

Middle East Flashpoints: Diplomacy, Development, and Disruption in June 2026

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1. On June 15, 2026, a preliminary diplomatic framework was announced between which two nations, aiming to end a war that began on February 28, 2026, and reopen the Strait of Hormuz?

- A) United States and Iran**
- B) Saudi Arabia and Iran
- C) Israel and Iran
- D) United States and Saudi Arabia

2. Which Middle Eastern country's Public Investment Fund (PIF) approved its 2026-2030 strategy in April 2026, emphasizing sustained value creation and strengthening domestic ecosystems?

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

3. As of early June 2026, the UAE has implemented Federal Decree-Law No. 11 on the Reduction of Climate Change Effects. What is the first major compliance deadline for organizations operating in the UAE under this law?

- A) May 30, 2026**
- B) June 15, 2026
- C) July 1, 2026
- D) April 1, 2026

4. According to an ACLED report from June 5, 2026, which regional conflict saw intensified fighting between Israel and Hezbollah amid US-Iran diplomatic efforts?

- A) Lebanon**
- B) Syria
- C) Gaza
- D) Yemen

5. In March 2026, the European Commission announced humanitarian aid for several Middle Eastern countries. Which of the following was NOT listed as a recipient of this aid?

- A) Kuwait**
- B) Palestine
- C) Lebanon
- D) Jordan

6. In May 2026, Jordan launched a global tourism campaign. What is a key focus of this initiative according to the Jordan Tourism Board?

- A) Showcasing archaeological landmarks, cultural heritage, and authentic local experiences**
- B) Promoting winter sports and ski resorts
- C) Expanding industrial tourism and manufacturing tours
- D) Developing a new national airline

7. Which country's high-tech sector, as per a June 2026 report, experienced a surge in venture capital investments by 30% compared to 2024, reaching a fundraising hub ranking of fourth globally?

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

8. In June 2026, Qatar hosted a variety of events as part of its 'Hala Summer' campaign. Which major athletics championship was a highlight of the month?

- A) Diamond League Championships**
- B) World Athletics Championships
- C) Qatar Grand Prix Athletics
- D) Asian Athletics Championships

9. Egypt inaugurated the New Delta project on May 17, 2026. Approximately how many kilometers of new roads were constructed as part of this project?

- A) 12,000 kilometers**
- B) 5,000 kilometers
- C) 20,000 kilometers
- D) 1,000 kilometers

10. In May 2026, Iran launched a new solar power plant in Khorasan Razavi province. What is the capacity of this particular plant?

- A) 12 megawatts**
- B) 50 megawatts
- C) 100 megawatts
- D) 500 megawatts

11. As of June 15, 2026, a significant development occurred in the Middle East when a memorandum of understanding was signed between Tehran and Washington. What major waterway was expected to reopen as a result?

A) Strait of Hormuz

B) Suez Canal

C) Bab-el-Mandeb Strait

D) Strait of Malacca

12. A new 'Middle Eastern quadrilateral' emerged in early 2026, consisting of four regional powers. Which country is NOT part of this quadrilateral formed to counterbalance Israel's designs and address shared security concerns?

A) Israel

B) Egypt

C) Pakistan

D) Türkiye