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Bahrain

June 23: Bahrain's Gulf Air names first woman captain

"Bahrain's Gulf Air recently announced the promotion of Yasmeen Faidoon to the rank of captain, making her the first Bahraini woman with the rank of commercial aircraft pilot." [Air Shorfa](#)

Egypt

Iraq

June 24: Iraqi female politician killed fighting ISIS

"A prominent female political figure [Layyah Naji Jabara] has been killed while personally leading the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the north of the country, according to the Iraqi authorities. [The Telegraph](#)

June 26: Iraq's women: 'It's only us who understand each other's reality'

"Our society has been ripped to shreds and as in most societies women who are carrying the burden. Women are sacrificing their lives to hold families together. They've regressed more than years in the past decade. [The Guardian](#)

Israel

June 19: Israeli women more educated than men, but earn 34% less

"Underrepresentation of women in high fields such as engineering is major reason behind salary gaps, study finds. [Haaretz](#)

June 24: Law to boost female representation in municipalities passes

"The bill gives an additional 15 percent in campaign funding to municipal party lists that are at least one-third female. That benefit would only be given eight months after the election, so parties can put women on their lists for the extra money and make the women quit afterwards. [The New York Times](#)



Morocco

June 25: Moroccan women tell prime minister: 'I'm not a chandelier'

"Morocco's [Prime Minister] Abdelilah Benkirane has angered women's rights advocates by criticizing women who work outside the home." [Al Jazeera](#)

Palestinian Territories

June 14: Women in physics in the Palestinian Territories

"In the Palestinian territories, more women than men study physics, yet women faculty members are a very small minority." [Sci \(Dev Net\)](#)

June 24: A startup sisterhood in Gaza

"Abultewi 25, is the first woman to have a startup funded in Gaza, where more women like her are beginning to start tech businesses they hope will generate incomes for them and their families in a cash-strapped society. For the most part, the women are young — some as young as Sofiya Mo'ad, 16, whom Abultewi was mentoring during the fourth annual Gaza Startup Week." [Al Jazeera](#)

Qatar

June 22: Number of Qatari women lawyers on the rise: Ministry

"Qatari women working as lawyers represented about 85 percent of total females working as lawyers in Qatar] and 14.2 percent of total lawyers in 2012, according to a report titled 'Qatar 2003-2012' released recently by the Ministry of Development and Statistics." [The Peninsula](#)

June 26: National service 'optional' for Qatari women

"Qatar is mulling making it optional for its women to attend a national service program, which is mandatory for men. The national service, spanning a few months of camp stay for young men, includes training in the use of weapons, self-defense, and discipline." [The Peninsula](#)

June 26: Qatari women outnumber men in cultural specialization

"Qatari women outnumber Qatari men by three times in their pursuit for specialization in cultural programs, a ministry report revealed." [Gulf Times](#)

Syria

June 29: Syrian women refugees suffer in Jordan

"The violence and abuse suffered by Syrian refugee women in Jordan exacerbates the wider problem of violence against women in the country." [Anti-Monitor](#)

UAE

June 17: Captain Al Hamili awarded for pioneering in aviation and diplomacy

"Capt. Al Hamili currently heads the UAE Permanent Diplomatic Mission to ICAO. When she was appointed in 2009, she was the youngest permanent representative accredited to the ICAO and the first Arab female, and the only female on the council. Her career started with a dream of becoming a pilot, and she became the First UAE female pilot when she obtained her Private Pilot License (PPL) in 1998 at the age of 16." [Arabian Aerospace](#)

June 18: Ladies beach instant hit with women in Abu Dhabi

"The ladies-only beach that has opened in Al Bateen has become an instant hit with women in Abu Dhabi." [Gulf News](#)

June 21: Abu Dhabi bank launches talent platform for Emirati women

"The new platform, named Tamween, will provide job opportunities that suit women's social norms and family responsibilities by enabling them to choose to work from, or near, their own home or in

