

ORG and RCSS Release Arabic Conflict Resolution Journal

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The Oxford Research Group (ORG) has published an Arabic language journal on conflict resolution in cooperation with the Regional Center for Strategic Studies (RCSS) in Cairo. Titled *Interconnected Trajectories: Managing Complicated Conflicts in the Middle East*, the journal was the outcome of a joint meeting between ORG and RCSS in Cairo in May 2015. This looked at conflict resolution challenges in a region increasingly affected by violence and conflict.

The journal includes several research articles written by experts from the region on the transformations in domestic conflicts after the Arab Spring. It contains detailed studies on several Middle East conflicts such as Libya, Syria and Yemen.

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The opening chapter focuses on the transformations in domestic conflicts after the Arab Spring in the Middle East, written by Dr Mohamed Ezz Al Arab an expert at the Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies.

The second chapter was written by Dr Mohamed Megahed Al-Zayat academic advisor for the RCSS and focuses on the changes in the armed conflict in Syria.

The third chapter by Dr Hamood Al Kadmi, a researcher on Yemen affairs, assesses the trajectories of the armed conflict in Yemen.

The fourth chapter focuses on the implications and efforts made for settlement in the Libyan conflict, written by Dr Khaled Hanafi, researcher in African Affairs at the *Al-Siyassa Al-Dawlia* magazine.

The fifth chapter was compiled by the RCSS regional relations unit and looks at the role played by international mediation efforts in the conflicts in the Middle East region.

The final chapter was written by Nita Yawanarajah a former staff member at the UN Mediation Support Unit and Head of the Commonwealth Secretariat's Good Offices Programme. Her chapter focuses on the politics of ceasefire mediation in domestic armed conflicts.

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