

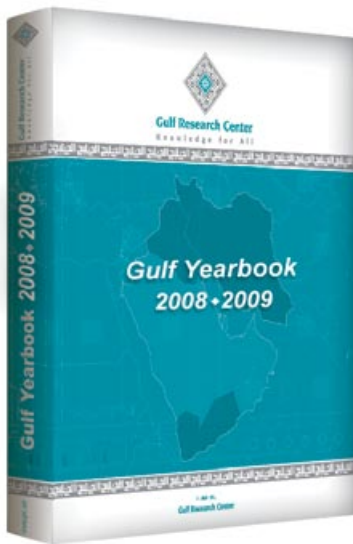
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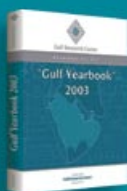
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Gulf Yearbook 2005-2006

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Gulf Yearbook 2006-2007

The Gulf Yearbook 2006-2007 highlights the main and critical developments of the year for the Gulf region focusing on the major political, economic, security, and social trends. With the Gulf region facing challenges on numerous fronts, the Yearbook attempts to throw an analytical perspective on what was another tumultuous year in Gulf affairs. It looks at the key political and social developments in the region with a particular focus on the election processes that took place, for example, in Kuwait and Bahrain. This is followed by an in-depth look into economic, defense and security, foreign relations and environmental issues relating to the region. Overall, the Gulf Yearbook 2006-2007 not only provides a comprehensive overview of the Gulf's developments in 2006 but equally extends an analytical framework whereby key trends and scenarios for 2007 can be outlined and examined.



Gulf Yearbook 2007-2008

The Gulf Yearbook 2007-2008 is divided into seven sections with each section introduced by a general overview article. The first section focuses on the Gulf's political development. The second section provides an economic perspective, assessing the prospects for regional economic integration, developments in the energy sector, and the role of GCC companies in a globalized setting. The Yearbook introduces a new section on human development featuring articles on education, national identity and demography. Security and defense issues form the fourth part of the Yearbook while the fifth section examines the foreign relations of the Gulf States, including Gulf-US relations, Gulf-Europe relations and the role played by the Gulf with regard to the Darfur crisis. Section six looks at events in Iraq, Iran and Yemen and their impact on the region as a whole. The volume is then completed with an analysis of environmental policies. Overall, the Gulf Yearbook 2007-2008 provides a comprehensive overview of the region's developments and extends an analytical framework that outlines and examines key trends and scenarios for 2008.