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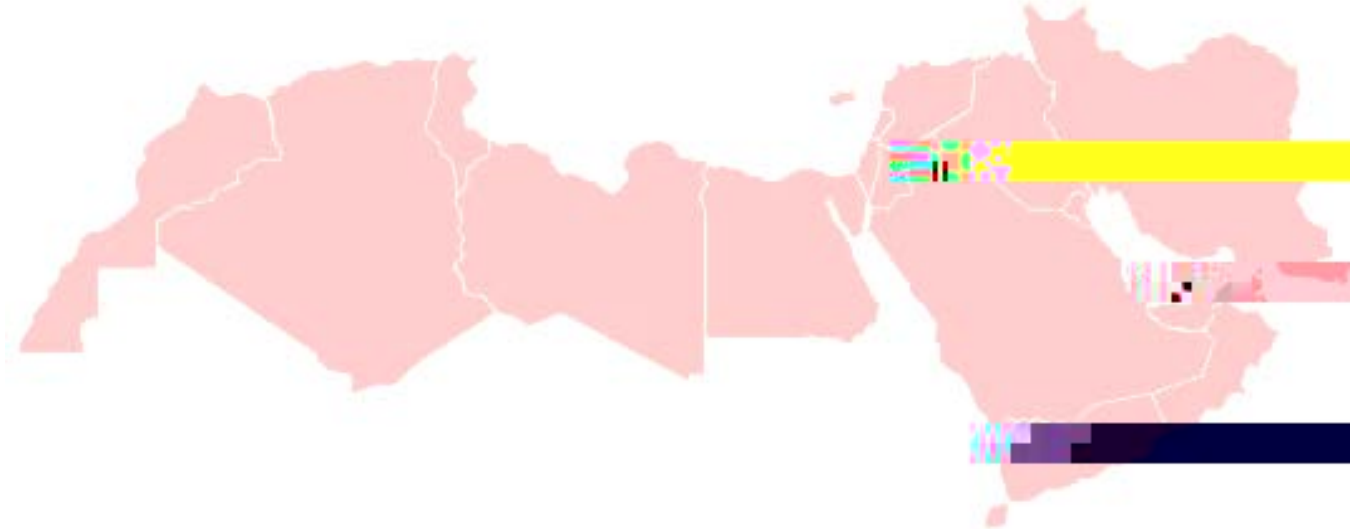
Bahrain

April 30: Proposal allowing Bahraini mothers to give children citizenship rejected

“A committee in the lower chamber of Bahrain’s bicameral parliament has rejected a proposal to allow Bahraini women married with foreigners to pass on their citizenship to their children. The proposal submitted in mid-April wanted to amend Paragraph ‘a’ of Article Four of the 1963 law which specified the father should be a Bahraini national in order to pass on the citizenship and change the wording from father to ‘either of the child’s parents.’” ([Gulf News](#))

Egypt

May 5:



Iran, from addiction to child labour. She donates one-fourth of her income to her own charity, Mehrafarin, which supports women and children whose fathers have abandoned them.” ([Al Jazeera](#))

Iraq

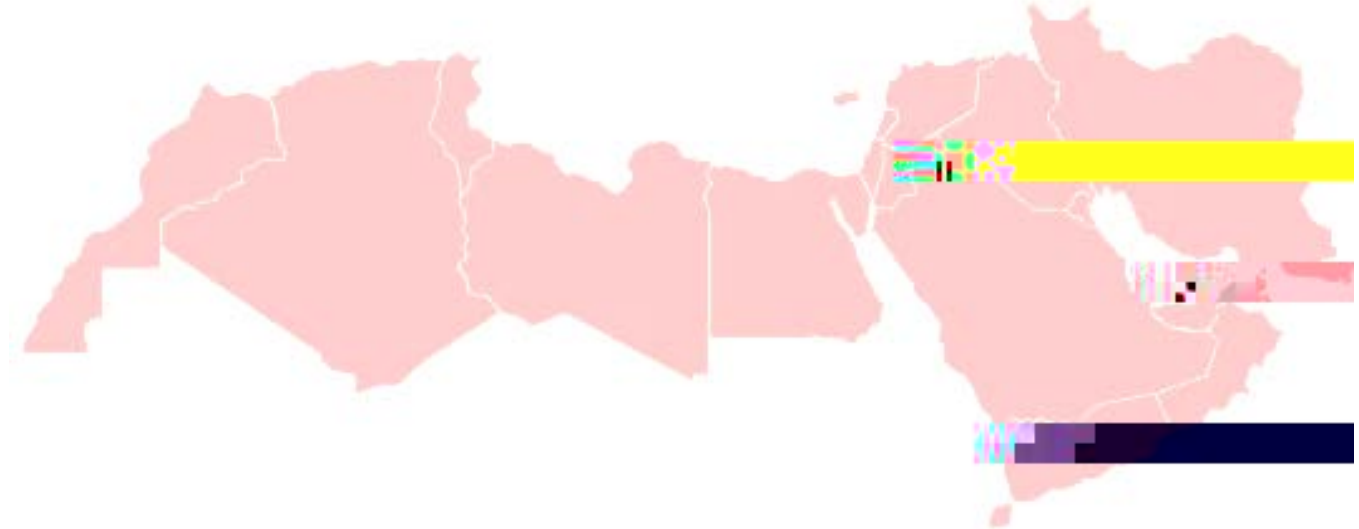
April 30: Dozens of Yazidis enslaved by IS in Iraq now free

“Thirty-six members of the Yazidi religious minority are free after nearly three years in the hands of so-called Islamic State (IS), the UN says. They have been taken to UN centres in Dohuk in Kurdish northern Iraq. It is unclear whether they escaped in Iraq or were freed, as the UN declined to give more information to avoid jeopardising future releases.” ([BBC](#))

May 2: Iraqi women take up arms to protect village from ISIL

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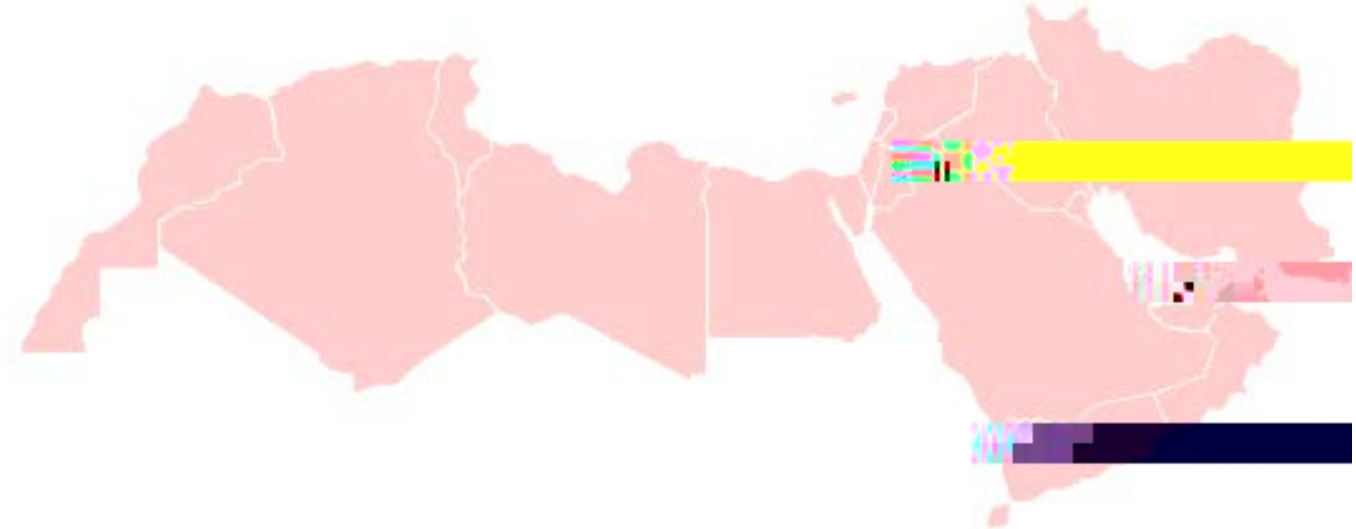
“Lebanon's Minister of State for Women's Affairs Jean Ogasapian Thursday, May 4, said that a women's quota for Pa



Saudi Arabia

May 2: Saudi Arabia, Germany agree to set up \$200m fund for women empowerment

“German Chancellor Angela Merkel invited King Salman to attend the G20 summit in Germany after holding wide-ranging consultations on the agenda of the summit in Jeddah on Sunday, April 30. Chancellor Merkel also renewed invitation to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Naif, deputy premier and



witnessed a consistent, though slow, increase in the presence of women in legislative bodies.” ([The Cairo Review of Global Affairs](#))

May 4: The sorry state of Arab men

“A new survey by the UN and Promundo, an advocacy group, examines Arab men’s views on male-female relations. (One of the authors, Shereen El Feki, used to write for The Economist.) It finds that around 90 percent of men in Egypt believe that they should have the final say on household decisions, and that women should do most of the chores.” ([The Economist](#))

May 7: I AM, an exhibition by Arab women artists

“An inspiring visual art exhibition narrating the timeless and thought-provoking contribution of female Arab artists opened at Amman’s National Gallery of Fine Arts in the old and winding streets of

