

Introduction to World Politics

Practice Quiz on the Middle East II

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The map is on the back (sorry). Below are things that happened in several of the states in the Middle East. In the blanks, fill in the name of the state. On the map, label those states.

1. _____ Wednesday, March 12, Ismail Haniya, the Hamas leader, offered a cease-fire agreement between Hamas and this state's forces. He demanded the re-opening of the Gaza Strip's border, sealed off since June and for an end to this state's raids in Palestinian territory. In response, the Prime Minister of this state responded by saying that there was "no need for negotiations".
2. _____ For six days in a row now, this state has been in northern Iraq fighting rebel Kurds of the Kurdistan Worker's Party (PKK). The military has launched the incursion because they say the PKK is using northern Iraq as a launching point for attacks into their state. The Iraqi government has strongly opposed the incursion because they feel it is a "violation of Iraq's sovereignty." The United States, which is mostly in charge of security in Iraq, has provided intelligence to the invading forces.
3. _____ Chaldean Catholic Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahho was found dead today outside the city of Mosul. He was kidnapped February 29 and was in poor health with high blood pressure and a heart condition. The kidnappers called the church revealing that Rahho was dead, and disclosed the location of his body. It is unclear if he was murdered or died of natural causes, but there is no obvious evidence of murder such as gunshot wounds or other violence. Local news reported that he was found beheaded. This kidnapping is one of several that targeted Christians in this state.
4. _____ Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah accused the nation of Israel for the death of Imad Mughniyeh on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. Today was the funeral for Mughniyeh, and also a memorial service for Rafik Hariri, a previous Prime Minister of this state, who was killed in 2005. At the funeral for Mughniyeh, Nasrallah spoke to the assembled crowd about Mughniyeh's death via television screen. He accused Israel of Mughniyeh's death, which Israel denies. Nasrallah has stated that there is now an "open war" between Hizbullah and Israel. Hizbullah is a political party in which state?
5. _____ A woman was arrested for being seen in public (in a Starbucks) in Jeddah with an unrelated man. The woman is a financial consultant opening a new branch, and when power to her building was temporarily out she and the male colleague went to the Starbucks for internet access. The religious police of this state, the Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice, arrested Yara and her colleague on the spot, transporting them both to prison.

In addition to the five states on the front, label these five states (which may include some from the front).

- OMA Oman
- QAT Qatar
- SYR Syria
- UAE United Arab Emirates
- YEM Yemen

Here is the map. Now, label those states from the front on this map.



To which state do these islands belong? _____