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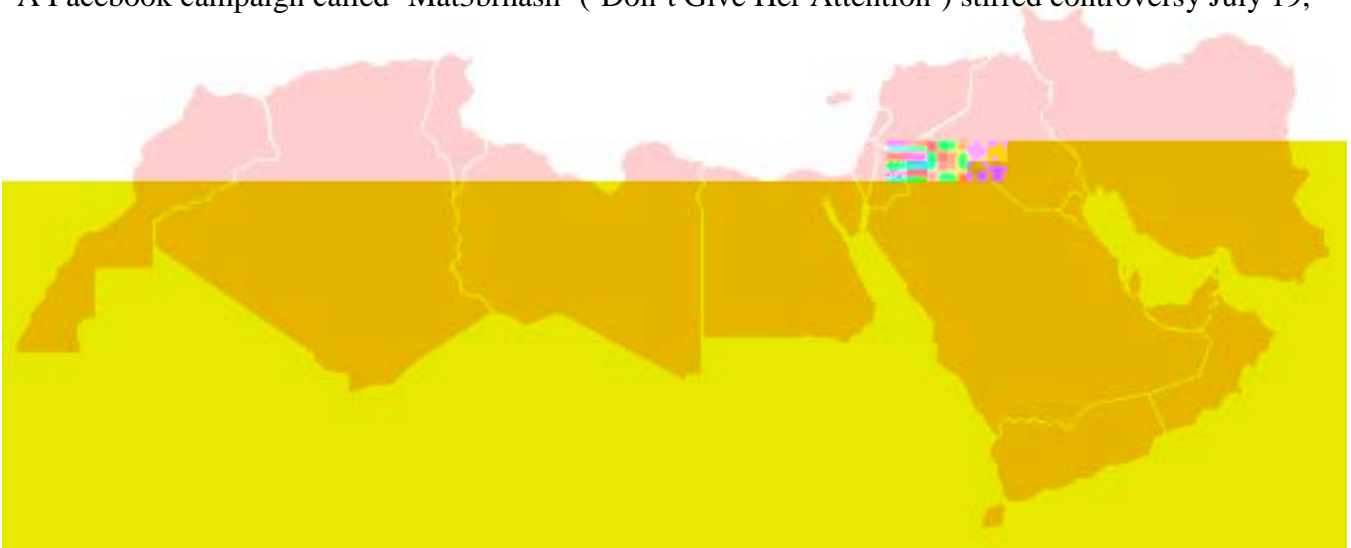
Egypt

August 12: Egypt's prosecutors take aim at pop stars

“Rida al-Fouly, also called Salma, is known for her video clip ‘Sib Idi’ (‘Let Go of my Hand’). Suha Muhammad Ali, known as Egypt's Shakira, has a famous video clip called ‘Al-Kamoun’ (‘Cumin’), and Dalia Kamal Youssef, whose stage name is Radis, is the dancer in ‘Ya Wad ya Tqil’ (‘You Cold-Hearted Man’). On June 2, lawyer Mohammed al-Nimr filed charges with the general prosecutor's office against the three Egyptian dancers for incitement, immorality, and indecency, crimes punishable by three months to more than three years in prison.” ([Al-Monitor](#))

August 24: Anti-harassment campaign stirs controversy in Egypt

“A Facebook campaign called ‘Mat3brhash’ (‘Don’t Give Her Attention’) stirred controversy July 19,

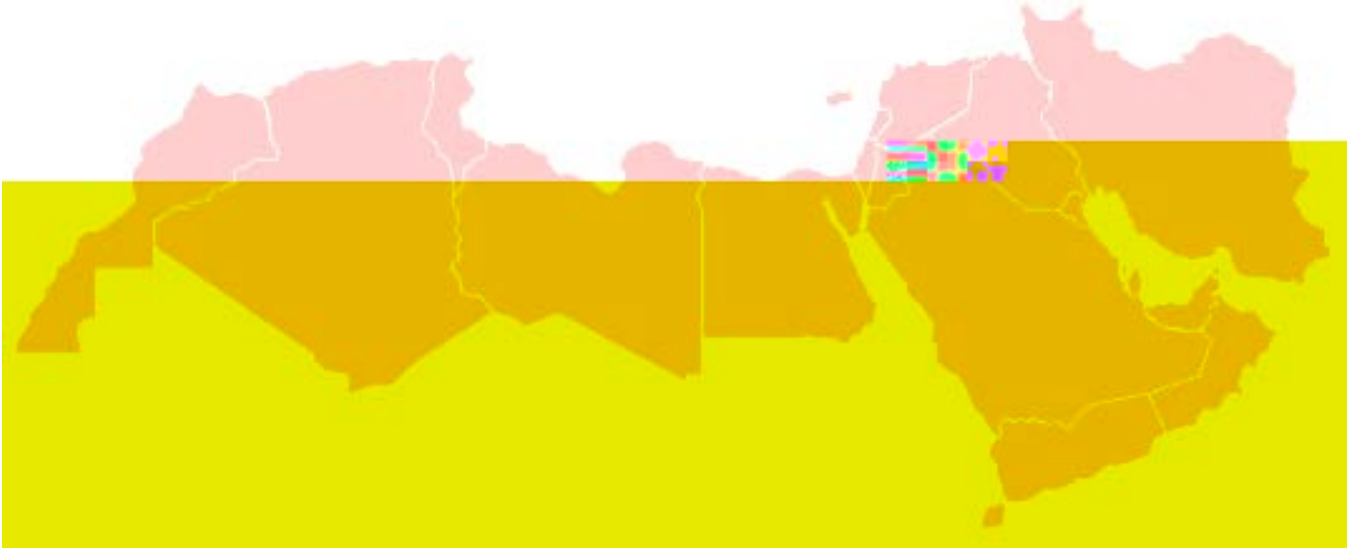


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Syria

August 14: Kayla Mueller: US hostage 'refused chance to escape from ISIS to save Yazidi girls'

“Kayla Mueller, an American woman who died while being held hostage by ISIS, sacrificed her chance to escape her captors to save two Yazidi girls, it has been claimed. A fellow captive of Mueller has revealed to *The Independent* Mueller was kept as the private property of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi during her captivity in Al-Shadadiya, Syria. When the fellow captive and her sister managed to escape in October last year, she said Mueller refused to join them in the t 0 Tc 0 T2(n t)-13 Tt6(e)pt 0 T scn



General

August 12: TechGirls: talented teens from North Africa and the Middle East visit the US

Twenty-seven tech-savvy teenage girls from the Middle East and North Africa are having the time of their lives in the U.S. right now, proving their math and science chops and setting an example for girls around the world. ([Christian Science Monitor](#))

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