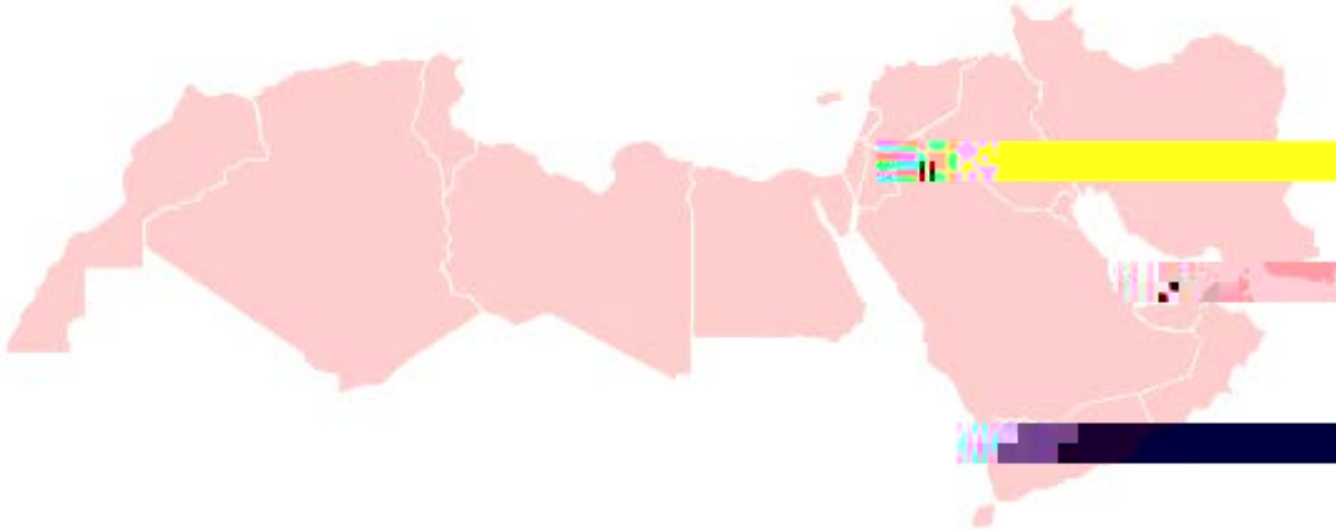
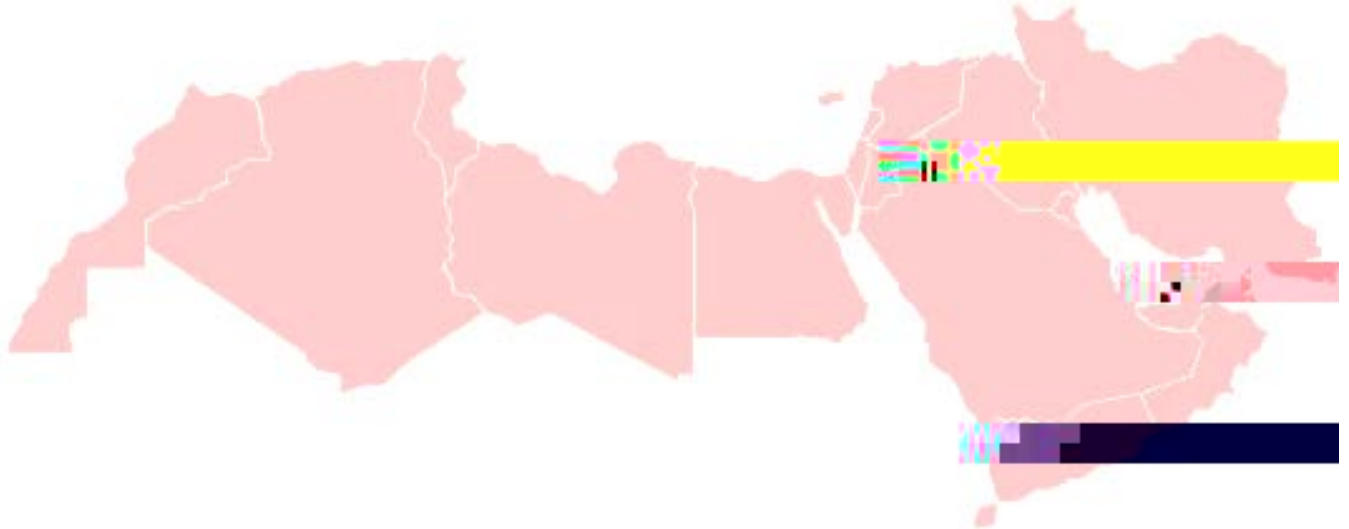
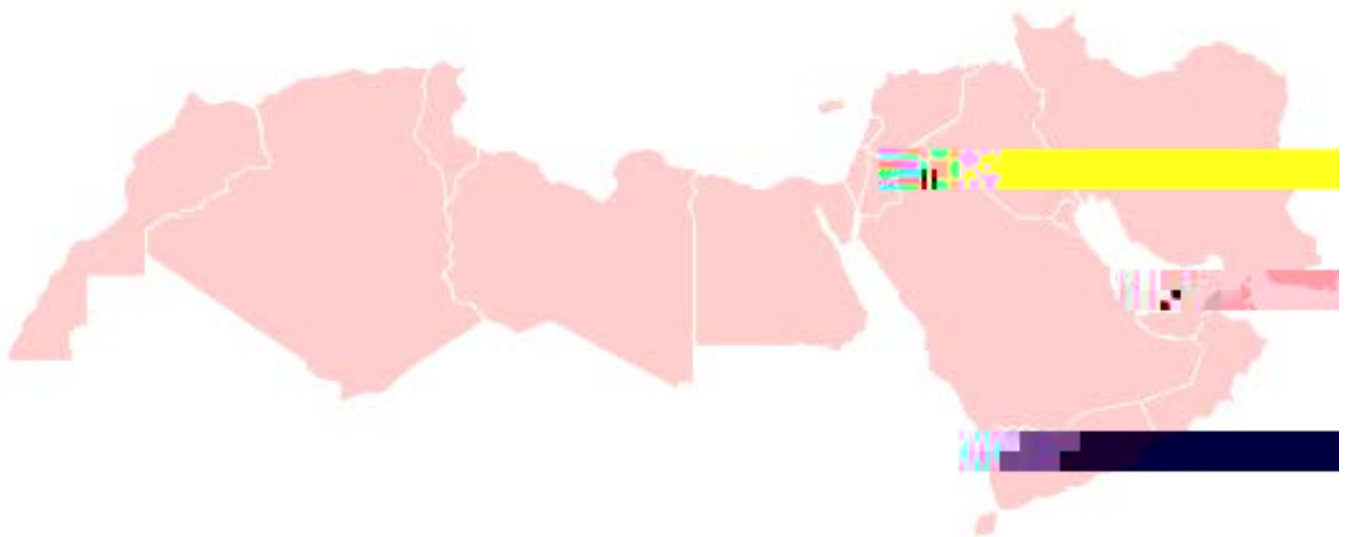


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health care, with thousands of women suffering as warplanes systematically wipe out medical facilities, and blockades leave hospitals with almost no equipment or resources.” ([Gulf News](#))

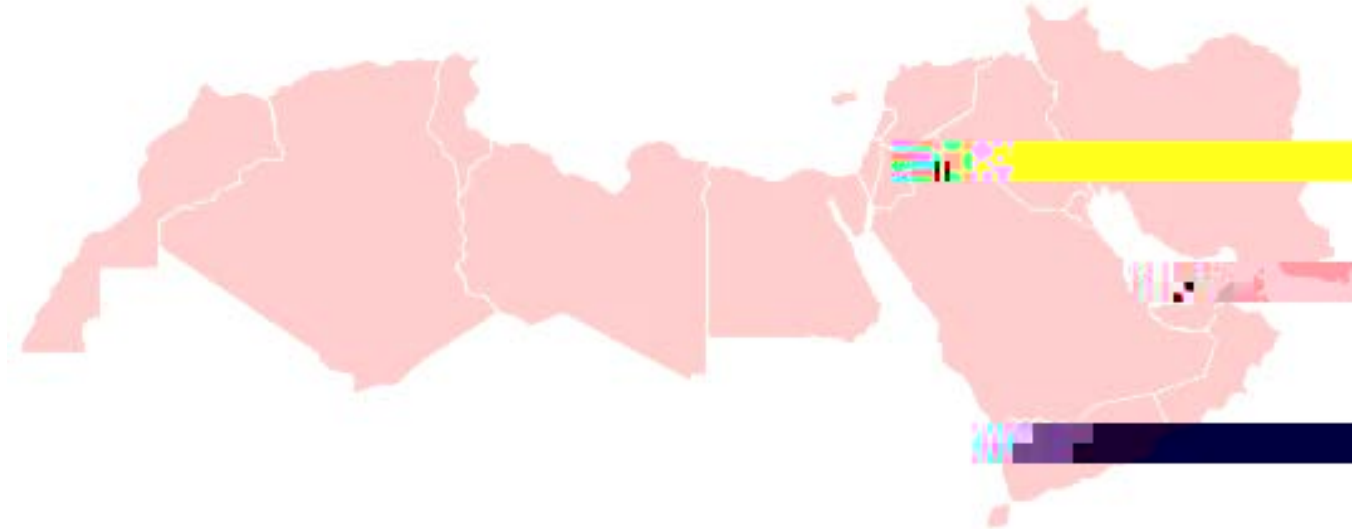
Tunisia

March 6: Young, Tunisian, Female And A Digital Auto-Entrepreneur

“I prefer not to tell people my age at first—people tend to not take me seriously because I am a young woman. If you see the laws on the books in Tunisia, everything is equal. It’s not like women are not expected to study or work. But there are limits. If you are seen as being too bold, trying to breaking the stereotypes or the glass ceiling, you would raise concerns.” ([Huffington Post](#))

March 8: Tunisian rights groups offer solace to victims of violence against women

“Violence against women is widespread in Tunisia, where



March 13: UAE initiative supports Syrian refugees in Jordan

“The Tailoring Workshop of our Mother Fatima, an initiative announced in August last year, has been opened to empower women and families hosted by the Emirati-Jordanian camp for Syrian refugees. ‘Any lady in the camp can now sew clothes for herself and her family, thanks to the machines provided through the initiative,’ said Um Ali, a woman refugee from the camp, according to UAE News Agency (WAM). [...] The initiative was announced last year by Shaikha Lubna bint Khalid Al Qasimi, Minister of State for Tolerance and President of Zayed University.” ([Bahrain News Agency](#))

Yemen

March 8: Yemeni women protesters urge end to Saudi aggression, siege

“During Wednesday’s [March 8] protest that coincided with International Women’s Day, the participants asked local and international organizations to stand by the Yemeni citizens and help provide vital supplies to the people. The protesters were holding banners reading, ‘Yemeni women die due to war and siege,’ ‘Millions in Yemen have no access to prescribed medicine,’ and, ‘When will the international community break the silence toward Yemen siege?’” ([Press TV](#))

March 8: On International Women’s Day: A Yemeni Female Writes About Her Abduction Story With French Aid Worker in Sana’a

“The National Yemen website is publishing the first letter of the Yemeni abducted female, Shereen Makaw who was abducted with the French aid worker in Sana’a two years ago. On February 24th, 2015, Makawi was abducted by unknown Yemeni gunmen along with her French workmate Isabelle Prime, from the street in Sana’a, while they were in their way to work.” ([National Yemen](#))

March 12: Yemen's quiet revolution as women enter the shopfloor

“Wafaa al-Zikri, 24, was forced to abandon her university studies and look for work to support her mother and four younger siblings. Her father died of kidney failure before the war and local charities withdrew their financial assistance. [...] Since the civil war broke out in early 2015, many women have found themselves the sole breadwinner for their families after local charities, overwhelmed by requests for help, closed their doors.” ([Middle East Eye](#))

Regional

March 8: Starving for life: Arab women open up about eating disorders

“The amount of studies on eating disorders in the Middle East is shockingly disproportionate to the

percent in South Asia and 32 percent in Sub-Saharan Africa) will take another 356 years to close..”
([Huffington Post](#))

In Arab World, Women's Fight for Equal Rights Is Being Won on the Battlefield

“Iraq’s first female tribal leader won much respect after she left her job to join anti-Islamic State forces in the Salah al-Din district of northwestern Iraq. Most of the photographs of Umayyah Naji Jabara show her smiling while holding a Kalashnikov rifle. But she was felled by an ISIS sniper’s bullet in June 2014.” ([Haaretz](#))

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