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[Ahmadinejad was Addressing the Arabs / Tariq Alhomayed](#)



Ahmadinejad already promised us that he would drive Israel into the sea, so what can he gain by adding to all this? Rather all that he did yesterday was prompt the international community to rally around Israel, and boycott the conference for its sake. What has Iran lost for the sake of Palestine? Has Tehran put its troops on the battlefield to face off with Israel? Are we in need of words, speeches, and threats?
Source: **Al-Sharq Al-Awsat (London), April 21, 2009**

[Egypt: Hezbollah and the Confrontation / Diana Mukkaled](#)

The actions carried out by Hezbollah are extremely dangerous, which will have a bad impact on Lebanon and the Lebanese before Egypt. Apart from violating the sovereignty of another state, which in actual fact was the case in spite of what is said about supporting the Palestinians and providing them with weapons, Hezbollah is dragging itself and, more importantly, Lebanon, into a regional conflict that Lebanon could not handle.
Source: **Al-Sharq Al-Awsat (London), April 17, 2009**

[Non-Violence in Palestine - Timing and Intentions / Ramzy Baroud](#)

When one speaks of, or advocates non-violence, is it because one believes that historically it has been a more effective means of liberation, or is it purely because one thinks that it is a more self-respecting means of struggle? In recent history, many advocates of non-violence have been celebrated as modern-day icons. Why is it that the "establishment" goes to such great lengths to lift up these individuals?
Source: **The Jordan Times (Amman), April 19, 2009**

[Turkish Military and the Kurdish Question / Ibrahim Kaln](#)

The bulk of Turkish Chief of General Staff, Gen. İlker Başbuğ's speech was devoted to the foundations and future of the Turkish state and its relation with the diverse peoples that make up the modern Turkish Republic. Başbuğ spent a good part of his talk on the Kurdish issue because he seems to believe that the Kurdish issue is not only a matter of national security but also a test for the success or failure of Turkish integration and modernization
Source: **Today's Zaman (Istanbul), April 16, 2009**

[Acting Alone / Sameh Fawzi](#)

Egyptian opposition groups don't believe in alliances. Unilateralism is a basic feature of Egyptian oppositional politics. For this reason, democracy is a far-fetched dream and there exists no challenge to spur the present regime.
Source: **Al-Ahram Weekly (Cairo), Issue No. 942, 9-15 April 2009**

[Mr President, Your Silence on the Murder of Palestinian Women is Complicity / Nahid Abu T'eima](#)

An open letter to Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, from a Palestinian woman concerning the ongoing silence about violence against women in the Palestinian society: "I am writing on behalf many many women so that I can stop feeling responsible as my society stands chained and watching as women are killed on the cheap, though we all say we know killing is illegal and violates our religious teachings".
Source: **Ma'an News Agency (Bethlehem), April 15, 2009**

[Lebanese Abroad Keep Our Traditions Alive! / Nicole Sayegh](#)

My personal experience as a Lebanese in the diaspora is one of millions of Lebanese living abroad. Whether one is a recent emigrant or first or second generation, whether Lebanese American, Australian, or Brazilian, the Lebanese diaspora's attention to their homeland's culture and tradition is as strong as arak.
Source: **Ya Libnan (Beirut), April 19, 2009**