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Introduction

Anti-Semitism is widespread throughout the Arab and Muslim world, manifested in many segments of society. The Anti-Defamation League monitors and documents anti-Semitic cartoons and articles which appear daily in the Arab media. This publication is the latest compilation of select anti-Semitic and thematic caricatures and articles in the Arab and Muslim media.

This report includes examples of hateful expression in the Arab Media in both cartoon and written form from January-July 2010. During this period there were several events in the Israeli and international arena that served to increase both the quantity as well the intensity of these anti-Semitic and extreme anti-Israel expressions, including:

- Israel's decision to designate the Cave of the Patriarchs and Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem a Jewish Heritage Sites caused an outpouring of hateful reactions in the Arab media. Jews and Israelis were portrayed as thieves attempting to steal the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem from the Palestinian and Muslim communities and "Judaizing" other holy sites.
- In the aftermath of the Gaza Flotilla incident anti-Semitic expressions once again spiked. Jews\Israelis were depicted as pirates, who violently attacked human rights activists on their way to bring humanitarian aid to Gaza. Some of the cartoons also continued the disturbing trend of using Nazi imagery to depict Jews/Israelis.

All material in this compilation was translated by ADL from the original Arabic or is from other English language sources in the Middle East.

On the cover:

Left: Ad-Dustur, March 20, 2010 (Jordan)

Headline: "Israel's hand is extended in peace."

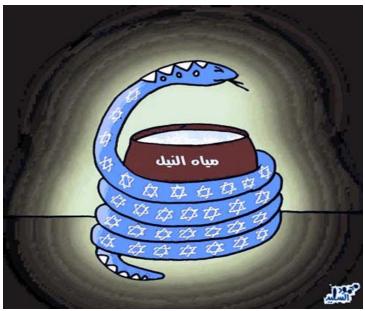
Right: Ar-Raya, May 8, 2010 (Qatar)

The book's title: "War against Islam"

Bottom: Al-Iqtisadiyya, June 2, 2010 (Saudi Arabia)

In Arabic: "Gaza."

Egypt



Al-Yaum As-Sabi', April 27, 2010 The water is labeled "Nile Water."



Al-Ahram, March 12, 2010

The American is saying to Netanyahu: "Oh my dear, you are a master in wasting time... After we eat all of Jerusalem you can start the negotiations." On the paper it says "Indirect Negotiations."



Ruz al-Yusuf, March 9, 2010

Headline: "The US is Issuing a Press Release Criticizing the Tension in Jerusalem." The American, on his hands and knees in front of the Jew/Israeli is saying: "I'm sorry, I'm sorry...."

Gaza - Hamas



Filastin, May 23, 2010

The man on the right is labeled: "The donor states."



Filastin, May 16, 2010

Headline: "Egypt and Sudan are rejecting the agreement regarding the source of the Nile."



Filastin, May 1, 2010

Headline: "Evacuating the Palestinians from their lands." Prime Minister Netanyahu is depicted as a worm who has eaten part of the key to Palestinian lands.



Filastin, March 19, 2010

Headline: "America is angry at Israel's policy."



Filastin, March 12, 2010

Biden is saying: "We are committed to Israel's security."

Jordan



Ar-Rai, April 6, 2010



Ad-Dustur, March 20, 2010

Headline: "Israel's hand is extended in Peace."



As-Sabil, March 11, 2010

As the Jewish hand is pressuring Obama, the Arab man is telling him, "You have to squeeze Israel to stop settlement activity."



As-Sabil, March 4, 2010

Headline: "Plan to beautify Israel's image."



Ad-Dustur, February 19, 2010

The man on the right is saying: "Spy;" the man on the left is saying: "Traitor."



Ar-Rai, February 18, 2010 Headline: "The Israeli Terror."



Al-'Arab Al-Yawm, February 16, 2010

Kuwait



Al-Jarida, March 23, 2010

Lebanon



Al-Mustaqbal, February 18, 2010

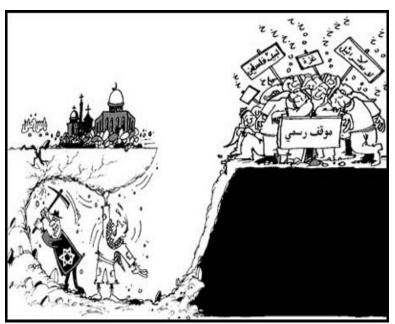
Headline: "Netanyahu - from Russia to Punishing Iran."



An-Nahar, January 22, 2010

In Arabic: "Netanyahu the Devil" (the words "Netanyahu" and "devil" were combined to one word that creates the title mentioned).

Oman



Al-Watan, March 9, 2010

On the large sign: "The Official Position" The demonstrators are holding signs that read: "No to Israel," "Gaza, Palestine – we are at your service."



Al-Watan, February 8, 2010

The Jewish man is saying: "Shoot... shoot."

Qatar



Al-Watan, June 5, 2010



Al-Watan, May 16, 2010

Headline: "The Nakba Memory."



Ar-Raya, May 8, 2010
The book's title: "War against Islam"



Al-Watan, May 4, 2010 Headline: "Indirect Negotiations."



Ar-Raya, May 1, 2010



Ash-Sharq, March 23, 2010



Ar-Raya, February 17, 2010



Al-Watan, February 7, 2010



Ar-Raya, February 1, 2010



Al-Watan, January 25, 2010 In Arabic: "Gaza."



Ar-Raya, January 25, 2010

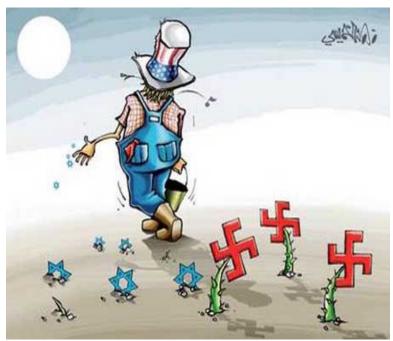
Saudi Arabia



Al-Iqtisadiyya, May 16, 2010 The sword is labeled: "Western Justice."



Al-Iqtisadiyya, May 7, 2010



Al-Iqtisadiyya, April 28, 2010



'Ukaz, March 20, 2010 In Arabic: "The Congress."



Al-Iqtisadiyya, March 19, 2010



Al-Watan, March 12, 2010

The Turkish man is carrying a book entitled: "Gaza Holocaust;" the book on the table is entitled: "The Armenian Genocide;" the sign reads: "The Congress."



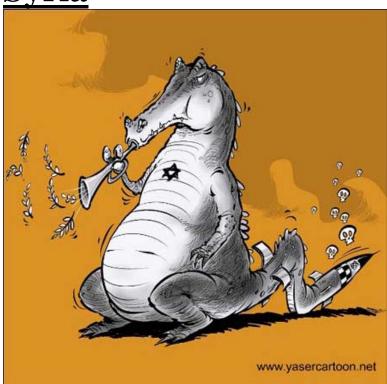
Al-Watan, March 6, 2010



Al-Watan, February 25, 2010

On the right: "Netanyahu is Approving the Assassination of the Martyr Mahmud al-Mabhuh;" on the left: "Netanyahu is Approving the Cleansing of the Islamic Culture and Heritage."

Syria



Syria, April 28, 2010

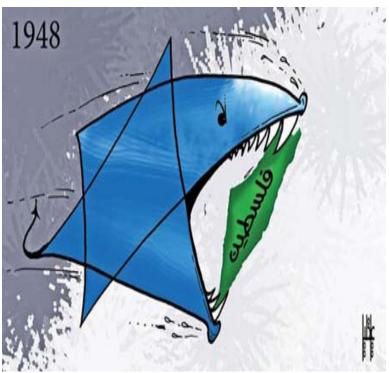


Syria news, February 27, 2010



Tishrin, February 9, 2010 In Arabic: "Declarations."

United Arab Emirates



Al-Khalij, May 22, 2010. The green strip of land is labeled "Palestine."



Al-Bayan, March 4, 2010 On the Arab man: "The Historic Palestine;" on the Israeli flag: "Israel."

United Kingdom



Al-Hayat, March 20, 2010

Headline: "The Arab Peace Initiative."

Jewish Heritage Sites

Israel's decision to designate the Cave of the Patriarchs and Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem a Jewish Heritage Sites caused an outpouring of hateful reactions in the Arab media. Jews and Israelis were portrayed as thieves attempting to steal the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem from the Palestinian and Muslim communities and "Judaizing" other holy sites.

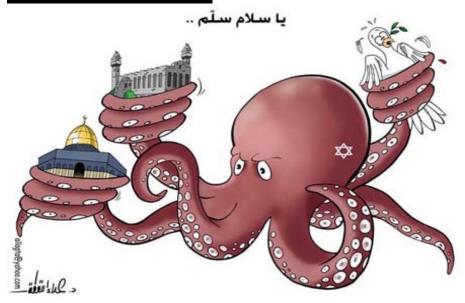
Egypt



Al-Yawm As-Sabi', March 1, 2010

The book says: "Learn yoga! Do not pay attention to anyone no matter what." The Jewish man is carrying a bag labeled: "Tomb of the Patriarchs."

Gaza/Hamas



Filastin, February 28, 2010 Headline: "Oh Peace! Surrender!"



Filastin, February 27, 2010

Headline: "Judaizing the Islamic Antiquities."

Jordan



Al-Ghad, April 6, 2010

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman is trying to uproot the Al-Aqsa mosque. On the mosque: "Jerusalem."



Ad-Dustur, February 25, 2010

Headline: "Rehearsal." The sign: "Judaizing the Ibrahimi Mosque (Tomb of the Patriarchs)." The reflection in the mirror: "Judaizing Al-Aqsa Mosque."



Ar-Rai, February 10, 2010



Al-Rai, January 10, 2010

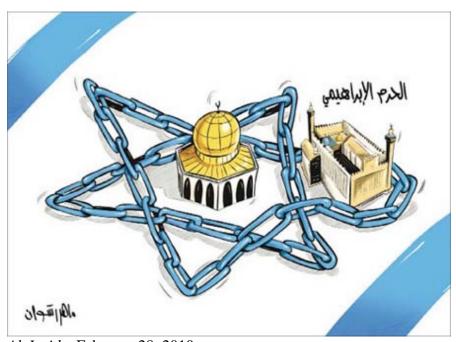
The first image: "stealing the Palestinian lands;" The second image: "Stealing the holy places;" the third image: "Stealing human organs."

Excerpt from ''Which Jewish Heritage?" by Fu'ad Hussein, Ar-Rai, February 24, 2010

"...The Jews know before all others that they have no history and no heritage in Palestine...Adding the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Beit Lehem is an introduction to the annexation of Beit Lehem to Israel, just as Jerusalem and Hebron....

This enemy does not understand any language, except for one language – the language of blood..."

Kuwait



Al-Jarida, February 28, 2010

In Arabic: "The Tomb of the Patriarchs."

Lebanon



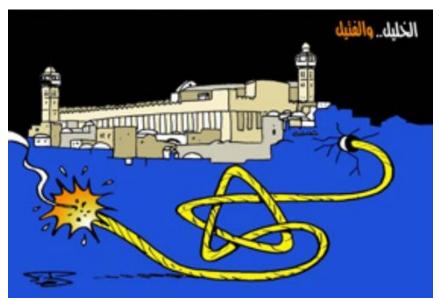
Al-Mustaqbal, February 25, 2010

Headline: "Netanyahu and the Judaization of the Tomb of the Patriarchs."

Palestinian Authority



Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, March 2, 2010



Al-Ayyam, February 23, 2010

Headline: "Hebron and the Match Cord." (In Arabic the words rhyme.)

Saudi Arabia



Al-Iqtisadyya, March 13, 2010 Headline: "Judaization."

Syria



Syria News, February 28, 2010

On the nest: "Israeli Heritage;" inside the nest: "The Tomb of the Patriarchs."

United Kingdom



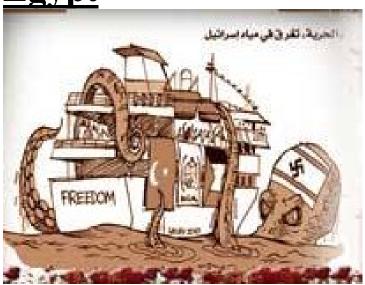
Ash-Sharq al-Awsat, March 1, 2010

Headline: "Annexation of the Holy Sites."

Gaza Flotilla

In the aftermath of the Gaza Flotilla incident anti-Semitic expressions once again spiked. Jews\Israelis were depicted as pirates, who violently attacked human rights activists on their way to bring humanitarian aid to Gaza. Some of the cartoons also continued the disturbing trend of using Nazi imagery to depict Jews/Israelis.

Egypt



Al-Watani Al-Yawm, June 15, 2010

Headline: "The Freedom (Flotilla) is Drowning in Israeli Water."



Ruz al-Yusuf, June 2, 2010

Headline: "The Israeli Attack on the Freedom Flotilla." The Israeli soldier is saying: "I don't understand why the world is so shocked by me. I've been killing innocent people all my life and no one spoke to me (about it)..."



Al-Ahram, June 1, 2010

On the left: "The Mediterranean;" on the right: "The Gulf."



Ruz al-Yusuf, June 1, 2010

The sign on the boat reads: "Aid." The Island is labeled: "Gaza."



Al-Yaum as-Sabi', June 1, 2010

Headline: "A Zio-American-Arab Massacre." The ship is labeled: "Freedom Flotilla to Gaza."

Gaza – Hamas



Filastin, June 8, 2010

Headline: "Israel is Refusing an International Investigation of the Massacre and is investigating itself."



Filastin, June 2, 2010

Headline: "Washington is preventing the condemnation of the Flotilla Massacre."

Jordan



Al-Ghad, June 6, 2010

Headline: "The Mediterranean's Pirates."



Al-Ghad, June 1, 2010 Headline: "Freedom Flotilla."

Kuwait



Al-Jarida, June 3, 2010

Lebanon



Al-Balad, June 2, 2010

Oman



Al-Watan, June 2, 2010

The ship is labeled: "The Freedom Flotilla." The man on the left is labeled the "West."



Oman, June 1, 2010

The ship is labeled: "Freedom Flotilla" the sign in the man's hand reads: "Free Gaza."

Palestinian Authority



Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, June 2, 2010

Qatar



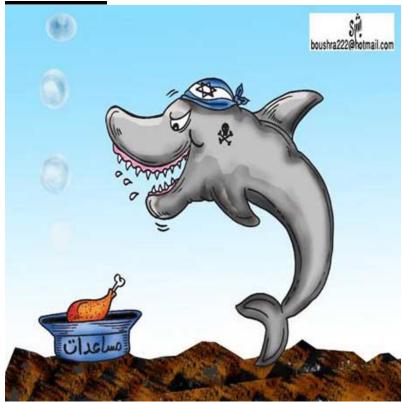
Al-Watan, June 2, 2010 In Arabic: "Terror State."

Saudi Arabia



Al-Iqtisadiyya, June 2, 2010 In Arabic: "Gaza."

Sudan



Ar-Ra'ed, June 3, 2010

Articles

- "Pirates, killers, barbarians, violators of the international law, have nothing to do with humanity, possessed with forced as a response to the entire world, people and nations, racists, fascists and some other descriptions...All of them are right, but they have been used for a long time already against the arrogant enemy..." Fathi al-Bass, "The Sea Battle and the Compromise," Al-Hayat al-Jadida, (Palestinian Authority) June 3, 2010
- "... The human conscience should wake up. The world should rise against this era's pirates, the killers of the prophets and the servants of the Satan..."

 Saleh bin 'Afsan al-Kawari (editor in-chief), "The Israeli Mask Failed," Ar-Raya, June 3, 2010 (Qatar)
- "...We did not need to see the Israelis murdering the peace activists in international waters to realize that Israel is a criminal state. This is because Israel can be summed up in its entirety by one word: 'crime'. Also, the Israelis' dominant feature is that they are thieves who have been stealing the land from its original owners since 1948..."
 - Jihad al-Khazen, "The Governments' Failure and Popular Ignorance Are Sufficient," *Al-Hayat*, June 2, 2010 (UK)
- "...There is no lower, no impure, no evil-smelling and no humiliating than someone who puts his hand in the hands of the Jews, without distinction between them because a non-Zionist may become Zionist one day. There is no [one] more despicable than someone who extends his hand to them or does them a favor. The Zionists are committing the ugliest crime in the middle of the sea against the Turk relief group, who came to help the besieged Gaza... "
 - Muhammad al-Walidi, "Jews without Conscience and Heart," Watan, June 2, 2010 (Jordan)
- "Israel has stripped its legitimacy with its own hands. It is an illegal settlement outpost in the first place, which was established on the lands of the Palestinians, after killing, destroying and dispossessing [the Palestinians], and after lying to the whole world under the guise of the Holocaust, while its government and army committed the same crimes against the Palestinians that the Nazis committed against the Jews .After decades of lies, the world no longer believes Israel's claims about a country under siege and a moral army, when Israel is blockading the Palestinians to the point where the Gaza Strip has become an open-air Nazi concentration camp. Israel also threatens neighboring countries and their peoples, and even Iran a thousand miles away. As for its army, it is devoid of morality and is nothing short of a neo-Nazi gang...Israel has lost its legitimacy, and anyone who supports it is a war criminal just like its government, army, settlers and their myths."

Jihad al-Khazen, "I Condemn Myself As I Am One of Them," *Al-Hayat*, June 1, 2010 (UK)

• "The Israeli massacre is simply an expression of the true face of the Israeli racial apartheid regime; it is also the embodiment of the Nazi regime by all means. It does not differ from what the Nazis did to the Jews, if indeed what the Nazis did to the Jews is a historical fact. The Israeli massacre against unarmed civilians is simply a clear message to all Arabs and to the entire civilized world that (Israel) is over the law and that Jewish blood is sacred and that non-Jews are the Goyim, as alleged in the Zionist movement's racial Talmud and in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion..."

"Statement Issued by the Jordanian United Front Regarding the Massacre against the 'Liberty Fleet'," *Amman News*, June 1, 2010 (Jordan)

Select List of Arab Media Outlets

Ad-Dustur (**Jordan**) — a government-owned paper that expresses pro-Palestinian and anti-Israeli views.

Akhbar Al-'Arab (United Arab Emirates) — an independent daily published in Abu Dhabi.

Akhbar al-Khalij (Bahrain) — A pro-government daily and Bahrain's oldest newspaper; editor-in-chief — Anwar Muhammad Abd ar-Rahman.

Al-Ahram (**Egypt**) — an Egyptian daily controlled by the Egyptian government: the president appoints the editor. The editor (and the editors of the other government owned dailies, *Al-Gumhuriyya* and *Al-Akhbar*) is given substantial leeway in his editorial practices, assuming he avoids certain "taboos." *Al-Ahram* is the largest Arabic paper in the world and has established the *Al-Ahram* Regional Press Institute.

Al-Ahram al-'Arabi (Egypt) — a weekly published by the Dar al-Ahram publishing house. The editor-in-chief of the newspaper is Usama Saraya, and the chairman of the publishing house is Ibrahim Nafi, who is Al-Ahrami's editor in chief. Although both newspapers are published by the same publishing house, Al-Ahram and Al-Ahram al-Arabi are different. The editorials in Al-Ahram are always supportive of government positions, while the editorials in Al-Ahram al-Arabi are critical of the government and also other countries. The paper publishes very strong anti-Israeli views.

Al-Ahram al-Masa' (Egypt) — also published by the Al-Aharm publishing house.

Al-'Arab al-Yawm (**Jordan**) – an independent daily published in Amman by the National Group for Media Investment; editor in-chief: Taher al-'Adwan

Al-Ayyam (Palestinian Authority) — a government daily.

Al-Ba'ath (Syria) — a Ba'ath party publication which is state-owned.

Al-Balad (**Lebanon**)— Lebanese daily, the first edition of which was published on Dec. 15, 2003. Head of the Board of Directors: Ahmad Ba'adrani.

Al-Bayan (United Arab Emirates) — owned by the Al-Bayan Foundation for press, printing and publication. The newspaper was founded in 1980 and the editor is Hasher Al-Mektom, one of the royal family members.

Al-Ghad (Jordan) — an independent and privately sponsored mainstream paper. Today the paper is less anti-Israel than it used to be.

Al-Gumhouriyya (Egypt) — a government-controlled daily.

Al-Hayat (United Kingdom)—London based Saudi daily; one of the leading daily pan-Arab newspapers, with a circulation of almost 300,000. It is the newspaper of record for the Arab Diaspora and the preferred tribune for left-wing or liberal intellectuals who wish to express themselves to a large public.

Al-Hayat al-Jadida (Palestinian Authority) — the official Palestinian Authority daily.

Al-Imarat al-Yawm (United Arab Emirates) - first published on September 19, 2005; focuses mainly on local UAE affairs. Editor in-Chief: Sami Ar-Riyami.

Al-Iqtisadiyya (Saudi Arabia) – Editor in-Chief: Abdulwahab Al-Faiz.

Al-Ittihad (United Arab Emirates) — a government daily, which emphasizes the government's policy and its achievements in domestic and foreign affairs. The paper publishes all kinds of news related to the Arab and Muslim arena, having a wide network of correspondents in the Arab countries and the west. The paper is being published by Emirates Media (www.emi.ae); editor-in-chief — Ali Abdallah Abu ar-Rish.

Al-Jarida (**Kuwait**) — new daily established in coordination with the Kuwaiti Ministry of Information, which means that the paper is partially or fully state-controlled.

Al-Jazira (Saudi Arabia) — very conservative, pro-Islamic. The paper has a limited circulation and is not widespread in relation to the other Saudi papers.

Al-Jumhuriyya (Yemen) – editor in-chief and Head of the Board of Directors: Samir Rashaw al-Yousefi.

Al-Khalij (United Arab Emirates) — The country's largest Arabic language newspaper; it is privately-owned.

Al-Mawqif Al-'Arabi (**Egypt**) — A nationalist Egyptian political weekly, edited by Abdul Azim Minaf who is considered to be a pro-Nasser supporter. *Al-Mawqif* **Al-Arabi** is regarded as an opposition paper dealing with the same issues as **Al-Wafd**. **Al-Mawqif Al-Arabi** magazine expresses extreme anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic views.

Al-Mustagbal (**Lebanon**) — a Lebanese daily, owned by the deceased Rafiq al-Hariri.

Al-Quds (Palestinian Authority) — an opposition daily, which does not contradict the government's policy.

Al-Quds al-'Arabi (United Kingdom) – an independent pan-Arab daily newspaper published in London since 1989. The paper is owned by Palestinian expatriates, and edited by 'Abd al-Bari 'Atwan who was born in a Palestinian refugee camp in Gaza Strip in 1950. Due to its strong criticism of the Arab regimes and their perceived obedience to the U.S. & Israel, the paper has been censored and sometimes temporarily banned in Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Syria. It has a circulation of around 50,000.

Al-Usbu' (**Egypt**) — an Egyptian opposition weekly.

Al-Wafd (**Egypt**) — *Al-Wafd* is the main opposition paper in Egypt. The paper criticizes the regime on a wide range of issues — from economy to internal and foreign policy. However, it is important to note that the criticism is only on subjects that are allowed by the regime. The paper is one of the most acceptable tools of opposition activism, since the Egyptians see themselves as supporters of freedom of the press, and the paper is supposed to be concrete proof to this idea. *Al-Wafd* expresses extreme anti-Israel and anti-Semitic views, in its articles and cartoons.

Al-Watan (Oman) — the only privately owned daily — owned by a business group; established in 1971; editor-in-chief — Muhammad Ibn Suleiman at-Tani; enjoys high popularity; has a circulation of 40,000. Although the daily is privately owned, the government has a right (by law) to censor materials.

Al-Watan (**Qatar**) — *Al-Watan* is one of the five Qatari dailies. *Al-Watan*'s chairman is Hamad bin Sahim al Thani, a member of the royal family (all of the papers are owned by different branches of the royal family). The Foreign Minister, Hamed bin Jasem bin Jaber al Thani, owns half of the newspaper.

Al-Watan (Saudi Arabia) — a daily owned by the governor of the Asir district.

Al-Watani Al-Yawm (Egypt) – an Egyptian daily published by the ruling National Democratic Party; Editor in-Chief: Muhamad Hasan Al-Alfi.

Al-Wifaq (Iran) — published by IRNA (Islamic Republic News Agency); the newspaper is edited by Muceeb Naami and is based in Tehran.

Al-Yaum As-Sabi' (**Egypt**) – daily internet newspaper; Editor in-Chief is: Khaled Salah. The paper is published by the Egyptian Company for Press, Publishing and Advertising.

Al-Yawm (Saudi Arabia) — a state-sponsored daily; established in 1965 and printed in the Eastern region of Saudi Arabia and carries mainly local news covering that area. Head of the board — Ahmad Abdallah az-Zamel; editor in chief — Muhammad Abdallah al-Wail.

An-Nadwa (Saudi Arabia) – a daily published by the Mecca Institute for Press and Media; editor in-chief: Ahmad Bin Saleh Bin Yousef; Head of the Board of Directors: Muhammad 'Abdo Yammani

An-Nahar (**Lebanon**) – the leading Arabic-language daily newspaper in Lebanon. It was first published on August 4, 1933 as a four-page, hand-set paper.

Arab News (Saudi Arabia) — The first English daily newspaper in Saudi Arabia. Published simultaneously from Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran. Established in 1975 by Saudi Research & Publishing Co. (SRPC). It is distributed to Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Near East, North Africa, Europe and the USA.

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ArabNews Online is published by ArabNews from its offices located in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Editor in Chief Mr. Khaled Al-Maeena.

Ar-Ra'ed (Sudan)— daily newspaper. First edition of which was published on August 11, 2008.

Ar-Rai (**Jordan**) — a government daily which expresses the approaches of the Jordanian governmen.

Ar-Rai al-'Amm (Kuwait) — a Kuwaiti daily.

Ar-Raya (Qatar) — a daily government-sponsored newspaper edited by Yosif Mohammad Darwish and published through the Gulf Company, which belongs to the royal family.

Ar-Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) — A Saudi daily, one of the four principal Saudi papers (the three others are: Al-Madina, Al-Jazira and Al-Watan). The paper presents a relatively conservative attitude, while emphasizing (as most of the Saudi papers) its praise of the Royal family. Generally, the Saudi government lays severe limitations on the freedom of press and has a strict censorship, even on the foreign press that enters Saudi Arabia. Since the Saudi press is government-oriented, it concentrates on praising the Saudi Royal Family. Of course, opposition or independent newspapers do not exist in Saudi Arabia. However, the London based Saudi press has more independent features.

Ash-Sharq (Qatar) — a daily newspaper edited and managed by Mr. Abdul Leteif Al-Mahmod and part of the Ash-Sharq publishing and printing house. The Ash-Sharq house board is headed by one of the royal family members.

Ash-Sharq al Awsat (United Kingdom) – an Arabic international newspaper, published by H.H. Saudi Research & Marketing (UK) Ltd. The newspaper is printed via satellite in London, Frankfurt, New York, Casablanca, Cairo, Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Madina, Dubai, Baghdad, and Beirut. The paper was launched in London in 1978.

Ash-Shems (Libya) — A daily, government-sponsored, Libyan newspaper that was founded by Muammar Mohammad Qaddafi in 1962, it became a daily newspaper in 1993.

As-Safir (**Lebanon**) - is a leading Arabic-language daily newspaper in Lebanon. It was first published on March 26, 1974 as an Arabic political daily.

Filastin (Gaza) — Affiliated with Hamas.

Oman (Oman) — a government affiliated paper; Editor in Chief: Abdallah Bin Naser ar-Rahabi.

Ruz al-Yusuf (Egypt) –Editor in-Chief is 'Abdallah Kamal.

Syria News Website (Syria) — Affiliated with the Syrian regime; Editor in Chief is Nidhal Malouf.

Tehran Times (Iran) — Iranian Foreign Ministry organ.

Tishrin (Syria) — a state-sponsored and owned newspaper, in which the journalists are appointed and instructed by the government (the English-language *Syria Times* is published by *Tishrin* as well).

Ukaz (Saudi Arabia) – a daily published by the 'Ukaz Institute for Press and Advertisement in Jedda.

Watan (Jordan)— from the website below: Watan is a weekly Arab American newspaper. http://www.watan.com/en/about-watan.html



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