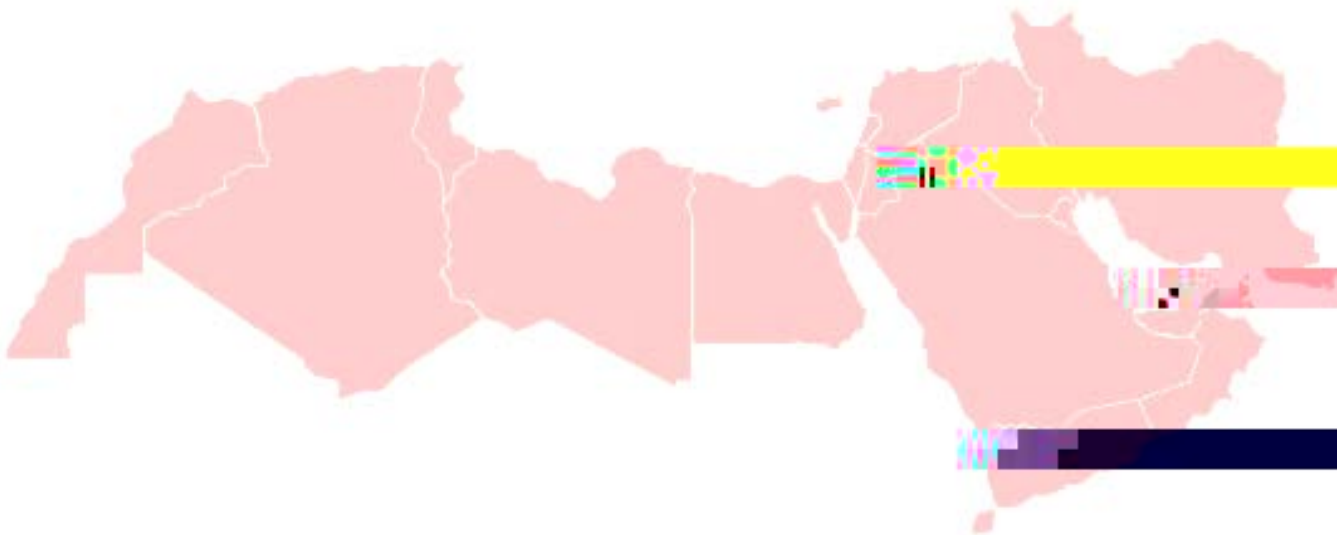


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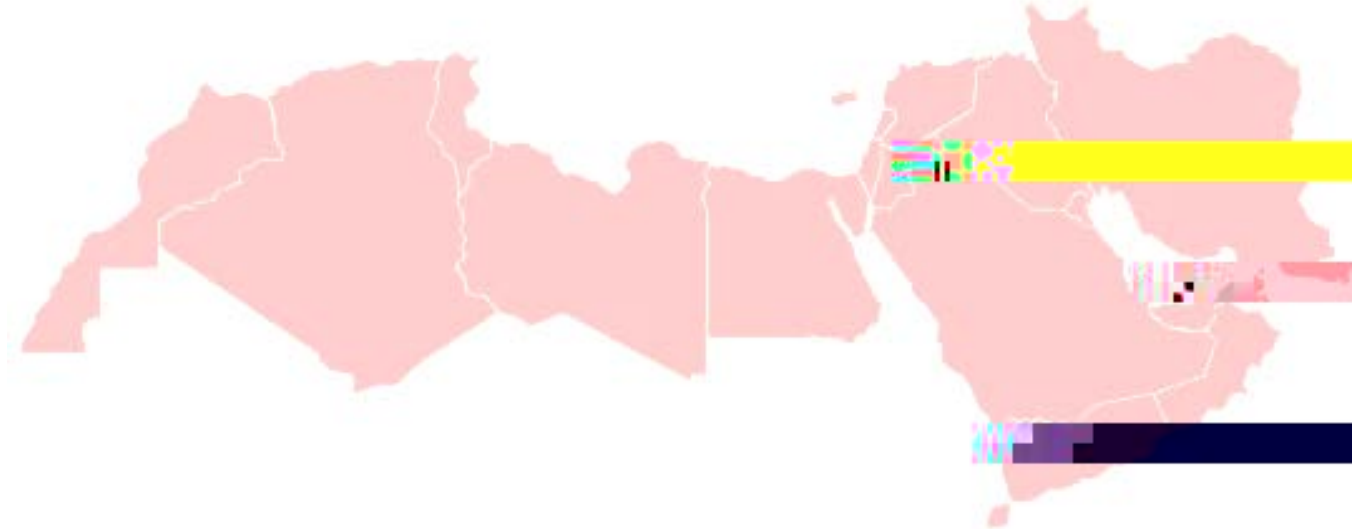
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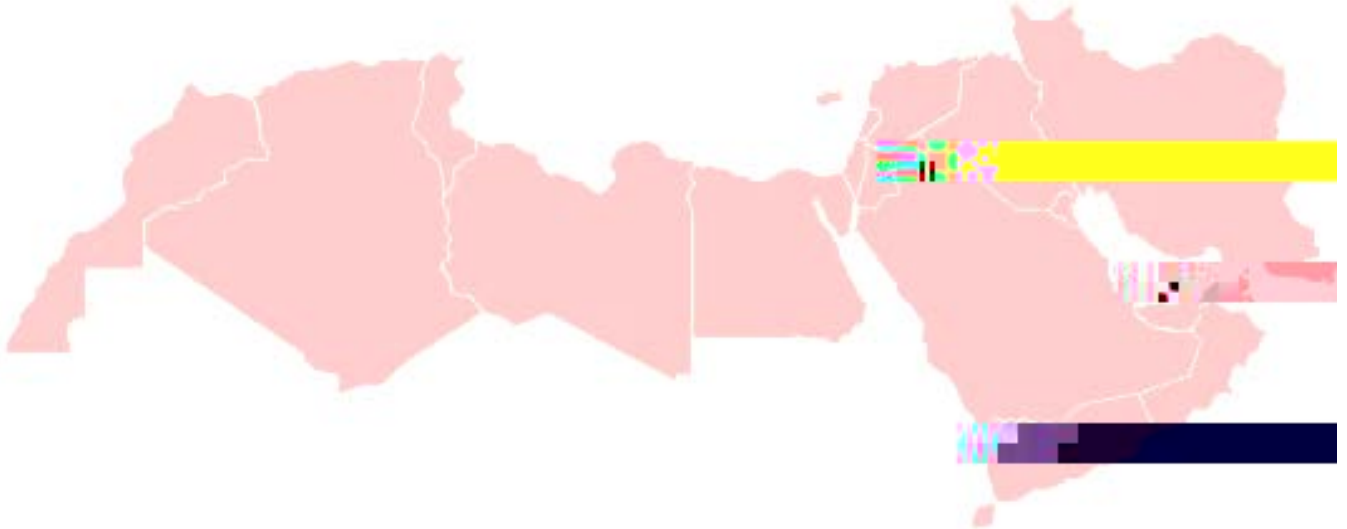
April 3: 20 bodies of women, children killed by IS found south of Mosul

"Twenty bodies of women and children, executed by the Islamic State, were found in the south of Nineveh province, a medical source said. 'The hospital of Qayyarah town, south of Mosul, received 20 bodies of women and children who were killed by IS while trying to escape the western side of Mosul,' the source told Alsumaria on Monday, April 3. The bodies were found by security troops near the town, he added. " ([Iraqi News](#))

April 5: Peace Heroes: Iraq's Fatima Al -Bahadly

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April 5: Why women are taking to YouTube in Saudi Arabia

“Al -Juhara Sajer is a 25 -year -old lifestyle and makeup vlogger from Saudi Arabia. With nearly half a million subscribers on YouTube, Saje r is part of a media revolution that has seen the Kingdom achieve the highest YouTube watch time per capita of any country in the world, according to analytics agency Tubular Labs. In a country where movie theaters are illegal and music concerts are seldom permitted, young Saudis are increasingly relying on social media for entertainment.” (CNN)

April 10: Saudi Shura Council denies it will support motion to allow women to drive

“A Saudi Shura Council member has rejected claims that the body would discuss and support a motion to allow women to drive in the country. Sami Zaydan says it’s a ‘social issue’ not a legal one and the Shura Council was not the appropriate forum to discuss the matter. Reports last month claimed that the Shura Council, where women hold 30 of its 150 seats, would back the motion.” (Gulf News)

April 11: 35,000 Saudi women studying abroad on government scholarships

“Some 35,000 Saudi women are studying abroad in 60 countries on government scholarships, said Shoura member Huda Al -Hulaisi, adding that Vision 2030 is based on the role of women and youths. She noted the gains of Saudi women in recent years as they have become members of the Shoura Council and municipal councils.” (Arab News)

Syria

April 7: Trump Puts Thousands Of Women In Syria At Risk By Defunding U.N. Group

“President Donald Trump’s administration defunded a crucial global maternal health organization this week, and justified the move by accusing the group of supporting abortions and forced sterilization in China.”