



WHAT'S ON

How to make the Arab spring a spring for women

Prominent women from across the region will come to Beirut in February to take part in a forum on the pivotal role that women have played in the Arab Spring protests that are reshaping the geopolitical map of the Middle East. "This march is a message from Arab women to Arab society to tell them that there is no Arab Spring without women," said Abu Zaki, the founder of NAWF and executive chair, adding that around 500 people are expected to attend the forum from 25 countries.

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NEWS

Cotton Export

Egypt has shipped 27,276 metric tons of cotton valued at \$97.3 million since Sept 1. Egypt produces the world's finest extra-long staple cotton, which is stronger and softer than shorter staple cotton, and is used in high-end clothing. Switzerland, Bangladesh and India are the largest importers of Egyptian cotton.

Egypt Daily News

Basic education universal in Morocco

In little more than a decade, Morocco has moved from only enrolling about half its children to primary school to reach almost universal school enrolment. Also enrolment in secondary schools is sharply rising and the government plans further reforms to increase access to education. The national enrolment rate for primary education increased from 52 percent during the 1990-1991 to an impressive 92 percent.

Afrol News

Cyber-activism lent savvy to North African protests

The revolutions and protest movements in North and sub-Saharan Africa are by the people, but they could never have taken the form they took and keep on taking without social media and new technologies. As hundreds of

thousands of Egyptians in Cairo's Tahrir Square celebrated the resignation of President Mubarak



Some of the Twitter activists during the Egyptian revolution

on 11 February, some held up mobile phones to snap photos of the crowd, others sent Twitter messages to their friends and a few wielded signs proclaiming, "Thank you, Facebook."

Afrol News

Force of geometrical cohesion



Many artists, from the Middle East have found inspiration in traditional Arabic-Islamic calligraphy and their accompanying floral and geometrical motifs. This point of departure is evident in the work of the painter Mouteea Murad, as well as in the recent show by Nahed Mansour. "Variations Geometriques," the Villa Audi's latest exhibition, is a tribute to the late Gebran Tarazi, who died in 2010.

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Lebanese climb for the Red Cross



Team Lebanon, a diverse group of mountain climbers, sets off Thursday to climb the world's highest "7 Summits," in a bid to raise money for the Lebanese Red Cross. The "7 Summits" include the highest mountain on each continent. Team Lebanon hopes to have their final mountain climbed (Everest) by April 2015.

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Invitation to the Jeita Grotto in Lebanon!



Take an individual course in Beirut (minimum 2 weeks, 30 lessons) and receive a free excursion to the spectacular Jeita Grotto, home of the world's largest stalactite. The lime stone caves span an overall length of nearly 9 kilometres. You enter the caves by small boats.

Comments from students

"Thank you very much for the organization of the 2 weeks in Lebanon! I really enjoyed it and learned a lot!! Everything has been perfectly organized and I had not a single negative experience although travelling through the whole country.

Clemens G. (Austria) in Beirut

"I would say that as a first impression, the organisation of my first course has even gone beyond my expectations. Thank you for this.
Eleftheria K. (Greece), Arabic Online with Cairo

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