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Iran

Iran – Politics

June 26

After Ahmadinejad files would be prepared against Masha'i (Persian)

<http://insideofiran.org/humanright/11725-1392-04-05-08-04-40.html>

June 26

Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi to Rouhani: The religious seminaries need to be strengthened if we want to confront the enemies of the Emam-e Zaman [Mahdi] (Persian)

<http://www.rasanews.ir/NSite/FullStory/News/?Id=173296>

June 26

Rouhani: Ayatollah Khamenei is God's reserve for the post-Emam [Khomeini] period (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/pmtmt6r>

June 20

Ayatollah Dastgheib: Only 20% of the authority of the 3 powers rests with the government, with the remaining 80% resting 'elsewhere' (Persian)

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=474788375941018&set=a.239340322819159.59789.239323139487544&type=1#!/SeyyedAliMohammadDastgheib>

May 2

Article: The dismissal of the theologian reformist, Montazeri, and its ramification on Iran (Persian)

<http://aliafshari.com/1392/02/03/1240>



Iran - Opposition

June 19

State of the 2009 reformist leaders in their house arrest (Persian)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=134297533442324&set=a.128251294046948.1073741828.128202047385206&type=1>

June 3

Daughters of Mousavi & Rahnavard: The regime prepares files against us and destroys our security (Persian)

<http://sahamnews.org/1392/03/251883/>

Iran 2013 presidential elections

President Rouhani

June 30

The truth about Iran's new 'Centrist' president (English)

<http://frontpagemag.com/2013/majid-rafizadeh/the-truth-about-irans-new-centrist-president/>

June 27

Radio Farda: "Rouhani's Economic thought" (Persian)

http://www.radiofarda.com/content/f4_hassan_rouhani_economy_ideas/25027029.html

June 27

Mohammad Reza Bamonar, Deputy Speaker of the Majles: A week before the elections Rouhani, in a letter to Khamenei, confirmed his loyalty to the ideals of the regime, saying that he's always been in the regime's path and that he's still is (Persian)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/Home/Single/84055>

June 27

Abbas Milani: "Rouhani's foreign policy: How to work with Iran's pragmatic new president" (English)

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139531/mohsen-milani/rouhanis-foreign-policy>



June 26

How did Rouhani managed to win the elections? (Persian)

<http://fararu.com/fa/news/153401/حسن-روحانی-چگونه-انتخاب-شد>

June 23

L.A. Iranian Jews pessimistic about new Iranian president (English)

http://www.jewishjournal.com/world/article/l.a._iranian_jews_pessimistic_about_new_iranian_president

June 23

Ayatollah Naser Makarem Shirazi: "With regards to the level of participation and the person elected, God couldn't have done better for us; Rouhani's election shows the repeated confidence of the people in us and in the religious seminaries" (Persian)

<http://www.digarban.com/node/13043>

June 23

Habibollah Asgarowladi: "The Principalists were not defeated in the elections; Rouhani is an experienced Principalist" (Persian)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/Home/Single/83531>

June 23

New Iranian president's son committed suicide over father's extremism (English)

<http://frontpagemag.com/2013/dgreenfield/new-iranian-presidents-son-committed-suicide-over-fathers-extremism>

June 20

Rouhani, the new Iranian president, tied to 1994 bombing in Argentina (English)

<http://freebeacon.com/rowhani-may-have-helped-plan-1994-bombing/>

June 20

A senior Iranian legislator, Mansour Haqiqatpour: Rouhani's win testify of the popularity of the rule of jurisprudent and the clerics (Persian)

<http://www.roozonline.com/persian/news/newsitem/article/-a626bd46e8.html>



June 19

Rafsanjani: The results of the recent presidential elections in Iran were a clear "no" to monopoly of power (Persian)

<http://ilna.ir/news/news.cfm?id=82826>

June 19

Michael J. Totten: Iran's New President is Lipstick on a Pig (English)

<http://www.worldaffairsjournal.org/blog/>

June 18

Khamenei's representative in the Basij response to Rouhani's win: The city didn't fall, only the mayor changed (Persian)

<http://www.kaleme.org/1392/03/28/klm-148284/>

June 17

Dr. Soli Shahvar on the new Iranian president (Hebrew)

<http://youtu.be/xEahIKXGrzk>

June 17

Dr. Soli Shahvar Op-ed at "Globs" on Rouhani's election as Iran president (Hebrew)

<http://gulfc.haifa.ac.il/images/globs%2017.6.13.pdf>

June 17

Khamenei has given guidelines to the president-elect, Hassan Rouhani (English)

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/06/16/309355/leader-gives-guidelines-to-rohani/>

June 16

Dr. Thamar Eilam- Gindin Op-ed at Ynet on the Iranian presidential elections (Hebrew)

<http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-4393030,00.html>

June 16

IRGC implying: Rouhani will have full cooperation as long as he acts legally (Persian)

<http://www.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13920326000110>



June 15

Mr. Yoni Shadmi Op-ed at Ynet on the new Iranian president (Hebrew)

<http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-4392654,00.html>

2013 Presidential elections

June 26

'Aref: "The 2013 elections has insured the healthiness of the election process in Iran and has closed the file on vote rigging for good" (Persian)

<http://www.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13920401001446>

June 26

Iranian minister of communication: The internet disruptions in Iran during the elections were due to security issues (Persian)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/Home/Single/85703>

June 25

Deputy of Khamenei's representative in IRGC: Khamenei denied three requests by Ahmadinejad to approve Mashaei after the GC disqualify his candidacy (Persian)

<http://www.rasanews.ir/NSite/FullStory/News/?Id=172808>

June 24

Khatami & Rouhani praised Khamenei for the unprecedented presence of people in the elections (Persian)

<http://www.khabaronline.ir/detail/300159>

June 24

Mohammad-Reza Naqdi: "Those who lost faith in the revolution after the 2009 elections, regained it after the 2013 elections, after witnessing that vote-rigging was a lie" (Persian)

<http://www.digarban.com/node/13051>

June 23

The Iranian elections were a complete charade! (English)

http://www.jewishjournal.com/iranianamericanjews/item/the_iranian_elections_were_a_complete_charade



June 13

Clip: Khamenei express his view about debates on TV and call opponents of the regime to vote (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/mouqcow>

June 11

Mr. Yossi Mansharof interview to "Mako" website on the Iranian presidential elections (Hebrew)

<http://www.mako.co.il/special-mako-news/Article-6ef423e3a923f31006.htm&sCh=3d385dd2dd5d4110&pId=565984153>

June 10

Fa'ezeh Hashemi: A number of people aiming to disqualify Hashemi [Rafsanjani] entered the meeting of the Guardian Council (Persian)

<http://www.kaleme.com/1392/03/19/klm-146856/?theme=fast%E2%80%8E>

June 10

The Guardian Council denies the reports of intending to reconsider Rouhani's qualifications in the Iran elections (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/qcla7lv>

June 6

Qalibaf's bodyguard was stabbed during a campaign visit of the Tehran Mayor in Yasouj (Persian)

http://www.avayezagros.ir/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=634%3A1392-03-16-07-23-06&catid=10%3A1391-09-08-16-30-56&Itemid=17

May 29

IRGC weekly Sobh-e Sadegh threatened the reformist camp: Vote or you will be eliminated from the regime (Persian)

<http://www.sobhesadegh.ir/1392/0600/M01.HTM#m1>



May 29

The reformists and Rafsanjani plan to jointly announce support in Rowhani so Aref will quit for him (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/ndlb6sq>

May 23

Bani Sadr: The cancellation of Rafsanjani's candidacy reflects Khamenei's wishes to put an end to Khomeini era (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/qfnrl6a>

May 23

Rafsanjani: The regime's actions would lead to the disintegration of Iran; they don't understand what they are doing (Persian)

<http://iranglobal.info/node/19393>

May 22

Clip: The Iranian TV announces for the first time (21.5.13) which candidates are on the approved list and who is disqualified (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/nzv869y>

May 22

Rafsanjani's daughter: He know of his disqualification, the regime advised him to remove his candidacy (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/oehyujn>

May 20

Iran: Former FM spokesman, Ramin Mehmanparast, cancelled his candidacy in the presidential elections (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/mmt6ksy>

May 19

Jannati: One who drives in Benz doesn't understand the people; Ali Motahari: Rafsanjani's Benz isn't more expensive than Jannati's Peugeot



May 16

Ayatollah Yazdi, member of the Guardian Council: The law doesn't permit women to run in Iran's presidential elections (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/c8j8mpy>

May 16

Mehdi Ta'eb, associate to Khamenei: Rafsanjani will be eliminated from the political map in Iran if he doesn't win the elections (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/dy2afly>

May 13

President Ahmadinejad's associate, Ali Akbar Javanfekr announced of canceling his candidacy from the elections in favor of Rahim Mashaei (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/d99tlgk>

May 13

Iran President Office answers his critics: Accompany Mashaei in registering for Iran election isn't illegal, but permitted in freedom of opinion (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/bv97h3h>

May 13

Iran vice president, Mohammad-Reza Rahimi, removed his candidacy from the presidential election (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/brur2ka>

May 13

7459 public figures to the Guardian Council: Disqualify the candidacy of the reformists and Mashaei (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/d5z7ebr>

May 13

Mehdi Ta'eb, associate to Khamenei: Rahim Mashaei will be disqualified and couldn't run in the elections (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/cymska2>



May 13

Hossein Shariatmadari associated to Khamenei: Rafsanjani running in the elections changes nothing (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/cymska2>

May 12

Khamenei will have to approve Rafsanjani if he wants fair elections and full participation, Jomhuriye Eslami daily says

May 12

Iran: 686 candidates registered at the election headquarters (English)

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/05/11/302978/iran-ends-registration-for-election/>

May 12

Iran: The reformists announced a widespread support in Rafsanjani's candidacy to president (Persian)

<http://norooznews.org/news/2013/05/6/3033>

May 12

Hashemi Rafsanjani, Saeed Jalili and Rahim Mashaei, submitted their candidacy shortly before the end of registration

May 6

Baztab website closed and its manager arrested after reporting Ahmadinejad holds a tape proves that the 2009 elections were forged (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/cl52nfh>

May 5

The prominent candidate for the presidential elections in Iran, Ghalibaf: Israel is Cancer (English)

<http://www.yjc.ir/en/news/990/qalibaf-israel-is-a-cancerous-tumor>

May 5

Election candidate, Lankarani: Holocaust denial- a good action from Ahmadinejad. Its objection by other candidates -election propaganda (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/d5tsoza>



Iran - Demonstrations and Protests

June 20

Clashes between youth and the security forces in Iran in the midnight of June 19, 2013 (Persian)

<http://www.daneshjouonline.com/index.php/2010-08-01-07-25-39/2010-08-01-07-28-32/11458-youths-clash-with-police-on-parkway>

June 6

Funeral procession of Ayatollah Taheri in Esfahan turns into a political demonstration (Persian)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=476392162431117&set=a.123462607724076.19698.100001810136564&type=1&theater>

May 30

Demonstrations in Sanandaj re the lack of flour and bread and the tripling of the price of potato (Persian)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10200983532126884&set=a.10200134899151590.2190754.1124072207&type=1>

May 22

Protesting employees closed the Rasht-Qazvin road due to unpaid salaries (Persian)

<http://ostanban.com/node/185>

May 21

Sa'id Qasemi, one of the commanders of the IRGC: "So many members of the Hezbollah were killed in the 2009 riots and no one mentions them; but they made such noise when Neda Aqa Soltan was killed" (Persian)

http://firouzabad2009.blogspot.co.il/2013/01/blog-post_5.html

May 9

Protest of telecommunication employees in front of the Majles (Persian)

<http://ilna.ir/news/news.cfm?id=69774>

May 6

Photo: Workers from the Esfahan textile industry protesting before the Majles

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10200849812983989&set=a.10200134899151590.2190754.1124072207&type=1>



Iran - Internet

June 20

Sent from Tehran: One way through which The Ministry of Intelligence of the IRI terrorizes internet users in Iran (Persian)

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151506588753354&set=a.44131523353.57385.689538353&type=1>

June 17

Iranian Majlis MP, Mohammad-Hassan Asfari, warns the public: Facebook and Google are US spyware (Persian)

<http://www.icana.ir/NewsPage.aspx?NewsID=229133>

May 29

Stream show on internet restrictions in Iran (English)

<http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201305230047-0022773>

Iran - Human Rights

June 26

Rape of virgin female prisoners in Iran before execution (Persian with English subtitles)

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

June 25

Head of the legal committee of the Majles: Cutting the hand in public serves the security of the society (Persian)

<http://www.roozonline.com/persian/news/newsitem/article/-60931cfaf4.html>

June 16

Iran Legal system official: Iran has about 6000 foreign citizens' prisoners. 5500 of them are Afghans (Persian)

<http://www.mehrnews.com/detail/News/2074384>



May 16

Women dressed up as men who tried to enter soccer game in Iran arrested (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/boxfj6k>

June 9

The refusal of Gohardasht prisoners to participate in a ceremony commemorating the anniversary of Khomeini's death caused the prison's authorities to attack the prisoners (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/pv8mk2k>

June 9

In Tabriz Prison women are being raped and children – executed (Persian)

<http://iranqglobal.info/node/19929>

June 6

Canada has branded the 1988 killings of the political prisoners in Iran as "crime against humanity" (Persian)

<http://www.shahrvand.com/archives/39526>

Iran - Women

June 26

A report on Zhila Bani Ya'qub's *Women in Evin's 209 Section* (Persian)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZawSJf4Gnl>

June 26

The state of female circumcision in parts of Iran (Persian)

<http://www.feministschool.com/spip.php?article7324>

Christians in Iran

May 9

Iran: Priest and several church workers summoned to serve prison sentence (Persian)

<http://www.hra-news.org/1389-01-27-05-24-07/15506-1.html>



Iran - Israel

June 26

China: the Middle East's new power broker; could China be the key to peace between Israel and Iran? (English)

<http://www.spectator.co.uk/features/8940201/china-the-middle-east-s-new-power-broker>

June 19

Shimon Peres: Cyrus was the first Zionist (Persian)

<http://iranglobal.net/node/20356>

June 12

Putin: Iranian threats to Israel's existence were unacceptable (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/nrkghz7>

June 6

Video: King Cyrus' place in the life and culture of the Israelis (Persian)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/world/2012/11/121101_I93_kourosh_israel.shtml

June 6

Young UK-based Iranians, hosted by the Ezri Center, meet with Holocaust survivors in Haifa (English)

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4388666,00.html>

May 16

Nuclear war between Israel and Iran: lethality beyond the pale (English)

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/content/7/1/10/abstract>

May 7

To be a Jew in Iran (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/brfk2um>



May 6

Posters in Iran against companies marketing Pepsi, Coca Cola, Fanta, Sprite etc. and by that assist financially to companies that support Israel (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/cng7dtr>

May 5

Mehmaparast, IRCG spokesman, Condemn the Israeli attacks in Syria and calling on the region to unite and stand firm against Israel (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/ch3t5m7>

May 4

Israel Targeted Iranian Missiles in Syria Attack (English)

<http://nyti.ms/Yu9eae>

May 2

Iran president Ahmadinejad in a conference in Tehran: Very soon Israel will vanish from the world (Persian)

<http://www.farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13920211000002>

Iran - Health

May 22

Lack of antibiotics in Iran is serious (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/o8kjano>

Iran ascends to the Final Cup - Political repercussions

June 23

Video: The Imam Jom'eh of Mashhad, Seyyed Ahmas 'Elm al-Hoda: "Iran's soccer team's qualifying to the World Cup is the victory of Islam and the regime" (Persian)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7ZT6GtOt2U>

June 20

Video: People dancing to the tunes of music in the Vali 'Asr Squrae after the victory of the Iranian soccer team (Persian)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOFxEtDN6mA>



June 20

Video: Iranian shouting again "death to the dictator" (Persian)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QB_pxDMwKx0

June 19

Video: Political slogan during the celebration for Iran's soccer victory (Persian)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mw2CMz_GW_A

June 19

Celebrating the victory of the Iranian soccer team in the streets of Tehran (Persian)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10201342929637938>

June 19

Iran, Karaj: Iranians singing the Iranian anthem from the Pahlavi period and chanting the slogan of "no to Gaza, no to Lebanon, my life only for Iran" (Persian)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IWz4QQDQw8>

June 19

Iranian Kurds celebrate the victory of the Iranian soccer team (Persian)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6O9ivVT_IQ

June 19

Celebrations in Kermanshah Iran for soccer win: people chanting "leave Syria and think of me [the Iranian]" (Persian)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=186998981465344>

June 19

Photos: Iranians in Iran celebrating the victory of the Iranian soccer team

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=542973605767635&set=a.542973519100977.1073741824.139858942745772&type=1>

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10201427580721647&set=a.1118236726313.17981.1538851735&type=1>

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=278944745585253&set=a.101574313322298.2870.101508196662243&type=1>



Iranian history

June 26

The secret of Khomeini's propaganda success was based on person-to-person contact, "like those involved with opium" (Persian)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRQPev8cGJI>

May 30

A journey through Iran: Eye-opening photographs reveal an enchanting, mysterious and rarely seen side of the country (English)

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2332624/A-journey-Iran-Eye-opening-photographs-change-preconceptions-country-forever.html>

May 16

Photo: Hitler's letter to Reza Shah, King of Iran (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/c932hh3>

May 3

Clip: Assassination attempt on Khamenei in 1981 (Persian)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sziGYrrA6WQ>



Iran – Economy

June 25

Iran Rial gains 15% since Rouhani win on optimism for thaw (English)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/print/2013-06-24/iran-rial-gains-15-since-hassan-rohani-s-election-last-week.html>

June 20

Khamenei, BMW's sole rep in Iran; another look into the business activities of Khamenei and his close circle (Persian)

<http://bamdadkhabar.com/2013/04/26700/>

June 17

Head of the Central Bank of Iran: The Iranian banking system is before total collapse (Persian)

<http://news.gooya.com/politics/archives/2013/06/161650.php>

June 10

Closure of shops in Iran due to rise in taxes (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/nondgiw>

May 9

Iran in the 21st place in unemployment rate (Persian)

<http://www.rahesabz.net/story/69723>

May 7

Iran's Ayatollah Khamenei embroiled in German car dealer row (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/co7hayo>

May 7

What should be a family of 7-8 people monthly income in Iran to not deteriorate below the poverty line? (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/cfukoce>



Iran - Nuclear

June 7

Clip: Exclusive look at one research reactor in Iran not listed on the sites of concern by the UN atomic agency (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/d9g8t66>

May 30

IAEA says may find nothing at Iran base Parchin (English)

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/iaea-says-may-find-nothing-at-iran-base-/691858.html>

May 29

Saudi Arabia vice FM: We expect Iran to invest more efforts so the nuclear talks with the 5+1 will succeed (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/okb9fqy>

May 12

In a visit to Bahrain the head of IAEA, Amano, called Iran to let inspectors visit and make safety checks in the Bushehr nuclear plant for the earthquakes in the area (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/c3253w6>



Iran - Military

May 20

Photos: First Iranian air-to-air combat drone (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/maygl9h>

May 20

Basij forces commander, Naqdi: Appeasement between Iran and the U.S. will only worsen Iran's economic state (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/ko42von>

May 20

Photos from IRGC and the Basij secret drill for riot suppression, preparing of the elections in a month (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/12399>

May 13

Quds forces Commander Qasem Soleimani: Missile range will soon reach 400 km (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/c7zmjvz>



Iran - International relations

Iran- U.S.

June 25

The US Defense Dept pressed Glasgow Caledonian University for full release of Rouhani's 'Flexibility of Islam' thesis (English)

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/middle-east/iran/130624/iran-scottish-university-pressed-full-release-rouhanis>

May 26

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry: Iran's Guardian Council showed no regard for popular will (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/pgpcyhx>

May 26

Ali Omid, Esfahan University: What message new US sanctions are meant to convey to Iran's next president? (English)

<http://www.iranreview.org/content/Documents/What-Message-New-US-Sanctions-Are-Meant-to-Convey-to-Iran-s-Next-President-.htm>

May 23

Relation and cooperation between Iranian regime and American anti-war groups (English)

<http://iraniansforum.com/index.php/washington-insight/529-relation-and-cooperation-between-iranian-regime-and-american-anti-war-groups-.html>

May 7

Vahidi, Iran Minister of Defense: The U.S. initiated the unimportant maneuvering with 41 states in the Gulf to justify its redundant presence in the area (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/cpbmq3>

May 3

US accuses Iran of sending weapons to aid Shia rebels in Yemen through Quds forces, the elite unit in the IRGC (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/csip86t>



Iran- Turkey

May 27

Tehran has advised Turkey against leveling false allegations against Iran and Hezbollah over the situation in Syria (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/oywzgha>

May 1

Iran embassy in Ankara denied the Turkish reports saying Tehran is trying to continue war between the PKK and Turkey (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/bm2nrqg>

May 1

Reports in Turkey: Iran is trying to thwart agreements between the government and the Kurdish PKK and to convince them to take up arms (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/cwhr48r>

Iran- Syria

June 24

Ghazanfar Roknabadi, Iran ambassador to Lebanon: Supporting the resistance will continue regardless of the elections outcome, according to Khamenei orders (Persian)

<http://fa.alalam.ir/news/1484267>

June 16

The national coalition in Syria called Rouhani to fix Iran's policy in Syria before it will be too late (Persian)

<http://www.radiofarda.com/archive/news/20130616/143/143.html?id=25018357>

June 12

Hossein Amir Abdollahian, Iran vice FM in Russia: Iran will have an important part in solving the crisis in Syria (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/ntsxtxi>



June 12

Three IRGC soldiers that were killed in fighting the rebels in Syria, were buried today in Iran (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/p5mcnkI> <http://tinyurl.com/ncl2k6c>

June 10

Much of Iran funding goes to Syria (English)

<http://gulfnnews.com/news/region/iran/much-of-iran-funding-goes-to-syria-1.1195089>

May 29

A new Iranian loan to Syria in the sum of 7 billion dollars (Persian)

<http://kaleme.com/1392/03/07/klm-145477/>

May 27

Shirin Ebadi: "As an Iranian, I'd like to apologize to the people of Syria for the military assistance of Iran to Syria" (English)

<http://www.todayszaman.com/news-316613-shirin-ebadi-assad-irans-puppet-war-would-end-without-tehrans-support.html>

May 22

Clip: Syria Rebels capture Iranian ammo that intended to be used by the Syrian army

<http://tinyurl.com/qcema75>

May 21

Syria, Iran and the red lines trap (English)

http://thejewishchronicle.net/view/full_story/22609510/article-Syria--Iran-and-the-red-lines-trap?instance=secondary_stories_right_column

May 16

Iran FM, Salehi, to Der-Spiegel: Assad said he will respond if Israel attacks again. The rebels used chemical weapons to draw the US into war (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/bootg7q>



May 13

Khamenei in a message to Assad: Our support in Syria is absolute; we won't let Syria fall to the enemy's hand (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/bo9u9gs>

May 13

Iraqi Shiite cleric: The Shiite in north Syria is in danger, all the Shiite from around the world must help them

<http://tinyurl.com/cgnwua4>

May 13

Iran ambassador in Lebanon had to cut short his visit to Tripoli for residents criticizing the Iranian involvement in Syria (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/dxofujq>

May 9

Hossein Taeb, head of Intelligence branch in the IRCG: Today we must all support Syria and not let the resistance axis to collapse (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/bgdy9fk>

May 6

Iranian PSYWAR: Sources reported that an Israeli fighter crashed and two pilots were captive in the attack on Syria (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/brzkmeF>

May 6

Iranian MP: We need to send volunteers to Syria as a response to the armed assistance given by Qatar, Turkey and Europe to the rebels (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/cs8jmeo>

Iran – Lebanon

June 24

Iran ambassador to Lebanon: Supporting the resistance will continue regardless of the elections outcome (Persian)

<http://fa.alalam.ir/news/1484267>



Iran - Saudi Arabia

June 23

Iranian website: Rouhani needs Saudi Arabia to solve Iran problems in the area and in the international arena

<http://tinyurl.com/k8jk2o3>

May 3

Iran Counters Saudi Diplomacy in Lebanon (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/bswcfhc>

Iran - Russia

June 23

Russia offered Iran to purchase SA-23 missiles instead of the S-300 that she refuses to deliver (English)

<http://en.ria.ru/world/20130622/181809995/Russia-Offers-Iran-New-Replacement-for-S-300--Paper.html>

Iran - Qatar

June 10

Iran points finger at Qatar in 'sabotage network' (English)

<http://gulfnnews.com/news/gulf/qatar/iran-points-finger-at-qatar-in-sabotage-network-1.1192708>

Iran - Canada

May 30

Canada has completely severed its economic relations with Iran (Persian)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=549748205066286&set=a.454852304555877.96685.454728827901558&type=1&theater>

May 12

Ottawa backs using social media to boost Iran's dissidents (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/cs33xb6>



Iran - Bosnia

May 19

Iran FM spokesman: Unlike Bosnia claim, the Iranian diplomats weren't expelled but returned to Iran after their position ended (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/arr5yst>

Iran - Afghanistan

May 12

Afghanistan demands clarifications from Iran after a shooting incident in the boarder in which 9 Afghans were killed by Iran forces (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/borm9oa>

Iran - Azerbaijan

May 12

Azerbaijan gives protest note to Iran over detention of its citizens (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/cof2dn6>

Iran - Jordan

May 5

Iran FM Ali Akbar Salehi will open tomorrow two-day visit in Jordan during which he will meet with state officials (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/bpdho9s>

Iran - Argentina

June 20

Iranian website associated to the IRGC: Iran is not involved in the AMIA bombing in Argentina (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/nlefugv>



Iran - Hezbollah

May 30

Iran Majlis official: Hezbollah's presence in Syria protects Lebanon citizens (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/oabycgm>

May 1

Photo: Naim Qassem Deputy Secretary-General of Hezbollah in "The Ulema and the Islamic Revival" conference (29-30.4.13) in Tehran Iran

<http://farsnews.com/plarg.php?nn=417060&st=823888>

Iran - Hamas

June 30

Hamas official, Mahmoud al-Zahar visit Tehran in order to reduce the tension regarding the crisis in Syria (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/ogn6ogp>

May 16

Iranian daily warns Hamas PM, Ismail Haniyeh: The kissing of Shaykh Qaradawi's hand can damage your status (Persian)

http://www.jomhourieslami.com/1392/13920221/13920221_01_jomhori_islami_sar_magaleh_0001.html



The Arab countries of the Persian Gulf

June 30

Gulf 2013: The Constant and the Changing - Executive Summary (English)

https://www.gulfpolicies.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1464&Itemid=452

June 18

The Muslim Brotherhood in the Gulf: Prospects for Agitation (English)

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/the-muslim-brotherhood-in-the-gulf-prospects-for-agitation#.UbZSIAAHkM.twitter>

Iraq

June 13

Kurdish students in Iraq push for relations with Israel (English)

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L>

June 12

Iraq PM Nouri al-Maliki's nephew was killed in the fights in Damascus (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/pr68u4s>

May 6

Ayatollah Ishaq Fayad from Najaf, Iraq: A women also can be president (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/c7x5nwg>

May 3

Iraq revokes licenses of Al-Jazeera and 9 other TV Channels saying that they were inciting sectarian conflict (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/cqlfkya>



United Arab Emirates

June 9

A sports program investigating the exploitation of children as camel jockeys in the UAE (English)

<http://vimeo.com/30325810>

June 7

UAE favors Arab states' right to safe water (English)

<http://www.siasat.com/english/news/uae-favours-arab-states-right-safe-water>

June 6

Holocaust books presented for first time in Abu Dhabi (English)

<http://www.projetaladin.org/aladdin-project-newsletter-june-2013.html#nlmay-01>

June 5

Minister of Environment and Water: UAE addresses unsustainable forms of production and consumption (English)

<http://www.uaeinteract.com/docs/Minister-of-Environment-and-Water-UAE-addresses-unsustainable-forms-of-production-and-consumption/55447.htm>

May 19

Mangroves integral to UAE's sustainable ecosystem: Masdar Institute (English)

<http://www.emirates247.com/news/emirates/mangroves-integral-to-uae-s-sustainable-ecosystem-masdar-institute-2013-05-19-1.507027>



Qatar

June 30

Qatar expels Lebanese after GCC Hezbollah decision (English)

http://www.khaleejtimes.com/kt-article-display-1.asp?section=middleeast&xfile=data%2Fmiddleeast%2F2013%2Fjune%2Fmiddleeast_june215.xml

June 30

Al Jazeera director-general resigns to take up government post (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/media/2013/06/27/Al-Jazeera-director-general-resigns-to-take-up-government-post.html>

June 25

Qatar's 100 years of abdications - None of the Emirs "died in position" since 1913 (English)

<http://gulfnnews.com/news/gulf/qatar/line-of-succession-the-al-thani-rule-in-qatar-1.1201210>

June 25

Sheikh Tamim will be declared new Emir of Qatar today, and an official holiday was also declared. No news yet on the new Crown Prince or Prime Minister (English)

<http://www.gulf-times.com/qatar/178/details/357408/sheikh-tamim-to-be-emir>

June 11

Qatar promises 5 free LNG cargoes to Egypt (English)

<http://www.hydrocarbonprocessing.com/Article/3217172/Qatar-promises-Egypt-free-fuel.html>

June 10

Qatargas' Jetty Boil-off Gas Recovery Project accomplishes 15 million safe man-hours (English)

<http://www.qatargas.com/English/MediaCenter/PressReleases/2013/Pages/13JuneJBOG15million-PR.aspx>



June 10

Emir of Qatar to cede powers to 33-year-old son (English)

<http://gulfnnews.com/news/gulf/qatar/emir-of-qatar-to-cede-powers-to-33-year-old-son-1.1194986>

June 3

The Youth Company launches its new annual initiative My Qatar (English)

<http://www.ameinfo.com/annual-youth-forum-environment-sustainability--344154>

May 9

An analysis on the Qatari initiative (English and Hebrew)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/05/qatar-leading-the-arab-world-to-peace-with-israel.html>

Bahrain

June 30

Shia leader's death stirs Bahrain protest (English)

<http://www.gulf-times.com/region/216/details/357577/shia-leader%E2%80%99s-death-stirs-bahrain-protest>

June 4

GCC attaches great importance to environment – Bahrain (English)

<http://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2315013&language=en>

May 22

Bahrain government called the international community to help her from the Iranian threat posed by Iran (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/qh4wpow>

May 20

Bahrain condemns Iran's 'flagrant interference' (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/llbcaz3>



May 16

Bahrain grants citizenship to 240 UK citizens (English)

<http://gulfnnews.com/news/gulf/bahrain/bahrain-grants-citizenship-to-240-uk-citizens-1.1182895#.UZJOR7XnAjE.twitter>

May 13

Analysis of the worsening conflict between Bahrain and the US (English)

http://mideast.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/05/10/diplomacy_threats_and_bahrain_s_cabinet

May 9

An analysis on the Bahraini policy that moves farther from the U.S. and closer to Britain which practically supports the regime and against the Opposition (English)

<http://www.al-bab.com/blog/2013/may/bahrain-a-tale-of-two-ambassadors.htm>

May 9

Bahrain government against the American ambassador who accused to be making contacts with the opposition and therefore interfering with Bahrain internal affairs (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/bm76bbr>

May 7

Bahraini opposition meets with U.S congress delegation to Bahrain (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/ca4b3k3>

May 3

GCC slams Khamenei's remarks saying that the conflict in Bahrain is not Shia vs. Sunnis (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/cduudch>



Saudi Arabia

June 26

Saudi says 'cannot be silent' at Iran & Hezbollah role in Syria

<http://tinyurl.com/qb5m83l>

June 24

Saudi seeks economic boost with switch to Fri-Sat weekend (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/business/economy/2013/06/23/Saudi-seeks-economic-boost-with-switch-to-Fri-Sat-weekend-.html>

June 18

Saudi Arabia- Two women human rights defenders sentenced to 10 months in prison and a two year travel ban (English)

<http://gc4hr.org/news/view/437>

June 18

Prince Turki bin Faisal: 'Saudi Arabia wants downfall of Assad' (English)

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/interview-with-saudi-prince-turki-bin-faisal-on-syria-and-hezbollah-a-906197.html#ref=nl-international>

June 17

Saudi Arabia king congratulates Rouhani on Iranian election victory (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/2013/06/16/Saudi-king-congratulates-Rowhani-on-Iranian-election-victory.html>

June 16

The Forgotten Uprising in Eastern Saudi Arabia (English)

<http://carnegieendowment.org/2013/06/14/forgotten-uprising-in-eastern-saudi-arabia/ga80>

June 13

Why Saudis Send Their Kids to the Islamic Saudi Academy (English)

<http://www.campus-watch.org/blog/2013/06/why-saudis-send-their-kids-to-the-islamic-saudi>



May 19

A Few Good Saudi Men (English)

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/05/17/saudi_arabia_human_rights_crackdown

May 2

Saudi Arabia's new foreign policy doctrine in the aftermath of the Arab awakening (English)

<http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=eccfe5fcd268d2f33b066f0ea&id=9a7af7fb54&e=85d424d421>

Kuwait

June 30

The stories of Kuwait's Palestinians exiles, as told through objects (English)

<http://www.reorientmag.com/2013/06/open-sesame-exhibition-kuwait/>

June 30

Raids on Gulf Migrants: Pictures and Thoughts (English)

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/blogs/subaltern/raids-gulf-migrants-pictures-and-thoughts>

June 17

Seven Kuwaiti consumers' cooperative societies said that they were boycotting Iranian products (English)

<http://gulfnnews.com/news/gulf/kuwait/kuwaiti-supermarkets-boycott-iranian-products-1.1195930>

June 16

Kuwait's Constitutional Court ordered the dissolution of parliament and called for fresh elections (English)

<http://gulfnnews.com/news/gulf/kuwait/kuwait-parliament-dissolved-fresh-polls-ordered-1.1197771>

June 11

Kuwait to jail woman for tweets against the Emir (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/qz5v5sf>

May 16

Kuwait: Cabinet ministers resign amid standoff with MPs (English)

<http://news.kuwaittimes.net/2013/05/14/cabinet-ministers-resign-amid-standoff-with-mps/>



May 13

Kuwaiti Opposition leader: 'We're not asking to overthrow the regime' (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/05/kuwait-musallam-al-barrack-opposition-leader.html#ixzz2TAJO5ueR>

May 9

GCC union is 'just a wish' for the differences between the Gulf countries, says Kuwaiti parliament speaker, Ali al-Rashed, in his interview with Al-Arabia (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/bw4h6eb>

May 2

Why the Sheikhs will fall? (English)

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/04/26/why_the_sheikhs_will_fall

May 2

Eroding civil liberties in Kuwait (English)

<http://www.acus.org/viewpoint/eroding-civil-liberties-kuwait>

May 2

For the first time: a Kuwaiti ruling family member publicly criticizes the elections to the parliament, thus indirectly criticizing the Emir (Arabic)

<http://www.alaan.cc/pagedetails.asp?nid=140305&cid=30>

May 2

Why not criticize the Kuwaiti opposition? (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/kmfu75t>

May 1

Kuwait's new arabic-language field guide is testimony to work of dedicated field workers (English)

<http://www.birdlife.org/community/2013/04/kuwaits-new-arabic-language-field-guide-is-testimony-to-work-of-dedicated-field-workers/>



Yemen

May 29

Al-Qaeda seizes territory in Yemen's Hadramawt (English)

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2013/May-24/218212-al-qaeda-seizes-territory-in-yemens-hadramawt.ashx#axzz2UqG6DU6k>

Other countries of the Arab world

June 12

Dr. Moshe Terdiman article on: "Environmental protests throughout the Middle East: A new phenomenon not to be ignored" (English)

<http://qc-research.org/environmental%20protests%20throughout%20the%20middle%20east/>

Syria

June 10

Sunni-Shiite rift on Syria risks regional chaos (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/perspective/analysis/2013/06/10/Sunni-Shiite>

May 29

Leader of a Para-military group supportive of Muqtada Sadr has been killed in Syria (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/o6789ll>

May 26

Kuwaiti daily published the names of 62 Hezbollah dead in Quasar battles, Syria (Arabic)

<http://tinyurl.com/nsv4mlv>

May 23

The countries participating in "Syria friends" conference demanded Iran and Hezbollah to pull their soldiers out of Syria (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/paa4tf3>



May 19

Syria president Assad: I don't need protection from Iran or Hezbollah. I'll run for president in 2014 (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/bzzkybg>

May 7

Erdogan: Syrian opposition dominating land war, but Assad maintaining superiority through chemical arms and air operations (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/c8h2sza>

May 2

A Saudi Journalist, Dr. Hamad Al-Majid: Iran and Hezbollah have joined the bloodletting in Syria and denied its people their rights (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/dy3z5nw>

May 2

The building of the Iranian cultural attaché in Damascus was damaged in an explosion. There were no casualties

<http://tinyurl.com/bozskn3>

Egypt

June 24

Egypt: Four Shiite citizens were killed near Cairo in a Salafi movement attack (Persian)

<http://fa.alalam.ir/news/1487393>

June 16

Egyptian cleric, Muhammad Hassan, called Morsi to close Egypt to Shi'ite and not let them into the country (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/l7qto9m>

Hezbollah

June 10

Sheikh Qaradawi makes U-turn, says Hezbollah is 'party of Satan' (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2013/06/09/Sheikh-Qaradawi-renews-call-for-holy-war-against-Hezbollah.html>



Caricatures

June 19

Caricature: Iran's new moderate president

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151711380295309>

June 9

Caricatures in an Iranian website against Al Khalifa regime in Bahrain (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/p7kwjeb>

May 21

Caricature: Hezbollah suffers many losses in the battles in Qusayr Syria

<http://tinyurl.com/o5d3a45>

May 6

The Syrian rebel's caricature- Nasrallah is hiding behind innocents: Where are the missiles you promised to shoot 'ba'ad ba'ad Haifa'?

<http://tinyurl.com/brc7p85>
