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Bahrain

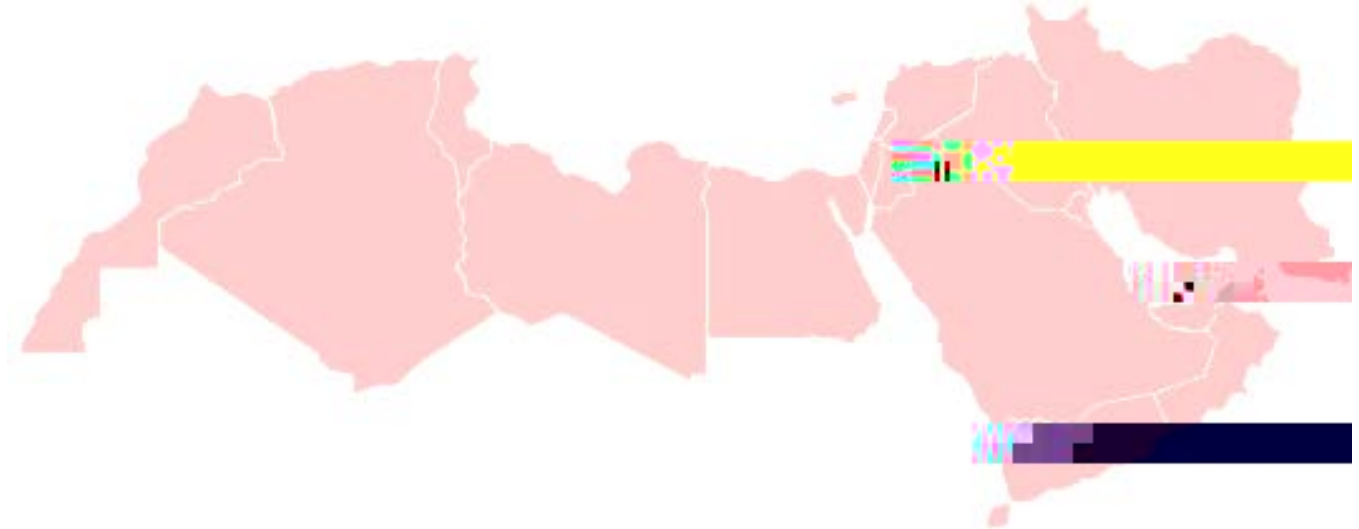
July 16: Nine women in fray for key polls

"Nine Bahraini women have confirmed their candidacy for the upcoming parliament and municipal council elections." [Gulf Daily News](#)

Egypt

July 16: Egypt court jails seven for life over sexual assaults

"A court in Egypt has sentenced seven men to life in prison



July 16: City of Tehran's female workers fired 'for own well-being'

"Citing long hours and possible disruptions to family life, officials at the Tehran municipality have replaced female secretarial workers with men." ([Al-Monitor](#))

July 23: Latest Statistics Reveal: Marriage of 31,000 Underage Iranian Girls in 9 Months

"Over five percent of women who got married in the first nine months of 1392 (i.e., between March and December of 2013) were less than 15 years of age." ([Bayvand](#))

July 24: Complaints expose abuse in Iranian schools

"A number of high-profile cases of sexual and physical abuse by school authorities points to the failure of the school system and government in Iran to properly address and educate on the issue." ([Al-Monitor](#))

July 26: Despite a Crackdown, Iranian Fashion Keeps Pushing Boundaries

"A famous clothing design institute called "Khaneh Mode" or Mode House was shut down last week in Tehran. The fashion designer had caused a controversy last month when it held a show with models wearing coats which appeared to be made of the Iranian flag, thus its religious symbols. Nor did it help that the show had allowed men among its audience." ([TIME](#))

Iraq

July 15: The slaughter of dozens of alleged Iraqi prostitutes and the dark world they inhabited

"In all, anywhere from 20 to 29 alleged prostitutes were killed in a massacre that also claimed the lives of several men. No one appears to know what happened: who the killers were, why they did this, who ordered it." ([Washington Post](#))

July 22: Iraq: ISIS warns women to wear full veil or face punishment

"Islamic State, the al-Qaeda offshoot that seized large swathes of northern Iraq last month, has warned women in the city of Mosul to wear full face veils or risk severe punishment." ([The Guardian](#))

July 24: Militants order female genital mutilation in Iraq: U.N.

"Doubts emerged on social media about the basis for the report. One document posted on Twitter suggested it may be a year old and have been issued by the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant, the group's previous name." ([Reuters](#))

July 25: The ISIS Crackdown on Women, by Women

"The Western narrative of the oppressed Muslim woman may be misguided, but as Raqqa's experience shows, 'jihadi girl power' often comes at other women's expense." ([The Atlantic](#))

Lebanon

"The stresses of the war and lack of income are resulting in more cases of domestic violence among Syrian refugees in Jordan [Al-Monitor](#)

July 20: Syrian Al-Qaeda women: Searching for combat martyrdom on the front lines

"Some females loyal to extremist group in rebellion against Assad say they deserve chance to fight for their cause." [Al-Jazeera](#)

July 21: Islamic State jihadists stone women to death

"Two women have been stoned to death in the jihadist-controlled Syrian province of Raqqa, a monitoring group said on Monday. According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, both women had been accused of adultery and tried in a shari'a court." [The Telegraph](#)

Tunisia

July 24: Getting Out the Female Vote in Tunisia

"As the next Tunisian elections approach, those who wish to ensure full female participation say that they worry about rural women, who often don't possess the necessary identification documents or live far away from registration offices. Some civil society campaigns, said Intidhar Louati, are targeting these women by organizing get-the-vote campaigns to reach falling citizens" ([Foreign Policy](#))

UAE

July 20: Emirati women rush to sign up for voluntary service

"Scores of young Emirati women on Sunday rushed to sign up for voluntary military service at recruitment centres in Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, the Western Region and Sharjah." [Gulf News](#)

July 21: Emirati woman with a plan to boost local businesses

"Dalal Al Qubaisi has capped off a successful career by being voted on to the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry's board of directors. She plans to use her position on the board to promote business solutions for other entrepreneurs." [The National](#)

Yemen

July 22: Striving for change in Yemen

"Nouria Ahmed Nagi is the director and founder of the Yemen Education and Relief Organization, which funds children's education and supports families in need through donations, loans, and employment opportunities. In late November 2013, Nagi received the Order of the British Empire, making her the first Arab woman recipient." [Yemen Times](#)

July 22: AQAP orders women in Hadramout not to leave home unaccompanied

"Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula militants in Haridha city, Hadramout governorate, distributed brochures to residents on Sunday, listing a number of demands, including that women not go outside unless accompanied by a close male relative." [Yemen Times](#)

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