

# MENA Women's News Brief

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## Bahrain

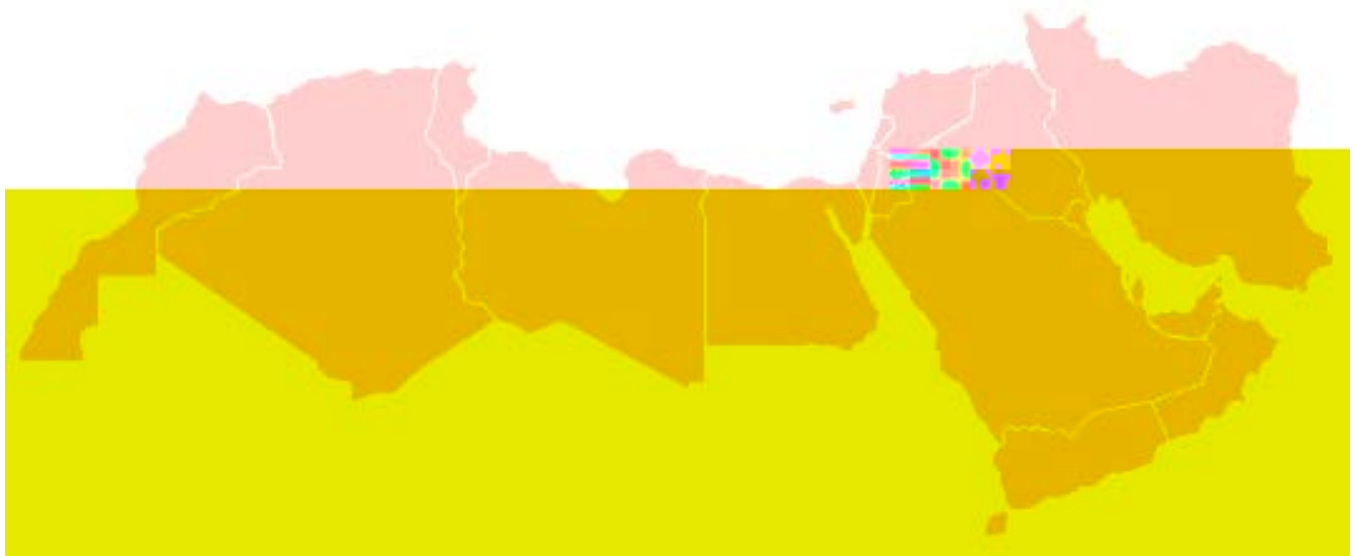
August 7: 10-year-old Alzain Tareq becomes youngest ever swimmer at world championships

"When a 10-year-old Alzain Tareq from Bahrain broke the 50m freestyle world record (1:07.31) at the 2015 World Championships in Kazan, Russia, he became the youngest swimmer to ever break the 50m freestyle world record." [10.bdu]3(r) v

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"Egypt's new pink taxis are being hailed as one more weapon in the battle against sexual harassment and violence toward women. The pink car experience lets women drive women to their destinations to protect them





Morocco

August 9: Moroccan Women Affected by Sexual Harassment Share Their Views

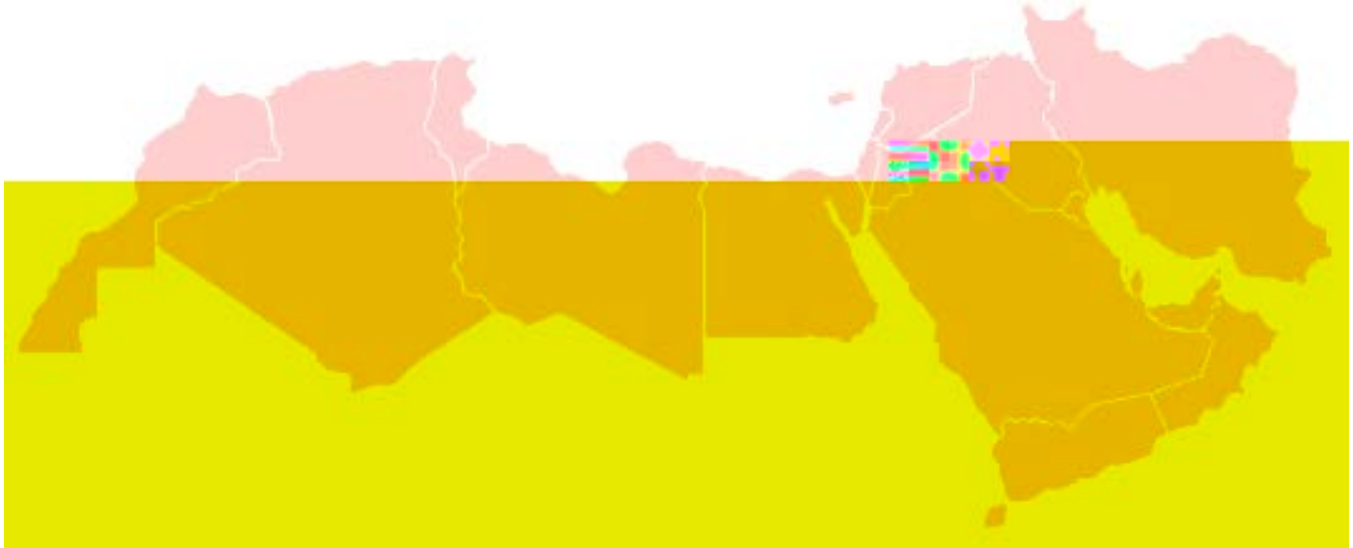
“Although sexual harassment has been discussed over and over again, it remains an issue that women continue to endure on a daily basis. Women walking alone on the streets often times find themselves in a rush, not enjoying a simple walk due to fear of being harassed. The testimonies included in the article further prove that this can no longer be tolerated.”

[Morocco World News](#)

Oman

August 7: Drop in female Shura aspirants cause for concern in Oman

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she was living with her two sons. Grabbing them, she hid in the elevator when they left. Then she escaped to Aleppo. [UNHCR](#)

### August 3: Islamic State Circulates Sex Slave Price List

"A senior United Nations official says Islamic State is circulating a slave price list for women and children, and that the group's ongoing appeal and barbarity pose an unprecedented challenge. The official, Zainab Bangura, said that on a trip to Iraq in April she was given a copy of an Islamic State pamphlet, which included the list, showing that captured children as young as one fetch the highest price. The bidders include both the group's own fighters and wealthy Middle Easterners." [Bloomberg](#)

### Turkey

#### August 3: 'Be quiet as a woman' was not a sexist insult, Turkish Deputy PM says

"'be quiet, as a woman' was not a sexist insult. 'Would I address her as madam if I intended to insult by asking her to be quiet as a woman?'" [Hurriyet Daily News](#)

#### August 10: U.S. consulate in Turkey targeted as wave of attacks kills 9

"Two women shot at the U.S. consulate in Istanbul on Monday and at least nine people were killed in a wave of separate attacks on Turkish security forces, weeks after Ankara launched a crackdown on Islamic State, Kurdish and left militants." [Reuters](#)

### United Arab Emirates

#### August 5: SMEs in the UAE narrow the gender gap