

SIXTH AL JAZEERA ANNUAL FORUM

Date: 12-14 March 2011

VENUE: SHERATON HOTEL, DOHA

THE ARAB WORLD IN TRANSITION: HAS THE FUTURE ARRIVED?

The Sixth Annual Al Jazeera Forum aims to explore the complex and changing political, social and economic landscape in the region and its future ramifications in light of the latest upheavals. The Forum will explore the significance of the revolutions and unrest sweeping the Arab world and examine their impact on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

The region's future hinges on the extent to which the recent uprisings can give rise to new political orders. At the forefront of these revolutions are the Arab youth. The Forum, thus, will explore their role as an emerging political force as well as their use of new technological tools, such as social media, to ignite and effect change. Seminars and sessions will also be dedicated to the evolving nature of journalism: how new methods of investigative reporting have challenged the conventional standards and ethics, and the impact that such imposed transparency may have on events, diplomacy and public opinion in the region and beyond. Political leaders, intellectuals, media experts and the new generation of activists will also explore the developments of fragile states in the region to better understand the emerging realities and their wider implications. The Forum will contemplate implications of these recent transformative changes on the future of the region and how they may affect the relationships between the region and the world.



FORUM AGENDA

Saturday, March 12, 2011

11:00am – 13:00pm Interactive Seminar 1

Political Changes in the Arab World

Co-hosted by Al Jazeera Center for Studies and NYON Process

Al Rayyan Hall

1:00pm – 3:00pm **Lunch**

Al Salwa Hall

3:00pm – 4:30pm Book Launch

The Arabic Edition of Al Jazeera Effect: How the Global Media are

Reshaping World Politics

Hosted by Al Jazeera Center for Studies

Al Rayyan Hall

5:00pm – 8:00pm Interactive Seminar 3

Can the Blogosphere Affect Societal and Political Change?

New Media: Unplugged 2 Seminar

Al Rayyan Hall

6:00 pm – 9:00pm Interactive Seminar 2

Challenges to Reporting from Conflict Zones
Hosted by Public Liberties and Human Rights Desk

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Sunday, March 13, 2011

9:00am – 9:15am Introductory Remarks

9:15am – 9:45am Keynote Speech H.E. Luiz Inácio Lula De Silva, Former President of Republic of Brazil

9:45am – 10:15am Keynote Speech H.E. Professor Ahmet Davutoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic

of Turkey

10:15am – 11:45am Plenary Session: Winds of Change in the Arab World

MODERATOR: MOHAMMED KRISHAN

Speakers

Munsif Al-Marzouki Professor at Arab Commission for Human Rights, Tunisia

Mustafa Hamerneh Chairman of the Board, Al-Sijill, Jordan

former minister of national planning and strategic analyst

Mahmoud Jibril Libya

Islam Lotfi Shalaby Coalition of Revolution Youth, Egypt

Al Majlis Halll

12:00am – 1:30pm Plenary Session: Arab Youth: Political Activism and Social Media

MODERATOR: ALI AL DAFIRI

Speakers

Sultan Sooud Al

Qassemi Columnist, United Arab Emirates

Asma Mahfouz

Tunisian Blogger/Administrator (Nawat)

Malek Khadraoui Tunis, Tunisia

Muhammad al-

Kassas Script for Media Production
Omar A. #17, February Uprising
Benghazi, Libya

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Al Majlis Hall

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Lunch**

Al Salwa Hall



3:00pm - 3:30pm

Keynote Speech Tariq al-Bishri, Chair of a committee to revise the Egyptian Constitution

3:30pm - 5:00pm

Plenary Session: LEAKS: THE FUTURE OF JOURNALISM

MODERATOR: ADRIAN FINIGHAN

Proposed Speakers

Seumas Milne Associate Editor, The Guardian, England Clayton Swisher Head of Al Jazeera Transparency Unit, Qatar

Diana Buttu Research Fellow at Harvard University, United States of America

Director of the Middle East Task Force in the New America

Amjad Atallah Foundation, United States of America

Director of AJA news Mostefa Souag

Al Majlis Hall

5.00pm - 5.15pm

Tea Break

5:15pm - 6:45pm

Plenary Session: Palestinian National Strategy in the New Middle East

MODERATOR: KHADIJA BENGANA

Proposed Speakers

Karma Nabulsi Professor at Oxford University, England

Head of International Relations Dept of Hamas, Lebanon Osama Hamdan

Ehab Bessaiso Cardiff University, England

Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International

Affairs (PASSIA), Palestine Mahdi Abdulhadi

Rob Malley International Crisis Group, United States of America

Al Majlis Hall

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Interactive Seminar 4

Report on Research Findings: European Public Perceptions of the Israeli-PALESTINE CONFLICT

Co-hosted by Al Jazeera Center for Studies, the Middle East Monitor and the European

Muslim Center at Exeter University

Al Rayyan Hall



Monday, March 14, 2011

9:00am – 10:30am Plenary Session: Media as a Catalyst for Revolution

MODERATOR: GHIDA FAKHRY

Proposed Speakers

Ayman Mohyeldin Al Jazeera Journalist, Qatar

Mark Lynch George Washington University, United States of America

Abdel Bari Atwan Editor in Chief of Al Quds Al Arabi, England

Mohamed

Nanabhay Manager of AJE online

Al Majlis Hall

10:30am - 11:00am Tea Break

11:00am – 12:30pm Plenary Session: Changing Faces of the Region

MODERATOR: LEILA ALCHAIEB

Proposed Speakers

Rachid Ghanouchi President of Enahda, Tunisia Ghazi Salahuddine Advisor to the Presidency of Sudan

Mohammad Affan Asst Lecturer - Faculty of Medicine - Ain Shams University

CAIRO - EGYPT

Ismail Zouhaier Assistant Researcher - University of Gabes, Higher Institute for

Applied Studies in Humanity

Medenine - Tunisia

Farag Saad Farag #17, February Uprising

Sasi Benghazi, Libya

Al Majlis Hall

12:30am – 2:30pm **Lunch**

Al Salwa Hall



3:00pm – 4:30pm Plenary Session: American Foreign Policy and the Reshaped Arab world

MODERATOR: SAMI ZEIDAN

Proposed Speakers

Islam Lotfi Shalaby Coalition of Revolution Youth, Egypt Mounir Shafiq Middle East Political Analyst, Jordan
Fahmy Howeidy Intellectual and Political analyst, Egypt

Ahmed Rihab Council of American Relations, United States of America

Al Majlis Hall

4:30pm – 5:00pm Concluding Remarks