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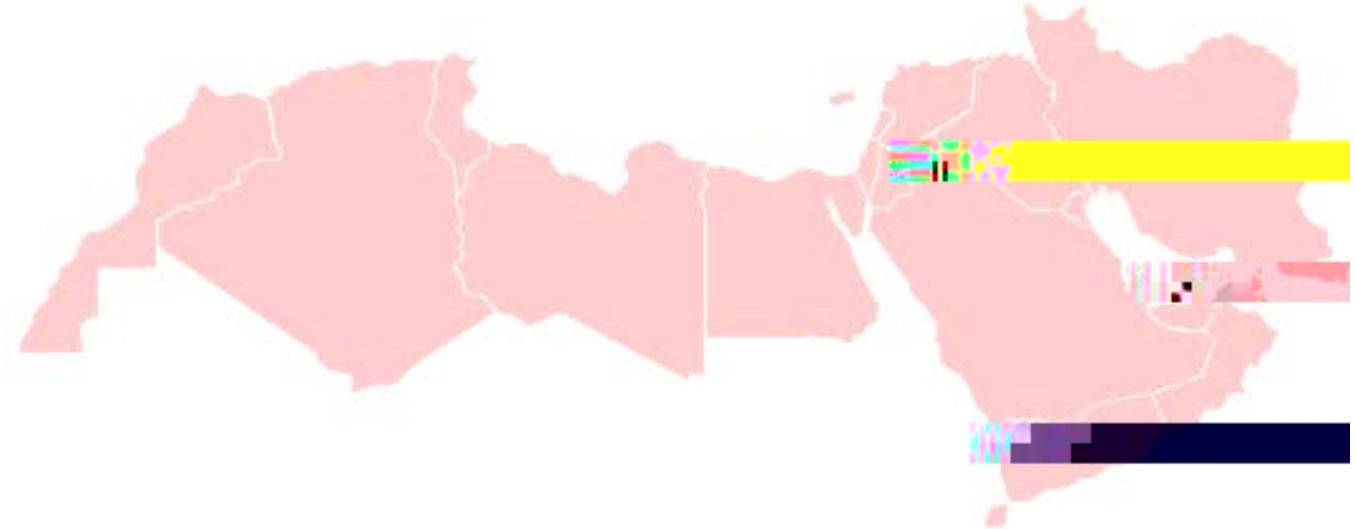
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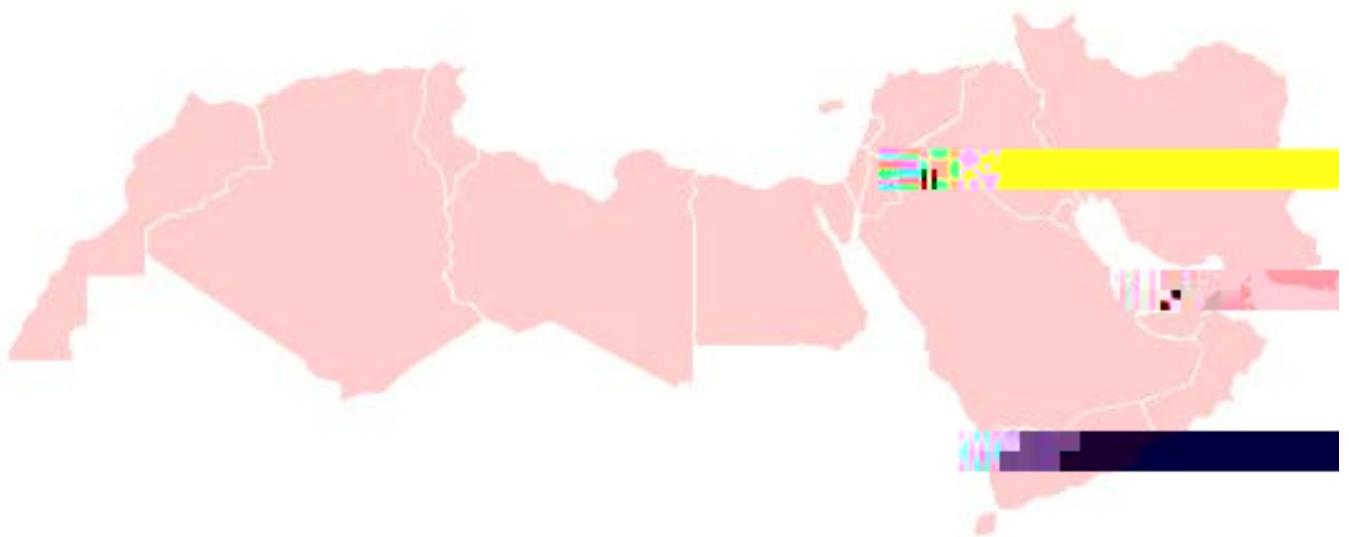
Bahrain

May 4: Female pilots' group aiming high

A female-
group of 150
members is
aiming to
fly in the
99th
International
Women's
Air Day
in Bahrain
this year.
The group
has had
flight
instructors
and pilots
for the
past few
years.

[Gulf Daily News](#)





Kuwait

April 29: Kuwait court opens up judicial jobs to women

A Kuwaiti court has made a decision to open up judicial jobs to women. The court's decision is a significant step towards gender equality in the legal profession.

[Gulf News](#))

May 4: Kuwaiti lawmaker calls for ban on swimsuits

"The plain dress code is a sign of our culture and identity. We should not allow Western influences to erode our values. We should enforce a ban on swimsuits in public places."

MP Hamdan

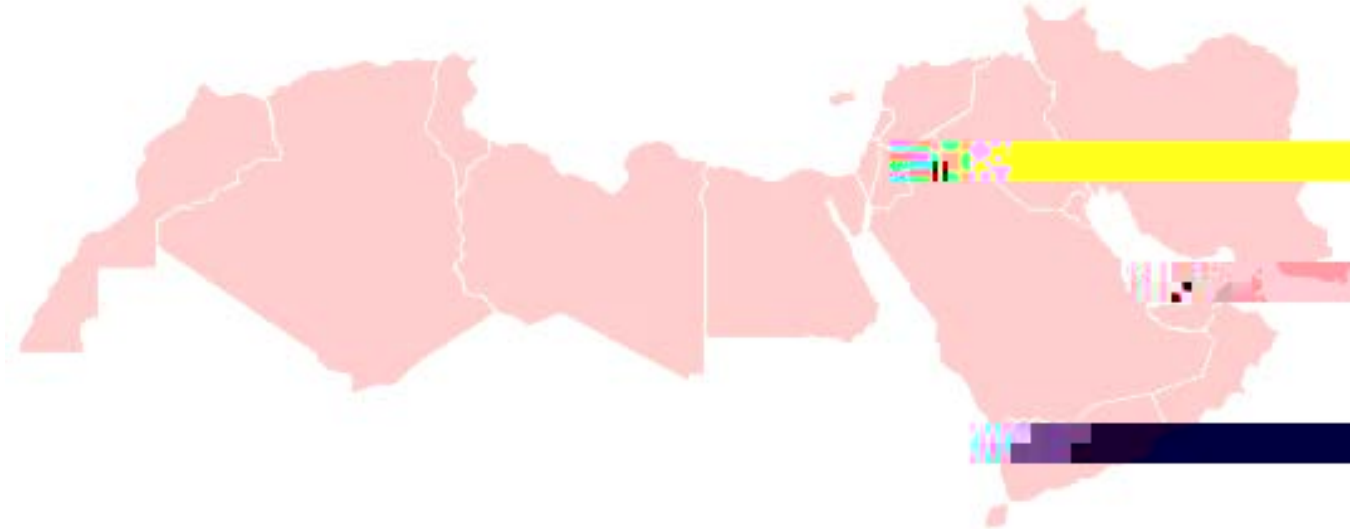
Lebanon

April 23: Meet Nadine Moussa, Lebanon's first female candidate for the presidency

Nadine Moussa is the first female candidate for the presidency in Lebanon. She is a prominent figure in the country's political and social movements.

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[Daily Star](#))



May 1: First Saudi woman appointed to a top OIC post

Maha Akel Al-Sadiq, the managing director of the Islamic Consultative Council (OIC), has been appointed as the Director of the Islamic Consultative Council (OIC)."

(Zawq)

Syria

April 29: Four new candidates enter Syrian presidential race, including one woman

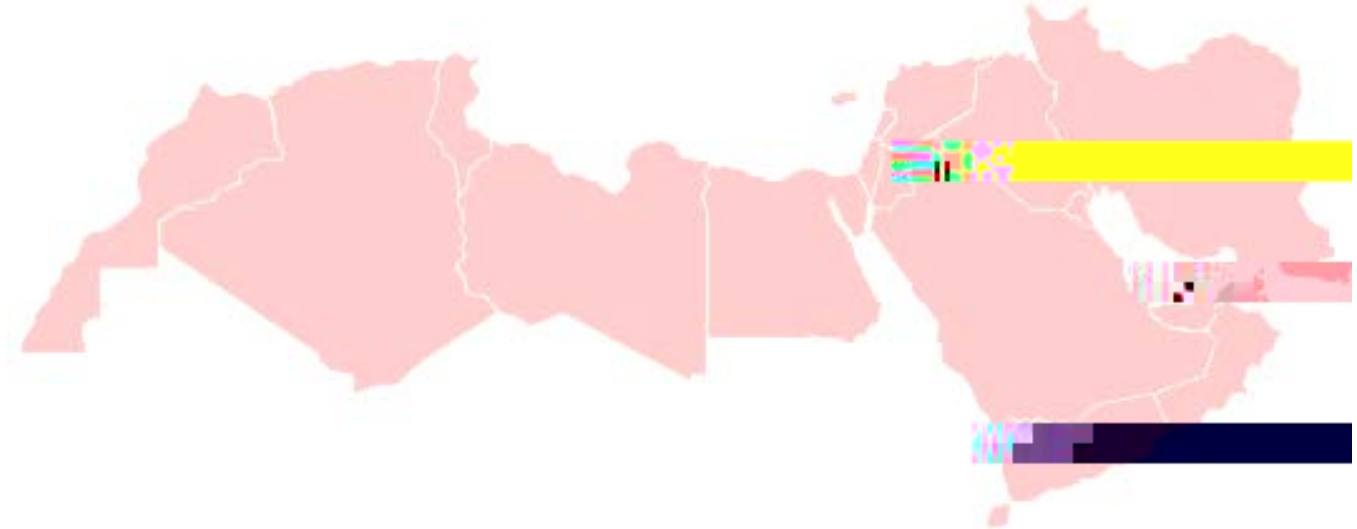
Sawad Haddad, a member of the Council of the Syrian Arab Republic, has been appointed as a candidate for the presidential election.

Chalabi, a member of the Council of the Syrian Arab Republic, has been appointed as a candidate for the presidential election.

Al-Bachar, a member of the Council of the Syrian Arab Republic, has been appointed as a candidate for the presidential election.

-Baath Party member Al-Bachar has been appointed as a candidate for the presidential election.

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May 4: Minister reiterates role in women's empowerment

Sheikh Hamad Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, has reiterated UAE's commitment to women's empowerment and the role of higher education in achieving this goal. He emphasized the importance of providing women with quality education and training to enhance their skills and productivity in the workforce. (Gulf Today)



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