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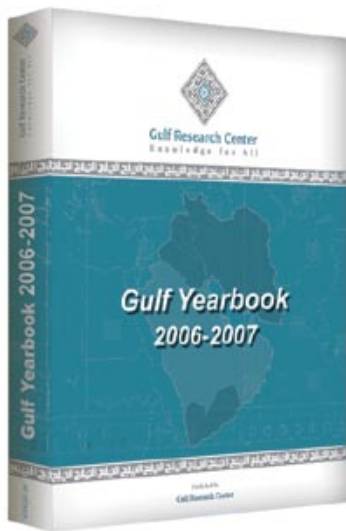
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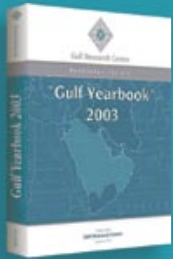
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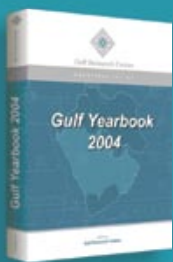
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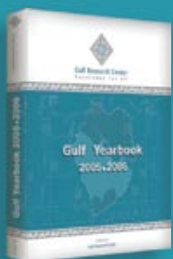
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Gulf Yearbook 2005-2006



The Gulf Yearbook 2005-2006 is the third volume in the GRC series of annual yearbooks. Focusing on the events that have impacted the Gulf region throughout the previous year, the publication picks up on where the last one ended, outlining the pivotal events of the year for the member states of the GCC, Iran, Iraq, and Yemen. In a series of analytical chapters, the book looks at key developments in the areas of politics, economics, defense and international relations. Specific emphasis is given to issues that have stood out throughout the year such as the relationship with Asia, the threat of terrorism, the search for a Gulf security architecture, as well as developments in the real estate, labor and stock market sectors.