

# Middle East and North Africa: Global Perspectives, 1958-1994

*From the Archives of the Central Intelligence Agency*



## Quick Facts

A fully searchable digital archive that spans 19 countries and four decades

Firsthand reporting and deep analysis on global and regional issues

A critical resource for 20th-century global studies, with widespread interdisciplinary applications

## Overview

For anyone seeking to understand one of the world's most complex, volatile and internationally significant regions, *Middle East and North Africa: Global Perspectives, 1958-1994*, is an indispensable resource. This fully searchable online archive offers firsthand reporting and deep analysis on important issues and historic events from Morocco to Egypt to Afghanistan. And with unique content not available anywhere else, it allows researchers unprecedented opportunities to delve into the cultural, economic and political forces that are integral to an array of interdisciplinary topics.

### A trove of international sources

The documents in this collection were sourced from international journals, newspapers, scientific reports, and radio and television broadcasts from 19 countries in North Africa and the Middle East, as well as from other nations with security interests in the region. A division of the Central Intelligence Agency identified, curated and translated the documents into English every day for four decades. Together, the archive delivers an unmatched trove of primary source information. In addition to local and international news, *Middle East and North Africa: Global Perspectives, 1958-1994*, also includes government-level analysis and commentary.

### The rise of one of the world's most volatile regions

Beginning with the Cold War and the confrontation between East and West, *Middle East and North Africa: Global Perspectives, 1958-1994*, continues to provide insight into an astonishing array of civil wars, revolutions, border issues and religious and cultural movements. It offers unique perspectives on Nasser's rule and the Sadat era, the effects of foreign policy decisions, the role of Soviet invasions, shifting alliances and matters of sovereignty, and the complex factors that gave rise to modern terrorist organizations. In addition to providing in-depth research potential for these and dozens of other historical events, this one-of-a-kind archive also provides essential context for understanding the forces shaping the modern world.

### Unprecedented research potential

With their outsized global influence, events in the Middle East and North Africa offer an intriguing glimpse into a multitude of topics. Researchers in women's studies, for example, can track the rise of legal rights and socio-economic status for women in Arabic-speaking countries. Scholars in military studies will find a wealth of relevant material on skirmishes, occupations and weapon development. Religious researchers, sociologists, environmental historians and anyone studying ethnic history or migration will also find unmatched sources to advance their research.

### 20th-Century Global Perspectives

In addition to *Middle East and North Africa: Global Perspectives, 1958-1994*, closely related collections—also from the Archives of the Central Intelligence Agency—include *Apartheid: Global Perspectives, 1946-1996*; *The Cold War: Global Perspectives on East-West Tensions, 1945-1991*; *Immigrations, Migrations and Refugees: Global Perspectives, 1941-1996*; and *American Race Relations: Global Perspectives, 1941-1996*.



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