

Middle East Diplomacy & Emerging Alliances: Key Global Holiday Events & In

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1. The Abraham Accords, which normalized relations between Israel and several Arab nations, are set to mark their fifth anniversary on September 15, 2025. Which of the following countries was an original signatory to the Accords in September 2020?

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) United Arab Emirates**
- C) Qatar
- D) Oman

2. In March 2023, Iran and Saudi Arabia announced the resumption of diplomatic ties after a seven-year severance, brokered by China. This agreement followed several rounds of talks hosted by which neighboring country?

- A) Syria
- B) Turkey
- C) Iraq**
- D) Kuwait

3. Qatar has been actively involved in regional mediation efforts. In 2024, it partnered with Egypt and the United States to achieve what primary objective in the Gaza Strip?

- A) Facilitating a comprehensive peace treaty
- B) Mediating an immediate and lasting ceasefire**
- C) Organizing a regional economic summit
- D) Establishing a new governing body for Gaza

4. The UAE has significantly increased its investment and engagement in Africa. Between 2019 and 2024, the UAE invested approximately how much across the continent, positioning itself as a major foreign investor?

- A) \$10 billion
- B) \$50 billion
- C) \$110 billion**
- D) \$200 billion

5. Egypt has played a crucial role as a mediator in regional security challenges. In 2024, Egyptian officials were instrumental in advancing the implementation of which plan related to the Gaza conflict?

- A) The Arab Peace Initiative
- B) The Trump 20 Point Plan**
- C) The Oslo Accords
- D) The Geneva Conventions

6. The EU-GCC summit held in Brussels on October 16, 2024, highlighted shared interests. Which of the following was NOT explicitly mentioned as a key area of cooperation?

- A) Security
- B) Energy
- C) Space Exploration**
- D) Economic Cooperation

7. The Abraham Accords, signed in September 2020, represent a significant shift in Middle East diplomacy. Which of these was NOT an original signatory country in September 2020?

- A) Bahrain
- B) United Arab Emirates
- C) Israel
- D) Morocco**

8. Following the restoration of diplomatic ties in March 2023, incidents in 2023 and 2024 have indicated continued friction between Saudi Arabia and Iran, often stemming from regional competition. Which of the following is a notable area of contention?

- A) Maritime border disputes in the Gulf of Aden
- B) Control over Red Sea shipping lanes
- C) Influence in regional proxy conflicts**
- D) Disputes over water rights in the Euphrates River