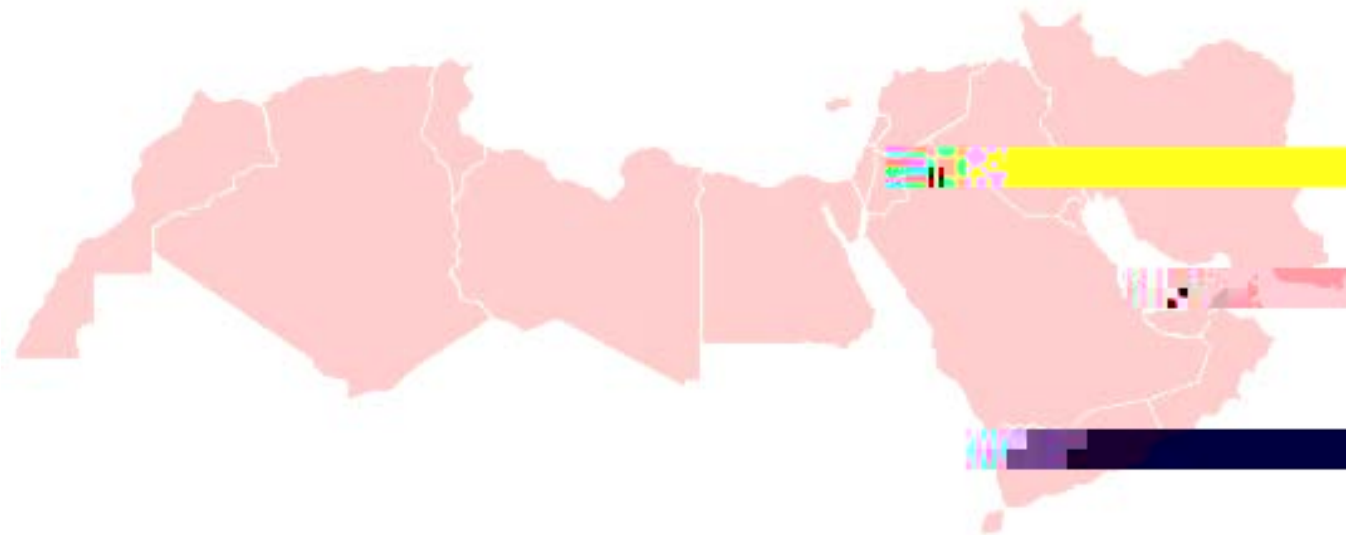


# MENA Women News Brief

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**Egypt**



overthrow of the Islamic Republic through... her membership in foreign companies and institutions,' the state-run Mizan news agency reported.” ([Middle East Eye](#))

## **Iraq**

### **June 7: A Tide of Violence and Discrimination Against Women in Iraqi Kurdistan (Op-Ed by Johanna Higgs)**

“The situation for women and girls in Iraqi Kurdistan is indeed abysmal. During my first visit to the region I met with women’s rights activists, politicians and the Iraqi Kurds themselves, both male and female. What I learnt was that women and girls face pervasive violence, domestic abuse, honor killings and blatant discrimination. A situation which has only been worsened by the arrival of ISIS.”

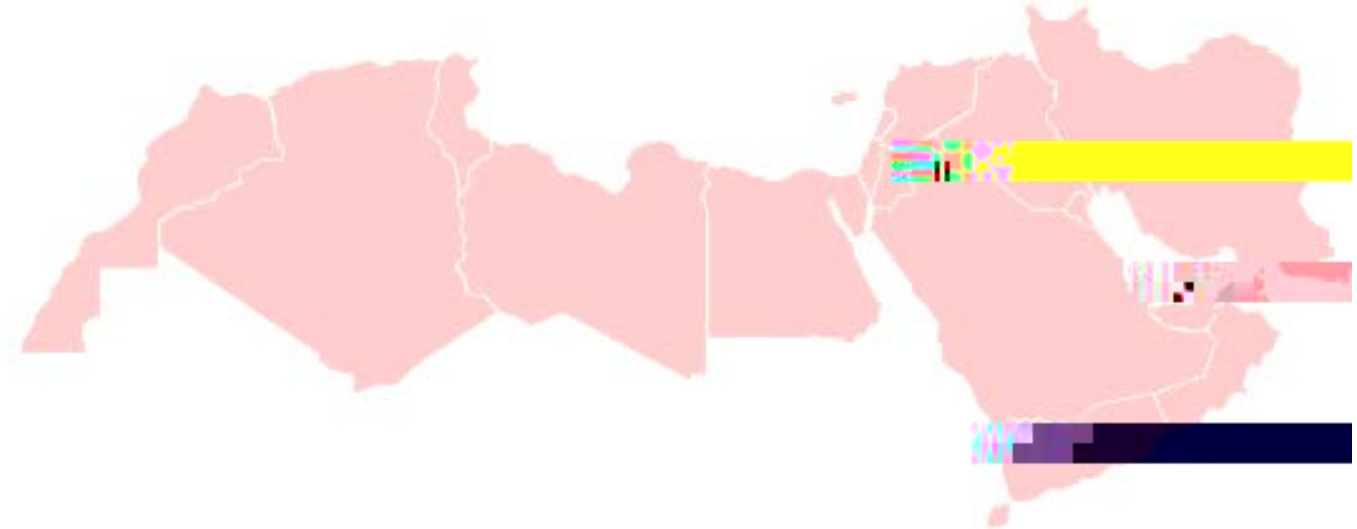
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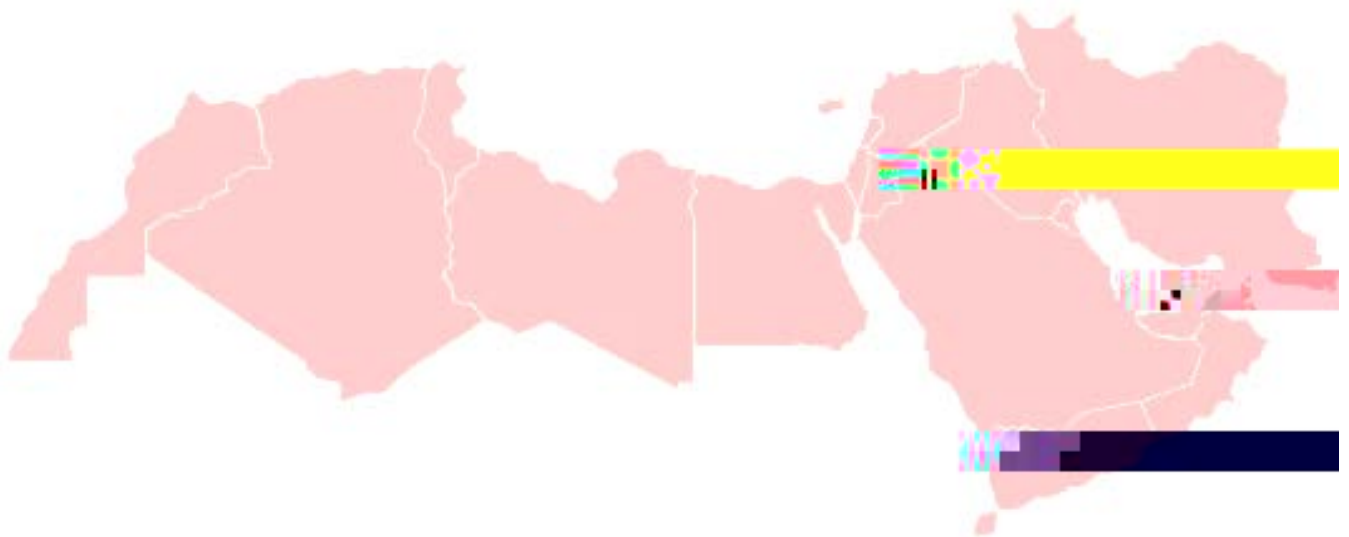


## Jordan

### June 10: Jordan's first self-defense center for women boosts fight for rights

“It started out as an ordinary day for Rasha Salih, a young woman who works as an accountant for a private trading company in the center of Amman. Like most women in Jordan, she wears a headscarf and modest clothes when she goes out. After a long day at work, the 26-year-old returned to her compound in the Shmeisani district at around 6pm and took the lift to her flat. A young man was already in the lift when she got in. He started to flirt with her, and before she knew it, he was trying to rip off her shirt. There was nowhere to escape, so Salih put her s

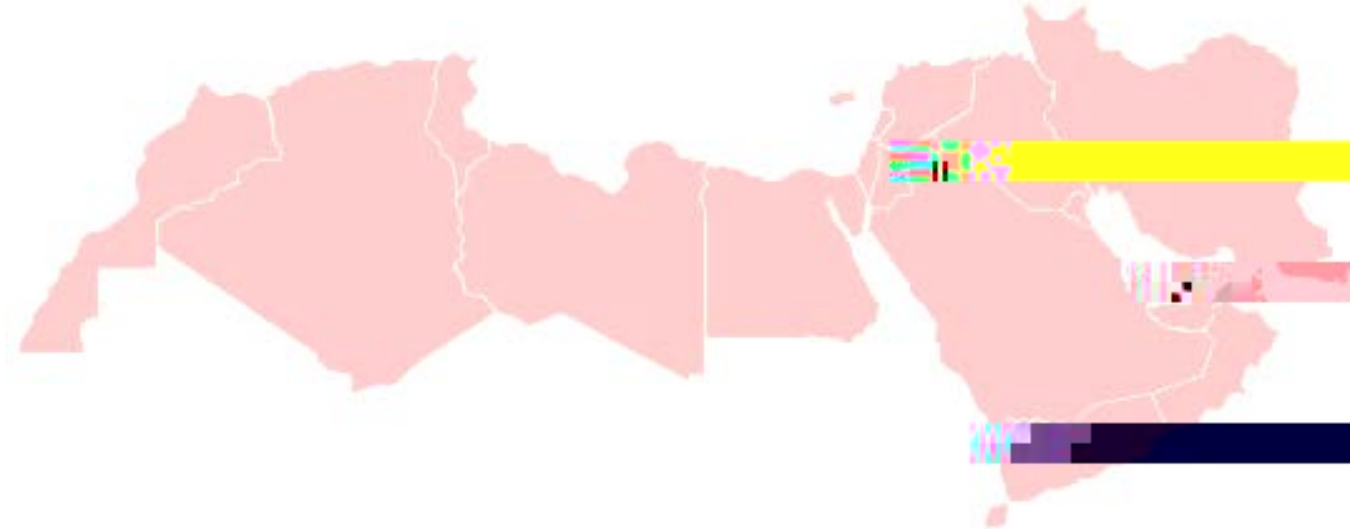




## Tunisia

### June 9: Fears grow over ISIL recruitment of Tunisia women

“About 700 women and girls are among the 5,000 Tunisians who have been recruited by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and other armed groups. As they travel to countries such as neighboring Libya, they leave behind their families who quickly become distraught about their loss.” ([Al Jazeera](#))



## General

### **June 9: UN campaign highlights unsung work of women in Middle East peace-building**

“Seeking to help a region plagued by war and violence, the UN has unveiled a campaign to highlight the role of women in peace-building and conflict resolution – hoping that their largely unsung work in Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Libya and Palestine will inspire others. A series of five films commissioned by UN Women is entitled in Arabic and English simply #WeAreHere, a statement of defiance and a message of future commitment.” ([The Guardian](#))

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