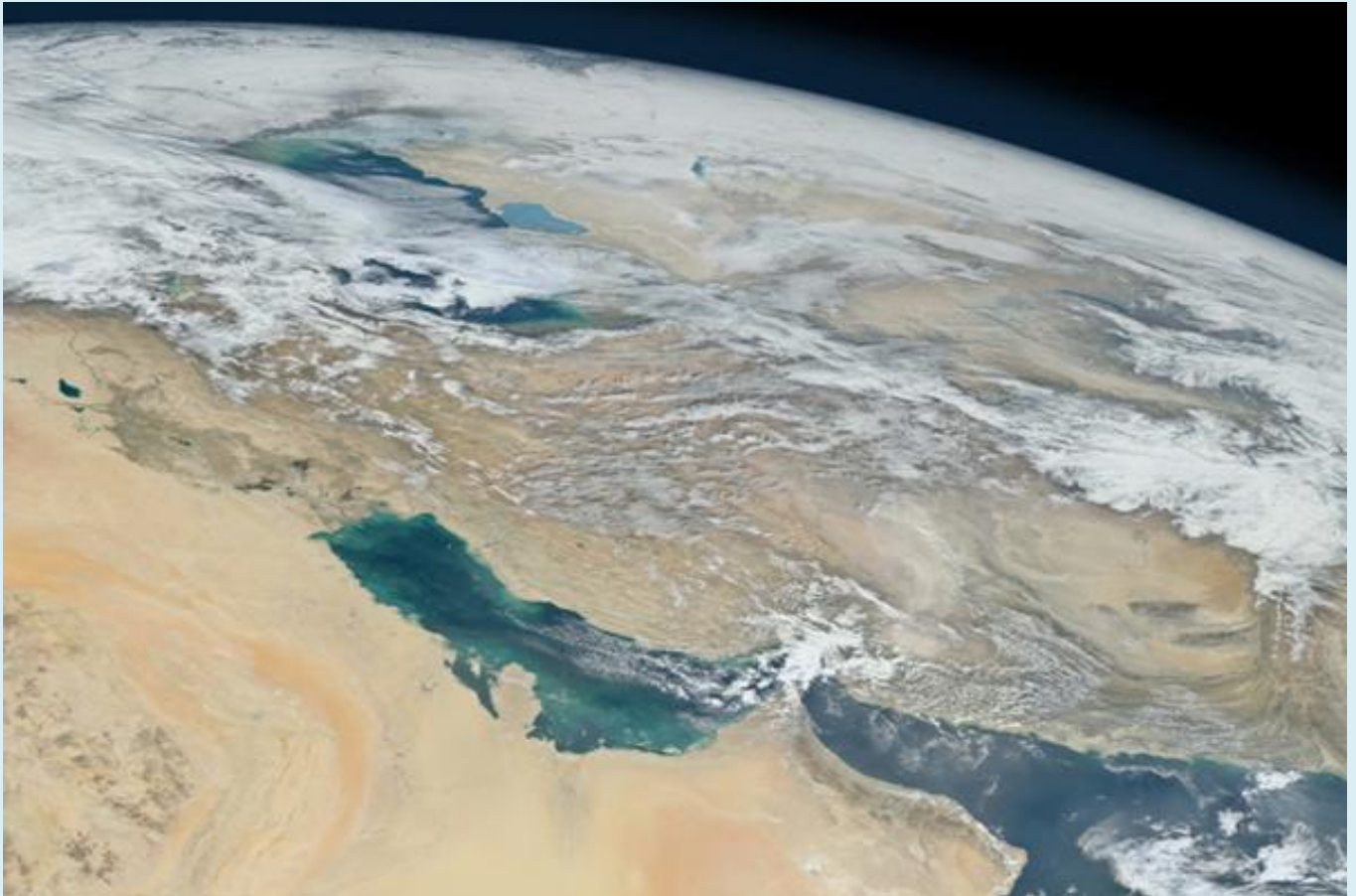


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Iran

Politics

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Why Rafsanjani is trusted by the Arabs? (Persian)

<http://www.entekhab.ir/fa/news/135761>

November 5

What brought about Montazeri's house arrest? (Persian)

<http://sepidedam.com/15731>

November 7

Rouhani on 14.7.80: Conspirators should be hanged during Friday prayers in presence of the people so it'll be effective (Persian)

https://khodnevis.org/article/53463#.Unt43_m-1sl

December 11

Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi's view on Facebook (Persian)

<http://makarem.ir/main.aspx?typeinfo=4&lid=0&mid=318065&catid=0&start=1&PageIndex=0>

December 30

Qasem Soleimani: Whoever doesn't trust the leader, is not a nationalist (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/16127>

The Nuclear Deal

November 23

Iran: from pariah to partner (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/perspective/analysis/2013/11/23/Iran-from-pariah-to-partner.html>

November 24

Israel's Netanyahu: Iran agreement a 'historic mistake' (English)

<http://www.latimes.com/world/worldnow/#axzz2mba26nzb>

November 25

Uproar in the Majles following the nuclear agreement (Persian)

<http://www.radiozamaneh.com/110861>

November 26

Why the Iran Deal Scares Saudi Arabia (English)

http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2013/11/why-the-iran-deal-scares-saudi-arabia.html?utm_source=www&utm_medium=tw&utm_campaign=20131126

November 26

The agreement with Iran is more dangerous than 9/11 (Arabic)

<http://beta.aawsat.com/home/article/11026>

November 27

Who Is the Shadowy Sultan that Shepherded the Nuclear Deal With Iran? (English)

http://blog.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/11/26/who_is_the_shadowy_sultan_that_shepherded_the_nuclear_deal_with_iran#sthash.SZtKmT5R.dpbs

November 29

Iran's diplomatic surge extends to Gulf (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/11/iran-diplomacy-reaches-gulf.html>

November 30

Israel Risks Isolation as Iran-Gulf Relations Warm (English)

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20131130/DEFREG04/311300009/>

December 1

Iran's Zarif to visit Saudi Arabia to allay concerns over nuclear deal (English)

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December 1

An Israeli-Saudi axis? Not likely (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/11/jerusalem-riyadh-axis-not-likely.html>

December 8

GCC summit agenda to be dominated by Iran: analysts (English)

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December 10

Iran sees progress in talks with powers on nuclear deal implementation (English)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/10/us-iran-nuclear-talks-idUSBRE9B912020131210>

December 24

Former State Department Adviser Jake Sullivan Reemerges as Iran Policy Player (English)

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December 29

Iran hopes to implement nuclear deal within month (English)

<http://news.yahoo.com/iran-hopes-implement-nuclear-deal-within-month-140325810.html>

December 30

Debate: Iran nuclear deal a game changer for US- Israeli relations

<http://www.aawsat.net/2013/12/article55326090>

Sanctions

December 12

Israeli officials: U.S. admits Iran will get \$20 billion from sanctions relief (English)

<http://www.haaretz.com/images/icons/comment.png>

Economy

November 26

Iran opens contacts with oil groups (English)

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/2/2e341574-56ab-11e3-ab12-00144feabdc0.html#axzz2lpQe99Hv>

Demonstrations and Protests

December 3

Poster of the student movement in Iran for Student Day

<https://twitter.com/EzriCenter/status/407837673844264961/photo/1>

Health

December 12

Mice problem in Tehran (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/getfm82>

International relations

Iran and the war in Syria

December 5

Despite Denials by Iranian Regime, Statements by Majlis Member and Reports in Iran Indicate Involvement of Iranian Troops in Syria Fighting (English)

<http://www.memri.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/0/0/7623.htm>

Iran- West

November 5

Firouzabadi: "Iran is 34 years ahead of Europe; we should not trust USA's smile" (Persian)

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December 11

Iran commander criticizes government over influence from West (English)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/11/us-iran-military-idUSBRE9BA0CI20131211?feedType=RSS&virtualBrandChannel=10209&dlvrit=59365>

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Ayatollah Mahdavi Kani: We'll stop calling "death to the USA" whenever they will become human beings (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/p49ymbc>

December 17

Rafsanjani: The first condition for moralistic politics is sticking to agreements; the Westerners should not break it (Persian)

<http://www.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13920925001508>

Iran and the Gulf countries

November 22

The required dialogue between Rouhani and the Gulf (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/views/2013/11/19/The-required-dialogue-between-Rowhani-and-the-Gulf.html>

December 25

Dr. Eran Segal in "Haaretz" on Iranian nukes and ethnic politics (English)

<http://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-1.557721>

Iran- Saudi Arabia

November 27

Rafsanjani ready to work on improving Saudi-Iranian ties (English)

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/483806>

December 15

Iran-Saudi Arabia war of nerves sharpens in OPEC (English)

<http://asia.nikkei.com/Markets/Commodities/IranSaudi-Arabia-war-of-nerves-sharpens-in-OPEC>

Iran- UAE

December 9

Iran, UAE Close to Deal on Hormuz Islands (English)

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20131209/DEFREG04/312090021>

The Arab countries of the Persian Gulf

The Persian Gulf

November 17

New site on Gulf migration (English)

<http://gulfmigration.eu/>

November 18

The Politics of Sectarianism (English)

<http://pomeps.org/2013/11/the-politics-of-sectarianism/>

November 20

Sustainable growth or more of the same? The Gulf States face a bleak future if their energy subsidies are not reformed (English)

<http://www.majalla.com/eng/2013/11/article55246801>

November 21

Foreign affairs committee - fifth report. The UK's relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain (English)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmfa/88/8802.htm>

November 21

The need for a new language between the Gulf and Iran (Arabic)

<http://alhayat.com/OpinionsDetails/574093>

November 24

Correcting misconceptions of the Gulf's modern art movement (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/11/gulf-visual-arts-modern-indigenous-tradition-misconception.html>

November 29

Unified GCC police to tackle crimes that threaten region (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/bahrain/unified-gcc-police-to-tackle-crimes-that-threaten-region-1.1261217>

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Four GCC countries to announce common currency by end-December (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/business/economy/four-gcc-countries-to-announce-common-currency-by-end-december-1.1262037#.Upte4VYJmkd.twitter>

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Arabian Gulf nations cautious about re-engaging with Iran (English)

<http://www.thenational.ae/world/middle-east/arabian-gulf-nations-cautious-about-re-engaging-with-iran>

December 6

U.S. responding to Gulf States push for UVA systems (English)

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The GCC's future military command a 'political signal,' say experts (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/perspective/analysis/2013/12/12/What-a-unified-military-command-means-for-the-Gulf-.html>

December 16

Should Obama's Nobel Prize be revoked? (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/perspective/analysis/2013/12/16/Should-Obama-s-Nobel-Peace-Prize-be-revoked-.html>

December 17

Obama opens way to Gulf grouping military sales (English)

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December 18

Responses to Ambassador LeBaron's Assessment of US-Gulf Relations (English)

http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/menasource/responses-to-ambassador-lebaron-s-assessment-of-us-gulf-relations?utm_content=bufferd2a3f&utm_source=buffer&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Buffer#.UrH1mrg2eYo.twitter

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Dialogue, Summit . . . Action? There is still room for more cooperation between the Gulf monarchies, despite long-standing divisions (English)

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The Gulf Goes Global: the evolving role of Gulf countries in the Middle East and North Africa and beyond (English)

<http://fride.org/publication/1169/the-gulf-goes-global:-the-evolving-role-of-gulf-countries-in-the-middle-east-and-north-africa-and-beyond>

December 20

Single GCC visa likely by mid-2014 (English)

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/495656>

December 24

The Mideast's Unlikely Allies (English)

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/24/opinion/the-mideasts-unlikely-allies.html?partner=rssnyt&emc=rss&_r=0

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The Emerging Interventionists of the GCC (English)

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/middleEastCentre/publications/Paper-Series/EmergingInterventionistsGCC.aspx>

December 30

Gulf States seek food security in Europe, US (English)

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20131231191026>

Qatar

November 3

Qatar emir tours Gulf States in support of union (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/qatar/qatar-emir-tours-gulf-states-in-support-of-union-1.1249781>

November 6

Qatar residents get free access to eBooks and journals (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/qatar/qatar-residents-get-free-access-to-ebooks-and-journals-1.1250951>

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Qatar to introduce compulsory military service – report (English)

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Qatar's construction laborers face abuse: Amnesty International (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/qatar/qatar-s-construction-labourers-face-abuse-amnesty-international-1.1255916>

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New domestic airline next year (English)

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/479726>

November 22

Qatar accused of fudging 'independent' inquiry into migrant World Cup workers (English)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/qatar/10468716/Qatar-accused-of-fudging-independent-inquiry-into-migrant-World-Cup-workers.html>

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Paid lobbyists probe alleged Qatar labor abuse (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/qatar/paid-lobbyists-probe-alleged-qatar-labour-abuse-1.1258726>

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Qatar-backed pro-Brotherhood paper to launch in London (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/media/2013/11/29/Qatar-backed-pro-Brotherhood-paper-to-launch-in-London.html>

December 7

Collective frustration, but no collective action, in Qatar (English)

<http://www.merip.org/mero/mero120713#.UqOhrZDg2ek.twitter>

December 9

Qatar Foreign Minister Khalid Bin Mohammed Al-Attiyah laid out his country's foreign policy principles and championed its role as a mediator in the Middle East (English)

<http://www.chathamhouse.org/publications/papers/view/196059>

December 16

Hezbollah official meets Qatari ambassador (English)

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Lebanon-News/2013/Dec-16/241292-hezbollah-official-meets-qatari-ambassador.ashx#axzz2nf2Qr7XJ>

December 18

Qatar is suddenly investing heavily in the U.S., bankrolling D.C.'s City Center, other projects (English)

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December 24

How Tiny Qatar 'Punches Above Its Weight' (English)

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/parallels/2013/12/20/255748469/how-tiny-qatar-punches-above-its-weight>

Bahrain

November 10

Bahrain still stalling (English)

http://www.economist.com/blogs/pomegranate/2013/11/Bahrain?fsrc=scn%2Ftw_ec%2Fstill_stalling

November 15

Bahrain's Next Ambassador in Washington (English)

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/bahrains-next-ambassador-in-washington>

November 17

Bahrain crackdown intensifies amid U.S. retreat (English)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/bahrain-crackdown-intensifies-amid-us-retreat/2013/11/16/a5377240-4d5c-11e3-ac54-aa84301ced81_story.html

November 19

Bahrain opposition leadership 'systematically targeted' (English)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-24999699>

November 20

Law measures in Bahrain against "internet crimes" (Arabic)

<http://www.alwasatnews.com/4091/news/read/829822/1.html>

November 29

Bahrain in deal to set up major pearl centre (English)

<http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/NewsDetails.aspx?storyid=365809>

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Bahrain PM's role in disputed aluminum deals probed at UK trial (English)

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/12/02/britain-bahrain-trial-idINL5N0JH3AF20131202>

December 6

Bahrain's Fractured Ruling Bargain: Political Mobilization, Regime Responses, and the New Sectarianism (English)

<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/Digital-Library/Articles/Detail/?id=174148>

December 14

Bahrain: A very complicated little Island (English)

<http://mepc.org/journal/middle-east-policy-archives/bahrain-very-complicated-little-island>

December 19

Bahrain no longer a safe haven in a region gone mad (English)

<http://communities.washingtontimes.com/neighborhood/what-world/2013/dec/18/bahrain-no-longer-safe-haven-region-gone-mad/#.UrKo2HktYnA.twitter>

December 31

Bahrain thwarts terror plot: Iranian, Syrian arms seized

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Kuwait

November 12

Kuwait 'to form panel to review subsidies' (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/kuwait/kuwait-to-form-panel-to-review-subsidies-1.1253364>

November 17

Former Kuwaiti FM says that the negotiations with Iran will have negative effect on the GCC (Arabic)

<http://www.alqabas.com.kw/node/813639>

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Shiite Tweeter jailed for insulting prophet- MPs file to grill Othaina for razing Ashura tents (English)

<http://news.kuwaittimes.net/shiite-tweeter-jailed-insulting-prophet-mps-file-grill-othaina-razing-ashura-tents/>

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Kuwait offers \$1 bn in soft loans to African states (English)

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November 19

Kuwait's vanishing opposition (English)

http://mideast.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/11/19/kuwaits_vanishing_opposition?wp_login_redirect=0

November 20

Officials deny funds from Kuwait flow to Syria (English)

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2013/Nov-20/238370-officials-deny-funds-from-kuwait-flow-to-syria.ashx#axzz2mVglZr7C>

November 20

Kuwait's Muslim Brotherhood under pressure (English)

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Kuwait tries to ease Saudi-Qatar tensions over Egypt (English)

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Liberalish rather than liberal: a Kuwaiti grades the Gulf Kingdom (English)

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December 12

Playing with fire: Why private Gulf financing for Syria's extremist rebels risks igniting sectarian conflict at home (English)

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December 13

Short Kuwait documentary on the difficulties faced by small businesses SMEs and young entrepreneurs (Arabic)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4ADUwafI3w&feature=youtu.be>

December 15

Cabinet to miss grilling session as reshuffle looms- Eight ministers likely to exit (English)

<http://news.kuwaittimes.net/cabinet-miss-grilling-session-reshuffle-looms-eight-ministers-likely-exit/>

December 22

Cabinet 'resigns' before decisive court verdicts – MPs warn against dissolving Assembly for third time (English)

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December 31

Drama at Barrak's trial as court may summon PM

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Saudi Arabia

November 4

The Saudi leadership crisis (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/11/kerry-saudi-visit-syria-crisis-solution-saudi-arabia.html>

November 6

134,000 Indians return from Saudi Arabia (English)

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November 6

Saudi Arabia-US Relations Reconsidered (English)

<http://ncusar.org/blog/2013/10/saudi-arabia-us-relations-reconsidered/>

November 7

Saudis unconvinced by John Kerry's show of goodwill (English)

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November 14

Saudi anger masks concern about loss of influence (English)

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/11/op-ed-saudi-anger-masks-concern-about-loss-of-influence/>

November 14

23,000 Ethiopians surrender in Saudi Arabia (English)

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November 16

The Saudi nuclear bomb (Arabic)

<http://www.aawsat.com/leader.asp?section=3&issueno=12772&article=750322#.UodKMLlayK0>

November 16

Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Saudi Arabia's Gatsby, Master Spy (English)

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/11/16/prince-bandar-bin-sultan-saudi-arabia-s-gatsby-master-spy.html?url=/articles/2013/11/16/prince-bandar-bin-sultan-saudi-arabia-s-gatsby-master-spy.html>

November 17

Saudi Arabia cracks down on illegal immigrants (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/11/saudi-arabia-illegal-immigration-crack-down.html>

November 17

Grand mufti backs police action (English)

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/478831>

November 18

Kingdom to be world's 3rd largest exporter of petrochemicals by '15 (English)

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20131118187012>

November 19

Saudi court sentenced one of the protesters in Qatif to 18 years in prison (Arabic)

<https://rasid.com/?act=artc&id=55025>

November 19

69 percent of government workers are absent sans excuse (English)

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20131119187125>

November 19

Over 60,000 illegal expats deported (English)

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20131120187255>

November 19

Floundering in a mire of its own creation: The Saudi government is incapable of reform (English)

<http://www.al-bab.com/blog/2013/november/saudi-floundering-in-a-mire.htm#sthash.eASNlbiY.dpbs>

November 20

Algonquin campus in Saudi Arabia upsets faculty union (English)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/algonquin-campus-in-saudi-arabia-upsets-faculty-union-1.2432495>

November 21

Saudi says 6 shells fall near Iraq-Kuwait border (English)

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20131121187365>

November 23

Egypt, Saudi Arabia start joint naval training (English)

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/egypt-saudi-arabia-start-joint-naval-training>

November 26

Saudis 'turn away from US' after Iran's nuclear deal (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/saudi-arabia/saudis-turn-away-from-us-after-iran-s-nuclear-deal-1.1259908>

November 26

What does Saudi Arabia want? Betrayed by the West's deal with Tehran, Saudi Arabia is weighing its options (English)

<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2013/11/what-does-saudi-arabia-want-201311186368635816.html>

November 27

Sentenced in Saudi Arabia for peaceful activism (English)

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December 6

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December 18

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December 19

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Saudi Arabia- Iran relations

November 14

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Saudi Arabia- Oman relations

December 10

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November 18

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December 17

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December 4

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Iraq

November 6

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December 8

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November 18

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