



GRC Events & Activities

Pathways to Peace: The Gulf Countries' Growing Role in Conflict Resolution

Munich Security Conference 2026 Sideline Event Closed Roundtable

February 13, 2026
Munich, Germany



The Gulf Research Center (GRC), in cooperation with the **International Crisis Group**, co-hosted and co-organized a closed roundtable luncheon on the sidelines of the **62nd Munich Security Conference** at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich. Titled "**Pathways to Peace: The Gulf Countries' Growing Role in Conflict Resolution**," the roundtable provided an informal and high-level platform for strategic dialogue among senior policymakers, diplomats, and regional experts.

The discussion aimed to examine the increasing diplomatic engagement of Gulf countries in conflict mediation and regional stabilization efforts, as well as the broader implications of this evolving role for regional and international security. In recent years, Gulf states have taken on more active roles in facilitating dialogue, supporting de-escalation initiatives, and promoting diplomatic channels in a number of regional conflicts. Against this backdrop, the roundtable

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offered an opportunity for participants to reflect on the drivers, opportunities, and challenges shaping Gulf-led diplomatic initiatives, and to explore how these efforts can contribute to sustainable peace and conflict resolution across the Middle East and beyond.

The roundtable convened a distinguished group of senior policymakers and regional leaders, including:

- **His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud**, Chairman of the Board, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies
- **His Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **His Excellency Dr. Rashad Mohammed Al-Alimi**, Chairman of the Presidential Leadership Council, Republic of Yemen
- **His Excellency Dr. Fuad Mohammed Hussein**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Iraq
- **His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid AlZayani**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain
- **His Excellency Mr. Adel Al-Jubeir**, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Member of the Council of Ministers and Envoy for Climate, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **His Excellency Mr. David van Weel**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- **His Excellency Mr. Jasem Albudaiwi**, Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council
- **His Excellency Dr. Amre Moussa**, Chairperson of Interpeace, Former Foreign Minister of Egypt, Former Secretary General of the League of Arab States
- **His Excellency Dr. Anwar Mohammed Gargash**, Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the United Arab Emirates and former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
- **His Excellency Mr. Luigi Di Maio**, European Union Special Representative for the Gulf (EUSR)
- **His Excellency Mr. Alexandre Fasel**, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Swiss Confederation
- **His Excellency Dr. Majed Mohammed Al-Ansari**, Advisor to the Prime Minister and Official Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar
- **Her Excellency Ms. Manal Radwan**, Minister Plenipotentiary and Senior Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **Dr. Tobias Tunkel**, Director for the Near and Middle East and North Africa, German Federal Foreign Office





Roundtable Discussion with H.E. Rt. Hon. Guido Crosetto Minister of Defense of Italy

February 9, 2026

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



as well as opportunities to further strengthen collaboration in areas such as defense technology, maritime security, and regional crisis management.

The meeting also highlighted the role of dialogue between regional and European partners in promoting stability and supporting collective approaches to security challenges. Participants emphasized the importance of continued engagement and cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Italy in contributing to broader efforts aimed at enhancing regional security and fostering long-term stability.

On the occasion of the visit of **H.E. Rt. Hon. Guido Crosetto**, Minister of Defense of Italy, to Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for his participation in the World Defense Show, the Gulf Research Center (GRC) hosted a roundtable discussion at its office in Riyadh. The roundtable brought together a select group of policymakers, experts, and officials to exchange views on key developments shaping the regional security environment and to discuss the evolving strategic landscape in the Middle East.



The discussion provided a valuable platform for an open and forward-looking dialogue on a range of issues, including regional stability, emerging security challenges, and the importance of international partnerships in addressing complex geopolitical developments. Particular attention was given to the growing importance of Saudi-Italian cooperation in the fields of security, defense, and strategic dialogue,





Towards a Comprehensive Vision for the Future of South Yemen Conceptual Workshop Series on South Yemen

February 11-16, 2026

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



The inaugural workshop of the conceptual series organized by the Gulf Research Center (GRC) in Riyadh took place on 11 February 2026 and continued through 16 February 2026. The series focused on South Yemen, examining its historical background, current realities, and future prospects, while also exploring perspectives and potential pathways related to the "Southern Issue." Held under the title "**Towards a Comprehensive Vision for the Future of South Yemen**," the workshops brought together a distinguished group of southern leaders and prominent figures.

The workshops sought to explore avenues for addressing the Southern Issue through a fair, inclusive, and comprehensive approach, grounded in a careful and analytical assessment of the challenges facing the South and reflective of the realities and aspirations of its people. Discussions aimed to foster constructive dialogue and identify practical pathways that could contribute to a more sustainable and stable future for the region.

The discussions generated practical ideas and actionable proposals that helped lay the groundwork for a constructive Southern-Southern dialogue, capable of advancing a genuine solution to the Southern Issue and contributing to shaping a sustainable future for its people.

The series concluded on 16 February 2026 with its fourth and final workshop session, which focused on the role of civil society, women, and youth, as well as mechanisms to broaden and strengthen participation in dialogue and decision-making processes. Participants emphasized the importance of engaging these societal groups in a structured and inclusive manner, and highlighted the need to establish clear channels, mechanisms, and safeguards to ensure their meaningful participation and empowerment.

In total, the four workshops brought together fifty Southern Yemeni representatives, with the aim of fostering consensus and developing a shared vision for the future of the South. The preceding sessions examined the historical roots of the Southern Issue, explored political options for the South's future, and discussed potential pathways toward reconciliation, transitional justice, and confidence-building.





Roundtable Discussion on Saudi-Türkiye Relations

February 3, 2026

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



political dialogue, cooperation, mutual trust, and long-term regional strategies. Participants assessed shared security challenges through a multidimensional lens, including:

- Political and diplomatic dimensions
- Legal and humanitarian considerations
- Societal stability and cohesion
- Collective responsibility among Islamic countries

On the occasion of the official visit of His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye, to Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 3 February 2026, the Gulf Research Center (GRC) held a roundtable discussion with a delegation and experts from the Presidency of Communications of the Republic of Türkiye. The discussion, titled "Regional Security and Stability: Shared Responsibilities in the Islamic World," was held at the GRC's office in Riyadh. The roundtable explored how Islamic countries can collectively respond to growing regional instability, emphasizing that military solutions alone are insufficient to address today's complex and interconnected crises.

The main objective of the meeting was to highlight the need for comprehensive approaches grounded in





“Through Syrian Eyes” Film Program

February 1 & 16, 2026

Damascus, Syria



“Through Syrian Eyes” is a filmed program produced in the city of Damascus through a collaboration between the Gulf Research Center and the Taqaddum Center for Dialogue, Development, and Peacebuilding. The program is presented by Syrian journalist Abdullah Al-Ghadawi, Director of the Taqaddum Center. It aims to shed light on developments in the Syrian Arab Republic following the fall of the former regime, within a professional and objective framework, by discussing the most pressing political and economic issues facing Syria today, and by exploring future prospects and the pathways of the new era.

The program released its fourth episode on ‘Sectarianism Between Politics and Syrian Society.’ The episode discussed the roots of Sectarianism in the Syrian context, how it was politically exploited, and its profound impacts on the fabric of society, in addition to exploring pathways to overcome divisions and strengthen values of dialogue and peacebuilding in Syria.

The episode was presented and moderated by: Professor Abdullah Al-Ghadawi, Director of the Taqaddum Center for Dialogue, Development, and Peacebuilding, and participating in the discussion was Professor Muhammad Saleh, Professor Yusuf Al-Buni, and Professor Salman Katiba.



Watch the full episode [here](#).



The film also aired its fifth episode on the Syrian People's Assembly. Formation, Priorities and Obstacles to Work.' The episode discusses the mechanism for forming the Assembly, representation criteria, its constitutional powers and their limits, its most prominent legislative priorities during the transitional phase, in addition to the political and economic challenges that may hinder its work, and the future of its role in oversight and decision- making.

This episode was presented and moderated by: Professor Abdullah Al-Ghadawi, Director of Taqadum Center for Dialogue, Development and Peacebuilding, and participating in this episode were:

- **Mr. Hisham Al-Afyouni**, Member of the Syrian People's Assembly for Damascus Governorate
- **Dr. Fadi Al-Halabi**, Member of the Syrian People's Assembly for Damascus Governorate
- **Dr. Youssef Rizouk**, Professor of Constitutional Law and Electoral Systems

Watch the full episode [here](#).





The Gulf Research Center (GRC) continues to provide in-depth analysis and thought leadership on key regional and global developments. Our latest publications in March cover a wide range of topics, from U.S. foreign policy under Trump's second term to Saudi Arabia's evolving diplomatic role in global affairs. We also explore sustainable development in the Gulf, Russia's repositioning in the Middle East, and Gulf relations with Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

Below are some of our most recent works:

GCC Defense Sector Outlook



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February 2026

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Adaptive Partnerships in Times of Uncertainty: EUGCC Security in a Post-2024 Global Order
Houda Barroug
February 2026



India-GCC Free Trade Agreement: A New Phase in Economic Cooperation and Implications for the Gulf
Layla Ali
February 2026

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Gulf Security: Looking for a Pragmatic Framework for a Fragmented Regional Order
Dr. Abdulaziz Sager
February 2026



Mobilising Private Capital for Africa's Development
Michael W. Wilson
February 2026



Diplomatic Paralysis The Ongoing Session of the First Plenary Session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution
Dr. Mohammed Abdelraouf
February 2026



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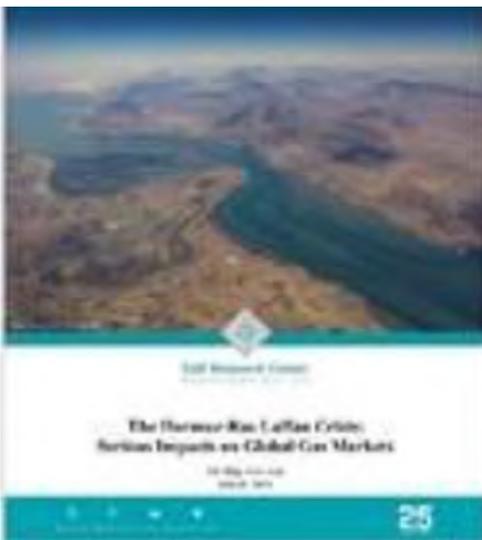
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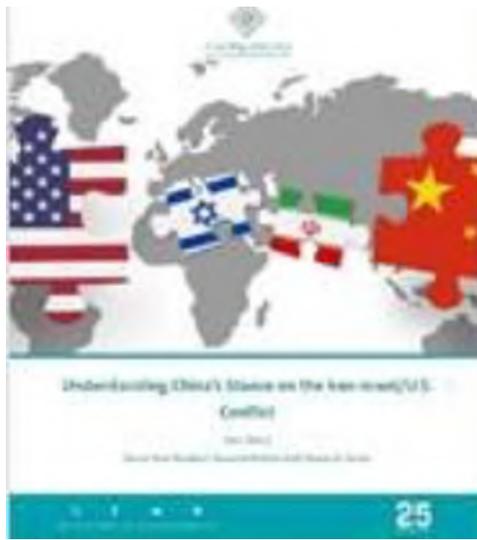
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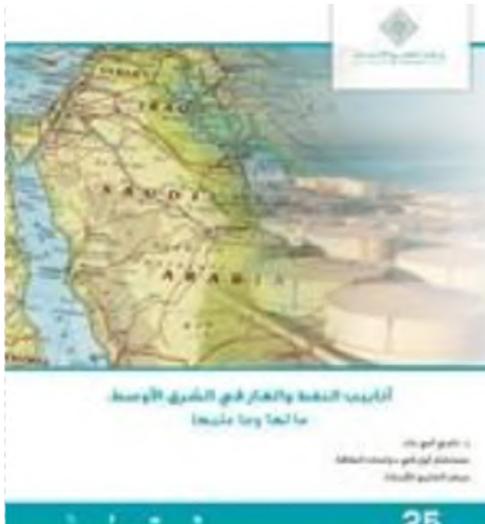


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Dr. Hajed bin Yahya Al-Asla'i
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Oil and Gas Pipelines in the Middle East: Pros and Cons
Dr. Najji Abi-Aad
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The Peace Council and the New Institutionalism: The Global South Narrative and the Prospect of International Governance Fragmentation
Mohammad S. Alzou'bi
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Radical Groups in the Sahel: Drivers of Presence, Sources of Expansion and Continuity, and the Future of Their Roles
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Five New On-Demand Security Doctrines: An Adaptive Security Model for Meeting Critical Needs in an Age of Uncertainty
Mohammad S. Alzou'bi
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The Oman Meeting Between Washington and Iran: Military Threats and Pressure Diplomacy
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Iraqi Militias and Youth Recruitment: Limits of Loyalty and Regional Deterrence
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Somalia: The Security Equation in the Horn of Africa and the Bab al-Mandab Strait

Rear Admiral (Retd) Eng. Saleh Sunaydih Alotaibi Senior Advisor, Defense and Security Studies
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Algeria – Saudi Arabia: Shared Stakes Driving a Re-Engineering of Partnership Prospects

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February 2026

Araa Magazine



Issue #218 (February 2026)

"The United Nations at Eighty: Challenges of Aging and Global Conflict"

Country Updates & Trade Reports



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



GLMM

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

Call for Papers for the 13th GLMM Workshop on Africa-Gulf Migration, Nairobi, 10-11 September 2026

The 13th GLMM workshop, entitled "Africa-Gulf Migration, Mobility and Trade Past and Present, Policy and Prospects," will take place in Nairobi, Kenya, 10-11 September 2026.

Directors:

- Dr. Faisal Garba – Associate Professor of Sociology, Migration, and Mobility at The Africa Institute, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- Dr. Linda Oucho – Executive Director, African Migration and Development Policy Centre, Nairobi, Kenya and Part-time Professor, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Workshop description:

<https://gulfmigration.grc.net/wp-content/uploads/01/2026/GLMM-Workshop-Africa-GCC-Migration-Description-Published05-01-2026-.pdf>

Online application form:

<https://gulfmigration.grc.net/registration-from/>

Deadline for applications: 26 February 2026

The workshop is organized in partnership with the Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient (CARPO).

Data

For over a decade, GLMM has gathered, analysed, and republished official data related to labour and migration from multiple sources for all 6 GCC states. The database contains more than 1,000 tables, with new data added on a weekly basis.

Highlighted Data

- [Saudi Arabia: Number of midwives by nationality \(Saudi/non-Saudi\) and sector of employment \(2024-2017\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Number of nurses by nationality \(Saudi/non-Saudi\) and sector of employment \(2024-2017\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Employees in the health sector by nationality \(Saudi/non-Saudi\), sex, profession, and sector of employment \(2023\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Employees in the health sector by nationality \(Saudi/non-Saudi\), sex, profession, and sector of employment \(2022\)](#)



- [Saudi Arabia: Number of doctors \(physicians\) by nationality \(Saudi/non-Saudi\) and sector of employment \(2024-2017\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Number of dentists by nationality \(Saudi/non-Saudi\) and sector of employment \(2024-2017\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Total employed population by main group of economic activities \(Q-2021 1Q2025 1\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Saudi employed population by main group of economic activities \(Q-2021 1Q2025 3\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Non-Saudi employed population by main group of economic activities \(Q-2021 1Q3 2025\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Saudi employed population by occupation category \(Q-2021 1Q2025 3\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Non-Saudi employed population by occupation category \(Q-2021 1Q2025 3\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Total employed population by occupation category \(Q-2021 1Q2025 3\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Labour Force Participation Rates by nationality \(Saudi/non-Saudi\) and sex \(annual basis, 2024-2021\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Labour Force Participation Rates by nationality \(Saudi/non-Saudi\) and sex \(Q-2021 1 Q2025 3\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Employed population by nationality \(Saudi/non-Saudi\) and sex \(Q-2017 1Q2025 3\)](#)

GCC Regional Tables

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

Country Tables

- Access Bahrain data [here](#)
- Access Kuwait data [here](#)
- Access Oman data [here](#)
- Access Qatar data [here](#)
- Access Saudi Arabia data [here](#)
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Environmental Security and Sustainability Program

1 February 2026



Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program at the Gulf Research Center, co-organized and spoke at the International Major

Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) Hybrid preparatory meeting for the inaugural Plenary Session (P1) of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution (ISP-CWP) held in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting allowed civil society organizations to meet in person to prepare for a joint statement position on the various topics under discussion in the first plenary session and to consult on the Major Groups engagement mechanism avenues in the newly established panel.

6-2 February 2026

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program at the Gulf Research Center, participated in the inaugural

Plenary Session (P1) of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution (ISP-CWP) held in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting focused on the rules and procedures of the newly established panel.



23-20 February 2026

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program at the Gulf Research Center, participated in the **International Youth Biodiversity Conference (IYBC) from -20 23 February 2026, in Hyderabad, India. Dr. Raouf delivered two presentations: the first one was titled "Global Environmental Governance & Green Economy: Role & Opportunities for Youth,"** and the second was titled "Youth Climate Diplomacy Opportunities."





Cultural & Media Program



مختبر الحوار بمركز الخليج للأبحاث
Gulf Research Center Dialogue Lab



GRC PODCAST
بودكاست مركز الخليج للأبحاث

February 16, 2026

The Cultural and Media Program at the Gulf Research Center held a meeting with Dr. Hussein Ghazawi, Director of the Culture Department at the Assistant Secretariat-General for Cultural Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, to approve the joint work plan for 2026. The meeting falls within the framework of the ongoing cooperation between the Gulf Research Center and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. It is worth noting that the Gulf Research Center has established, in partnership with the organization, the Islamic Dialogue Lab, under which all joint activities are conducted.



February 21, 2026

Saudi Founding Day 2026 Celebration Video. Watch [here](#).



GRC Podcast Activities

February 3, 2026

Roundtable Seminar Episode titled "Crisis in the History of Western Civilization" on the Gulf Research Center Podcast. Watch [here](#).



February 5, 2026

"Wamda" Podcast Episode on the Gulf Research Center Podcast titled: "Saudi Media Forum 2026." Watch the episode [here](#).





February 17, 2026

The Gulf Research Center Podcast hosted Dr. Abdullah Al-Ghamdi in an episode of the program "Araa on the Gulf" titled "The Role of the Gulf States in the United Nations." Watch the episode [here](#).



February 24, 2026

The Gulf Research Center Podcast hosted Eng. Abdullah Al-Shahrani, General Manager of Corporate Communication at Saudia Group, in an episode of the program "Details" titled "Saudia Airlines: A Success Story." Watch [here](#).



Publications

February 4, 2026

Cultural Paper prepared by Ambassador Dr. Sadiq Al-Faqih, Secretary General of the Arab Thought Forum, titled: "The Intellectual Crisis in the History of Western Civilization." Read the paper [here](#).



February 16, 2026

Roundtable Seminar Report titled: "Crisis in Western Civilization." Read the report [here](#).





February 1, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Sir Paul Dujardin, Advisor on European Affairs, Cabinet of Flemish Minister for Welfare, Poverty Reduction, and Culture, and his accompanying delegation, at the GRC's office in Riyadh. During the meeting, both sides discussed areas of mutual interest and cooperation.

February 2, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with H.E. Mr. Madiyar Menilbekov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 2, 2026. During the meeting, both sides discussed regional developments and areas of mutual interest.

February 2, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Dr. Gi Yeon Koo, Professor at the Seoul National University Asia Center, and Dr. Ikran Eum, Professor at Dankook University,

along with an accompanying delegation from the West Asia Center, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 2, 2026. During the meeting, both sides discussed areas of mutual interest and explored opportunities for future cooperation and joint initiatives.

February 3, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), and H.E. Dr. Fahad Al-Arabi Al-Harhi, Founder and Chairman of the Asbar Center for Studies and Research, participated in a session moderated by Ms. Maysoun Abubaker, a television presenter and podcast host at MBC Group, titled "Think Tanks and Their Role in Enhancing Media Content," on February 3, 2026. The session was held as part of the Saudi Media Forum. The discussion highlighted the strategies adopted by media institutions to uphold credibility and foster a trustworthy and sustainable relationship with audiences.

February 4, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Ms. Irina Gusacenko, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Saudi Arabia, along with Ms. Leonetta Pajer, Deputy Head of Unit for GCC



Strategic Cooperation on Investment Promotion and Financial Instruments at the European Commission's Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf (DG MENA), at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 4, 2026. During the meeting, both sides discussed areas of mutual interest and exchanged views on key regional developments.

February 4, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with a delegation of directors and experts from French think tanks at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 4, 2026. During the meeting, both sides discussed regional developments and explored areas of mutual interest.

February 5, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Oliver Wils, Programme Director for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) at the Berghof Foundation, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on February 5, 2026. The meeting focused on regional developments and areas of mutual interest.

February 8, 2026



Dr. Ahmed Sager, Vice President of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), and Prof. Saleh AlKhathlan, Senior Advisor at GRC, met with Mr. Alexander Radwan, Member of the German Bundestag and member of the Finance Committee and the Committee on Foreign Affairs, at the Center's headquarters in Riyadh on 8 February 2026. The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest and included an exchange of views on current regional developments and their broader implications.

February 8, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with H.E. Sheikh Ahmed bin Hashel Al Maskari, Head of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Neighboring Countries Department at the Omani Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the accompanying delegation, at the Center's headquarters in Riyadh on 8 February 2026. The meeting discussed areas of mutual interest and explored prospects for cooperation in research and academic studies.



February 9, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Dr. Mohsin Rahmatullah and Eng. Hamad Ahmed Khan from CARE, a company specializing in the development of advanced engineering systems in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, at the Center's headquarters in Riyadh, on 9 February 2026. The meeting discussed areas of mutual interest.

February 9, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), received Dr. Salam Musaffer, a prominent media figure and program host at RT Arabic,

at the Center's headquarters in Riyadh on 9 February 2026, on the occasion of the opening of the channel's new office in the city. The meeting discussed avenues for cooperation between the two sides, in conjunction with the centenary of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Russia.

February 10, 2026



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Ambassador Joon yong Park, former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the GRC's office in Riyadh on 10 February 2026. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views on areas of mutual interest and key regional developments.



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



On **February 1, 2026**, Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, spoke during Saudi TV Al-Ekhbariya's special coverage of the meeting of the Saudi-German Business Council, organized by the Federation of Saudi Chambers in Riyadh. Watch the interview [here](#).



On **February 3, 2026**, Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated in the program *The Fourth Dimension on Asharq Bloomberg* in an episode titled "Saudi Arabia and Turkey: Paths of Cooperation." Watch the interview [here](#).



On **February 3, 2026**, Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, spoke on TRT Arabi news regarding the official visit of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkey, to Riyadh. Watch the interview [here](#).



On **February 4, 2026**, Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, spoke on Al Arabiya's "Al-Rabia" news bulletin analyzing the outcomes of the visit of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkey, to Saudi Arabia and the joint Saudi-Turkish concluding statement. Watch the interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) published an article on **February 5, 2026**, with Arab News entitled "Saudi Arabia and Türkiye: The Region's Safety Valve," which examines the growing alignment between Saudi Arabia and Türkiye, highlighting a period of strong political, economic, and strategic convergence driven by shared interests and increasing mutual trust at the leadership level. Read the piece [here](#).



On **February 9, 2026**, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated in Al Arabiya's "Al-Rabia" news bulletin to discuss the memorandum of understanding on military cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Somalia. Watch the interview [here](#).



On **February 10, 2026**, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, appeared on Al Arabiya's "Outside the Box" program to discuss the ongoing negotiations between the United States and Iran. Watch the interview [here](#).



In an article published on **February 8, 2026**, in Al-Ahram Al-Arabi, Dr. Abdelrazzaq Gherraf, Senior Researcher at the Gulf Research Center, examines the fracturing of the transatlantic partnership and the future of the West as a coherent bloc. Read the article [here](#).



On **14 February 2026**, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), appeared on TRT World's "Strait Talk" to discuss "A New Middle



East Power Shift: Inside the Ankara–Riyadh Alignment.” Watch the interview [here](#).



On 20 February 2026, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated in the program “On the Border” on Asharq Bloomberg in an episode titled “Iran and Washington: The Geneva Test and Portents of Confrontation.” Watch the interview [here](#).



On 22 February 2026, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, appeared on Al Arabiya’s “Al-Rabia” news bulletin to comment

on Saudi Arabia's condemnation of the remarks made by former Governor Mike Huckabee, describing them as a “dangerous precedent” by a U.S. official, and its call on Washington to provide clarifications regarding the statements of its ambassador to Israel. Watch the interview [here](#).



On 24 February 2026, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated in the “Here in Riyadh” program, aired on Al-Ekhbariya, in an episode titled “Saudi Arabia and Egypt: A Shared Vision for Regional Stability.” Watch the interview [here](#).



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