



GRC Events & Activities

Roundtable: Visit of H.E. Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier President of the Federal Republic of Germany

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

February 3, 2025



The Gulf Research Center (GRC) had the distinct honor of hosting a high-level roundtable on February 3, 2025, in Riyadh, marking the official visit of His Excellency Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This gathering provided an invaluable platform for in-depth discussions on the evolving relationship between Saudi Arabia and Germany, highlighting key areas of cooperation and mutual interest.

The roundtable was moderated by **Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center**, and was attended by high-level personalities including **His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al-Faisal, Chairman of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies**, and **His Excellency Dr. Majid Al Qasabi, Minister of Commerce of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**. Bringing together leading policymakers, scholars, and experts, the discussion delved into the strategic, economic, and cultural dimensions of Saudi-

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German relations, aiming to strengthen bilateral ties and foster greater collaboration.

Among the distinguished speakers were **Mrs. Hoda Al-Holaisi**, Former Member of the Shura Council, who offered valuable insights on pressing global issues. Addressing the topic of Islamophobia, she underscored its growing significance for the West and the urgent need for proactive engagement to counter misconceptions. She emphasized the importance of fostering mutual understanding through dialogue, advocating for inclusivity, and encouraging fair media representation to challenge stereotypes and promote a more accurate and balanced perception of Islam and Muslim communities worldwide.



The roundtable served as an important milestone in reinforcing the longstanding relationship between Saudi Arabia and Germany, paving the way for enhanced cooperation across various sectors. Through open and constructive discussions, the event underscored the shared commitment to deepening diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties between the two nations.



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TAFAHUM WA TABADUL

In cooperation with the



Climate and Energy Security in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula (II) Regional cooperation to address extreme weather events Level 2 Workshop

25-26 February, 2025
Abdu Dhabi, UAE

The Tafahum wa Tabadul Level 2 project workshop, titled "Climate and Energy Security in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula (II) - Regional cooperation to address extreme weather events" was held in Abu Dhabi on February 25-26, 2025. Organized by the Gulf Research Center and CARPO, in collaboration with the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy, the sessions explored the regional impact of extreme weather events, analyzing current challenges, future scenarios, and stakeholder responses. Participants discussed the

economic, social, and security implications of extreme weather events, including their effects on economic growth, social cohesion, and political stability. Key topics included infrastructure damage, maritime security risks, and challenges in data collection and risk assessment. Another session focused on the public health implications of extreme weather events, discussing issues such as mental and physical health effects, challenges to regional health resilience, and existing best practices for cooperation.



The second day of the workshop concentrated on developing a policy agenda on how regional cooperation in terms of tackling extreme weather events can be enhanced. The discussions were centered on the key issues that require urgent attention, the measures/actions that need to be put into place, and the structure needed to allow for policy implementation.

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TAFAHUM WA TABADUL



Enhancing Regional Security: Implementing the GCC Vision Amid Current Challenges and Opportunities Symposium
Organized by the Gulf Research Center and the Center for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies at Kuwait University

19-20 February, 2025



The Gulf Research Center, in collaboration with the Center for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies at Kuwait University, organized a closed symposium titled "Enhancing Regional Security: Implementing the GCC Vision Amid Current Challenges and Opportunities Symposium" on Thursday, February 20, 2025, in Kuwait. Participation in the symposium included experts and specialists from various GCC countries in security and political fields, each enriching the discussion with their insights about the future of regional security amid current challenges and changes.

The symposium opened with welcome remarks by Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, and Professor Dr. Yagoub Al-Kandari, Director of the Center for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies at Kuwait University, who welcomed the participating guests, emphasizing the importance of strengthening security cooperation among GCC countries, addressing regional and international security challenges, and leveraging available opportunities to achieve security and stability in the region.

The first session was titled: "The Nature of Regional and Global Security Risks for the Next Decade and Their Implications for GCC Countries," featuring H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Hamad Aluwaisheg, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Negotiations at the GCC. He addressed the GCC's vision for regional security, reviewing its key features and objectives, as well as discussed the challenges and threats facing regional security. He emphasized the importance of enhancing joint Gulf cooperation to address these challenges in a way that contributes to consolidating regional security and stability.

The second session was titled: "Evaluating GCC Countries' Response to Current Security Risks and Preparedness for Future Risks," where participants assessed how GCC countries are dealing with current security threats.

The symposium concluded with a roundtable discussion titled: "Reading into the Council's Vision for Regional Security," which reviewed the features of the GCC's vision for regional security and discussed the ways and mechanisms necessary for formulating an integrated regional security system.



GRC Roundtable on 'The Economy of Saudi Arabia in the 21st Century'

February 2, 2025



The Gulf Research Center (GRC) hosted a roundtable at its Riyadh office on February 2, 2025, featuring Dr. John Sfakianakis, Chief Economist at the GRC, who presented his recent book, "The Economy of Saudi Arabia in the 21st Century." The discussion provided in-depth insights into Saudi Arabia's economic transformation, focusing on key sectors driving growth, the impact of structural reforms, and the challenges and opportunities shaping the country's future.

The event brought together representatives and experts from the diplomatic community, academia, and the private sector for an engaging exchange on Saudi Arabia's evolving economic landscape. Participants explored the implications of Vision 2030, the role of foreign investment, and regional economic integration, fostering a dynamic discussion on the Kingdom's economic trajectory.





Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population (GLMM) Programme



GLMM

The Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population Programme (GLMM) is an international, independent, non-partisan, non-profit programme established in 2010 and is hosted and supported by the Gulf Research Center. The programme provides data, analyses, and recommendations contributing to the improvement of the understanding and management of Gulf labour migration, population, and labour markets, engaging with and respecting the viewpoints of all stakeholders. Visit the website [here](#).

Data

For over a decade, GLMM has gathered, analyzed, and published official data related to labour and migration from multiple sources of all six GCC states. The database contains more than 1,000 tables.

Country tables

Access Bahrain Data [here](#)

Access Kuwait Data [here](#)

Access Oman Data [here](#)

Access Qatar Data [here](#)

Access Saudi Arabia Data [here](#)

Access UAE Data [here](#)

GCC regional tables

GLMM also constructs unique GCC regional tables based exclusively on the official country data. Access them [here](#).

Policy Reports

Eight policy briefs have been published from the project with the Regional Programme Gulf States (RPG) of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS). entitled "Highly Skilled Migration to the Gulf States: How Do GCC Countries Fare in the Global Competition for Talent?" They are available [here](#). For more information, please see the project webpage [here](#).

1. Misba Bhatti, Ameena Almeer, Zahra Babar: Qatar's Policy Landscape and its Impact on Highly Skilled Migration
2. Froilan T. Malit, Jr.: From Laissez Faire to A Centralized State Approach? A Critical Policy Analysis of the UAE's Attraction and Retention Approach Towards High-Skilled Migration in the Post-COVID-19 Era
3. Yusra Al Shanqityi: Trends and Dynamics of Highly Skilled Migration in Saudi Arabia: A Report
4. Ali Belhaj: Trends, Dynamics and Policies regarding Highly Skilled Migration from Tunisia to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE
5. Dina Abdelfattah: Trends, Dynamics and Policies regarding Highly Skilled Migration from Egypt to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE



6. Nasra M. Shah, Memoona Qazi: Trends, Patterns, and Policies regarding Highly Skilled Migrant Workers from Pakistan to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE
7. Binod Khadria: India as A Prime Country of Origin for Highly Skilled Migration to the Gulf: Perspectives of A Paradigm Shift in Indian Immigration of Talent to UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar
8. Jorge Tigno, Geoffrey Ducanes: Assets on the Move: Highly Skilled Migration from the Philippines to the Gulf

The eight Research Reports on which these Policy Reports are based will be published in March 2025.

Six policy briefs have been published from the project with the Regional Programme Gulf States (RPG) of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS). entitled "Vision 2030 and the Socio-Economic Reform Process: The Future of Labour and Migration in Saudi Arabia?" They are available [here](#). For more information, please see the project webpage [here](#).

Mehmet Ali Soytaş: Future Skills Needed and Profiles of Workers: Ways to Maximize Productivity of Labour

Sylvain Côté: Adapting to Change: Demographics and Technology in the Saudi Labour Market

Monera Al Mahmoud: High-Skilled Employment and Vision 2030- Education and Training for Saudi Youth Alignment with Saudi Labour Market Demands

Justin Alexander: The Global Competition for Talent: How Does Saudi Arabia Compare with Gulf and Global Peers?

Anju Mary Paul, Kurt Kuehne, Kareem El-Rafei, Bedoor AlShebli: International Science Faculty in Saudi Arabia: Research Experiences and Challenges

Bilesha Weeraratne: Changing Contexts, Perceptions and Policies towards Migrating to Saudi Arabia: A View from South Asia Countries of Origin

The six Research Reports on which these Policy Reports are based will be published in March 2025.

All fourteen studies were presented and discussed in a workshop for which a summary is available [here](#).

Factsheet

[Françoise de Bel-Air, National and Foreign Populations in GCC Countries, GLMM Factsheet No. 13.](#)

Webinar Summary

Access the summary for the webinar on Highly Skilled Migration to Saudi Arabia: Labour Policy Reforms and the Global Competition for Talents held on 22 January 2025 [here](#).

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Environmental Security and Sustainability Program

3 February 2025

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Program Director for Environmental Security and Sustainability, chaired the monthly telecall for UNEP Major Groups Facilitating Committee (MGFC). The call discussed major groups' activities in the next few months, including following up on the Plastic Treaty negotiations INC5.2 and OEWG on Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution Prevention 3.2, as well as various major groups' elections and coming regional consultations.

12 February 2025

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Program Director for Environmental Security and Sustainability, participated in the monthly coordination telecall of the SPP Scientist Alliance for Chemical Waste and Pollution Protection. The call focused on discussing the draft proposal for the Conflict of Interest Policy for the alliance.

22 February 2025

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Program Director for Environmental Security and Sustainability, met with Mr. Wasim Merheby, managing director of Verofex in Dubai, on 22nd of February 2025 to discuss joint cooperation in workshops related to carbon emission measurement, monitoring, and verification as well as possible cooperation in future international forums such as COP30 in Brazil November 2025.



23 February 2025

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Program Director for Environmental Security and Sustainability, met with Mrs. Habia Elmarashy, Chairman of the Emirates Environmental Group in Dubai, to discuss joint cooperation in environmental workshops and training programs as well as possible cooperation in future international forums such as COP30 and UNCCD COP17 next year in Mongolia.



Cultural & Media Program



February 20, 2025



The Gulf Research Center's Cultural & Media Program published a video celebrating Saudi Founding Day. Watch the video [here](#).

GRC Podcast Activities



February 2, 2025

The Cultural and Media Program, in cooperation with the Jordanian Narrative Lab, presented the third seminar of the Narrative Lab entitled "The Consequences of Arab Narratives in Light of the Digital Transformation." Access the full episode [here](#).



February 9, 2025



The GRC Podcast hosted H.E. Ambassador Dya-Eddine Bamakhrama, the ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in an episode titled "Djibouti is the Conscience of the Horn of Africa." Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program, moderated the dialogue. Access the full episode [here](#).



February 16, 2025



The GRC Podcast hosted Dr. Muhanad Seloom, Assistant Professor in Critical Security Studies at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, in an episode titled "The Kurdish Question: Historical Identity and Political Reality," moderated by Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program. Access the full episode [here](#).





Gulf Research Center (GRC) Memorandum of Understanding with the Embassy of Mexico



The Gulf Research Center (GRC) and H.E. Mr. Anibal Gomez Toledo, Ambassador of Mexico to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Gulf Research Center and the Embassy of Mexico. The occasion took place at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 25, 2025, marking the enhanced cooperation on joint research initiatives and the organization of workshops, seminars, and webinars under the framework of the GRC's GCC-Latin American Research Program.



Gulf Research Center (GRC) Memorandum of Understanding with the Noon Center for Strategic Studies and Dialogue



The Gulf Research Center (GRC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Noon Center for Strategic Studies and Dialogue to enhance cooperation through joint workshops, conferences, and research activities. This partnership aims to foster strategic dialogue, promote research excellence, and contribute to informed policymaking on key regional and global issues.



The Gulf Research Center produces various publications through its research programs, projects, and Gulf Research Meetings. The GRC's publications can be accessed on its website via [this link](#); the commentary and analyses can be found [here](#); and selected Arabic articles can be found [here](#).

Commentary & Analyses



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Hannan Alghamdi
 February 2025



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Conflict in Congo: The Global Stakes in Africa's Mineral-Rich Warzone

Michael Wilson*
 August 2024



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Two Kingdoms, One Vision: Saudi-Danish Cooperation in Regional Security

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GCC Summit: Addressing Regional Challenges and Advancing Solutions



In January 2025, the GRC participated in numerous international events, both online and in-person, tackling issues pertaining to developments in the Gulf region and its broader neighborhood. The GRC emphasizes participating in such events, as it allows for the inclusion of a regional perspective in the debate. The following is an overview of the critical events in which the GRC participated this month.

February 27, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Mr. Abdy Yeganeh, Policy Director of the Independent Diplomat, at the GRC office in Riyadh on February 27, 2025. The meeting centered on areas of mutual interest, including research and training.

February 27, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Professor YIN Dongmei, Chair of the University Council at Shanghai International Studies University and Chair of the Board of the China-Arab Research Center on Reform and Development, along with Professor WANG Guangda, Secretary-General of the China-Arab Research Center on Reform and Development, and their accompanying delegation during their visit to the GRC office in Riyadh.

The discussions centered on strengthening research collaboration between Shanghai International Studies University and the GRC, identifying areas of mutual interest, and examining broader Saudi-China relations. The meeting also emphasized enhancing academic cooperation between Gulf and Chinese researchers, fostering institutional exchanges, and facilitating joint initiatives such as research projects and workshops.

February 26, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a speaker in the fourth session of the conference organized by the Egyptian Center for Strategic Studies in collaboration with the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs. The conference was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, under the title "The Implications of Displacement and Resettlement Projects on Regional Security." In his remarks, Dr. Sager affirmed Saudi Arabia's firm stance against the displacement of Palestinians from Gaza, its commitment to supporting their rights, the necessity of unifying the Arab position, and the rejection of any normalization before the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.



February 25, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Ambassador Torunn Viste, Special Representative for the Middle East at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the GRC office in Riyadh on February 25, 2025. The discussion centered on the current developments in the region and areas of mutual interest.

February 25, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Dr. Pierre Caye, Director of Research at the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) and Director of the French Institute of Islamic Studies, alongside Dr. Makram Abbas, Director of the French Research Center (CEFREPA), at the GRC office in Riyadh on February 25, 2025. The discussion focused on prospects for future collaboration between the two centers and areas of mutual research interest.

February 25, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) met with Mr. Jiao Zhixin, Director General of the Third Bureau of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC) and his accompanying delegation at the GRC office in Riyadh on February 25, 2025. The discussion centered on mutual areas of interest, including the People's Republic of China's role in promoting peace and security in the region, as well as areas for joint research cooperation.

February 24, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, met with Dr. Ihsan Al-Shammari, President of the Political Thinking Center in Iraq, at the GRC's office in Riyadh. During the meeting, aspects of cooperation between the two centers were discussed, along with deliberations on Gulf-Iraqi relations and the development of a research program concerning Gulf-Iraqi studies.



February 24, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Dr. Eldor Aripov, Former Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Director of the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (ISRS), at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 24, 2025. The discussion focused on the upcoming joint GCC-Central Asia roundtable, organized by both institutions that is set to take place in Tashkent in April 2025. This event will serve as a sideline to the second Heads of State GCC-Central Asia Summit, scheduled for May 2025.

February 23, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Ms. Hana Jalloul Muro, First Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs at the European Parliament and Ms. Irina Gusacenko, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Saudi Arabia, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 23, 2025. The meeting focused on areas of mutual cooperation and shared interests.

February 18, 2025



Dr. Ahmed Sager, Vice President of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Ms. Valeria Scuto, Civil-Military Engagement Staff Officer at the Middle East Cell of NATO Strategic Direction South Hub (NSD-S Hub), and Mr. Gian Luca Cazzaniga at the GRC office in Riyadh on February 18, 2025. The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest in the field of defense studies and research.

February 18, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Mr. Joon Young Park, former Korean Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and current Assistant Professor at Yonsei University's Graduate School of International Studies, on February 18, 2025, at the GRC office in Riyadh. During the meeting, they discussed areas of joint academic research interest.



February 18, 2025



Dr. Zaid Al Fadeil, Director of the Cultural and Media Program at the Gulf Research Center, received Dr. Fawaz Al Tayeb, Director of the Noon Center for Strategic Studies and Dialogue in Iraq, where he was briefed on the activities of the cultural program and discussed areas of common interest.

February 11, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a speaker at the National Council on US-Arab Relations's webinar on the "80 Years of U.S.-Saudi Relations: Reflecting on the Past, Shaping the Future."

Watch the full webinar [here](#).

February 9, 2025



Dr. Zaid Al Fadeil, Director of the Cultural and Media Program at the Gulf Research Center (GRC), received H.E. Mr. Dya-Eddine Bamakhrama, Ambassador of Djibouti in Saudi Arabia, where he was briefed on the activities of the cultural program and participated in an episode of the GRC podcast..

February 7, 2025



Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research and Executive Manager at the Gulf Research Center Foundation Brussels (GRCF-B), hosted a meeting at the GRCF Brussels office on 7 February 2025 with HE Pascal H. Grégoire, the Ambassador of Belgium to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. During the meeting, both sides discussed the latest developments in the Gulf region and Europe, focusing on ways to advance cooperation between Belgium, the European Union, and the GCC states.



February 6, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the Board of Trustees meeting of the University of Business and Technology (UBT) in Jeddah.

February 6, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the virtual meeting of the World Law Foundation Board of Trustees meeting on February 6, 2025.

February 6, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the Council of Council's 11th virtual conference organized by the Council on Foreign Relations on February 6, 2025. The topic of the meeting focused on the "Shifts in Global Trade." The discussion looked at how the trade environment has changed in the past decade, including changes in trade policy including tariffs, export controls, and rules of origin requirements, as well as the future of major trade agreements.

February 6, 2025



Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation's Brussels office (GRCF-B), met with Hana Jaloul Muro, Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and 1st Vice Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The meeting focused on exploring ways in which the GRC can support the European Parliament by providing research-based analyses, briefings, and insights to enhance dialogue and cooperation between Europe and the Gulf region, with a specific focus on Saudi Arabia.

February 5, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Mrs. Irina Gusacenko, Deputy Head of Mission of the EU Delegation to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 5, 2025. During the meeting, they exchanged views on GCC-EU relations and areas of mutual interest.



February 5, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with HE Mrs. Catherine Corm-Kammoun, Ambassador of France to Yemen, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 5, 2025. During the meeting, both sides discussed recent regional developments in Yemen and areas of mutual interests.

February 5, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with HE Dr. Sebastian Mitrache, Ambassador of Romania to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 5, 2025. During the meeting, both sides discussed areas of mutual interest on GCC-Romania relations and recent regional developments.

February 4, 2025



Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation's Brussels office (GRCF-B), met with Reinhold Lopatka, Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the Arab Peninsula (DARP). During the meeting, Dr. Koch introduced the Gulf Research Center (GRC) and the role of GRCF-B in fostering research-driven dialogue between Europe and the Gulf region. Joined by GRC researchers Houda Barroug and Hannan Alghamdi, the discussion explored opportunities for GRCF-B to support DARP by providing research-based analyses and expert insights on Gulf-related developments.

February 3, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), received Dr. Silvia Colombo, Researcher and Faculty Advisor at NATO Defense College, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 3, 2025. Several topics related to the Gulf and the Middle East regions were discussed during the meeting.



GRC media participation can be accessed [here](#), at the GRC official YouTube channel.



On February 23, 2025, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in Frankly Speaking with Arab News to discuss "Why is Saudi Arabia the ideal mediator for US-Russia talks on peace in Ukraine?"

Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the program "On the Borders" on Asharq TV (Bloomberg) on February 21, 2025. The episode was titled: "Riyadh Talks: Trump's and Putin's Plans and the Future of the Global Order."

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



On February 19, 2025, Dr. Abderrezzaq Gherraf, Senior Researcher at the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in

a discussion on Algeria International TV about the Russian-American negotiations in Riyadh.

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



On February 16, 2025, Dr. Abderrezzaq Gherraf, Senior Researcher at the Gulf Research Center (GRC), appeared on Algeria International TV to discuss Trump's plan for the displacement of Palestinians.

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).

On February 8, 2025, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), published an article in Arab News analyzing Saudi Arabia's position on Palestinian statehood and the Kingdom's response to U.S. President Donald Trump's statements.

Read the full piece [here](#).



Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the Cultural and Media Program at the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the "7 PM News" program on Roya News Channel on February 7, 2025. The episode was titled: "Saudi Arabia's Firm Stance Against Plans to Liquidate the Palestinian Cause."

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the "DW Evening Program" on DW Arabic on February 7, 2025. The episode was titled: "Gaza Riviera: Can Saudi Arabia Reject Trump's Plan?"

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), made an intervention on "Nightly News" on Al-Hadath Channel on February 5, 2025. The discussion revolved around President Donald Trump's statements on controlling Gaza and displacing Palestinians, as well as Saudi Arabia's response to these remarks.

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), made an intervention on France24 Arabic on February 5, 2025, in a special coverage about U.S. President Donald Trump's statements regarding control over Gaza, the displacement of Palestinians, and Saudi Arabia's stance on these statements and the Palestinian cause.

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), appeared on Al Arabiya English TV on February 5, 2025, commenting on President Trump's statement on Gaza and the Palestinian issue, as well as Saudi Arabia's response.

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in "Here is Riyadh" on Al Ekhbariya Channel on February 2, 2025. The episode was titled: "Syria... Saudi Embrace for a True Partnership."

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), appeared in "The World Tonight" on Al Arabiya Channel on February 2, 2025. The episode was titled: "The Saudi Crown Prince Affirms to the Syrian President the Strengthening of Relations... Al-Shara Expresses Gratitude for Saudi Arabia's Supportive Stances."

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the News Bulletin on Al-Araby TV on February 2, 2025. The discussion focused on the meeting between Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Syrian President Ahmed Al-Shara during his first official visit to Saudi Arabia.

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), made an intervention in "Al-Sharq News" on Asharq TV (Bloomberg) on February 2, 2025. The discussion revolved around the Saudi Crown Prince's meeting with Al-Shara in Riyadh to support Syria's security and stability.

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the News Bulletin on Al Jazeera Channel on February 2, 2025. The discussion covered the visit of Syrian President Ahmed Al-Shara to Saudi Arabia on his first foreign trip after assuming office.

To watch the interview, click the following [link](#).



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