

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Personal

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**Nationality** British-Lebanese

## Education

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Date from–Date to</b>	<b>Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained</b>
Leicester University, UK	1985–1986	M.A. Mass Communication
Lebanese University, Beirut	1978–1983	B.A. Information and Documentation

## Language skills

<b>Competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1–excellent, 5–basic)</b>			
<b>Language</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Speaking</b>	<b>Writing</b>
English	1	2	2
Arabic	1	1	1

## Membership of professional bodies

Member of the National Union of Journalists, UK

## Other skills

Competent in the use of Microsoft Windows and Mac OS.

## Present Position

Media consultant and trainer

## Key qualifications

M.A. Mass Communication, 30 years in journalism. 8 years in media training and consultancy in 12 Arab newspapers and e-newspapers.

I have conducted in-depth coverage of the Arab World and Africa, with specialist experience in war, famine and conflict reporting. I worked as African Affairs and Maghreb Affairs Editor and established a network of correspondents. I have a deep understanding of the social, political and cultural climate in the Middle East and Africa.

## **Specific experience in the Middle East and Africa**

### **Saudi Arabia**

Quality Assurance Editor, Al-Watan newspaper, Jeddah, 2009–2012. Media Consultant to publisher, HRH Prince Bandar Bin Khaled El-Faisal

Trainer and consultant, Al-Watan newspaper 2008–2009

Training with British Council in Jeddah and Riyadh including training journalists in Al-Hayat Daily in coverage of social issues. 2007

Training with Tamkeen on Corporate Social Responsibility in 2010

Training with Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) in 2010

### **Morocco**

Training of university students to perform content analysis of the press coverage of Moroccan elections. 29 October–2 November 2007

### **Sudan/The Hague**

International Criminal Court at The Hague: training of 17 Sudanese journalists in the principles and practices of communicating justice and war crimes reporting. 1–5 October 2007

### **Oman**

Training senior journalists in the “Oman” and “Al-Shabiba” dailies. Editorial and column writing. 1–14 December 2006

### **Egypt**

Several reporting trips in the 1990s. Training 18–28 February 2007, Al-Badeel and Al-Masry El-Youm

### **Jordan**

Training and consultancy 20 July–25 November 2006, 5–15 March 2007, Al-Rai and Al-Ghad

### **Syria**

Training and consultancy: 2–23 November, 17–21 December 2006, 11–26 January, 18–22 March 2007, August 2010, Al-Thawra

### **Lebanon**

Print journalist 1978–1982. Training and consultancy: 27 January–1 February, 20–25 May 2007, Al-Safir

## **United Kingdom**

Training 13 journalists from Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinian Territories at the BBC, London, 1–13 July 2007

## **Algeria**

Reporting trips: 2 weeks July 1994, 1 week June 1999

## **Details of Previous Employment**

### **Quality Assurance Editor and Consultant to the publisher**

*Al-Watan Newspaper, Jeddah, 2008–2012*

Quality assurance, restructuring, training, consultancy. Newsroom procedures and workflow, launch of new newspaper design. Al-Watan Future project with Press Association in Howden, UK and Jeddah follow-up

### **Print media consultant and trainer**

*BBC World Service Trust, London, 2006–2008*

Print journalism training in the Middle East region, in particular:

- Content analysis and journalism training for Al-Hayat in Saudi Arabia, June 2007
- Journalism training for 8 other newspapers in Lebanon, Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Oman

Consultancy for development and restructuring of newspapers in the Arab World, in particular:

- Egypt: Al-Masry Al-Youm and Al-Badeel newspapers
- Jordan: Al-Rai and Al-Ghad including production of a style guide for both dailies
- Lebanon: As-Safir daily
- Syria: At-Thawra dailyAs-Safir daily

### **World Affairs Editor, Maghreb Editor, Trainer**

*Asharq Al-Awsat daily, London, 2004-2006*

Edited World Affairs section (1 year) and Maghreb Affairs print (6 months). Conducted in-house training of 3 journalists. Introduced two new correspondents and contributed to the Media, Iraq, Lebanon and Features pages.

## **African Affairs Editor and Arab Affairs Staff Writer**

*Al-Hayat Daily, London, 1988–2004*

Achievements from 1988–present:

- Interviewed ten Arab and African presidents and heads of state, a UN Secretary General and scores of Arab and African government officials and opposition leaders
- Reported from 15 different countries
- My exclusive news stories have been quoted in AFP, Reuters, BBC World Service, BBC Arabic Service, BBC Monitoring and BBC Online. My articles were republished in “*Courier International*” (France) and 8 Ethiopian dailies as well as American, Ethiopian and Somali websites
- Contributed on Africa for Arab and international radio and TV

I have established and managed a network of African correspondents in addition to field reporting in Africa. Specific achievements include:

- 2001** My 6 field reports from the Nuba Mountains, Sudan were sold by Al-Hayat to Al-Qabas, Kuwait and published simultaneously in both dailies
- 2001** The only Arab journalist to report from Sudanese oil fields controlled by SPLA rebels in Southern Sudan
- 1998** The only Arab and international journalist reporting from the disputed Hanish Islands, Red Sea, before international arbitration ruling
- 1997** Trained 16 Palestinian journalists in cooperation with “FOJO”, the Swedish Institute for Further Education of Journalists, and Beir Zeit University (26 January–1 February)
- 1996** The only Arab and international journalist who managed to board the plane carrying President Mobutu’s family when ousted from power in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo)
- 1996** Participated in a UNDP fact-finding trip to Yemen and Djibouti and reported for the UNDP magazine *Choices* (8–17 October)
- 1993** The only Arab journalist accompanying the arrival of US troops in Somalia
- 1991** The only Arab journalist reporting from Somaliland when it became a self-declared republic

**Arab Affairs journalist**

*At-Tadamon, London, 1987–1988*

**Casual Press Officer**

*Centre for Lebanese Studies, Oxford, 1986–1990*

Translated research papers, prepared press releases. Secured publications and established contacts with media in the UK and abroad

**Arab Affairs Journalist**

*As-Safir Daily, Beirut, 1982–1984*

Beat reporter

**Researcher**

*Arab Documentation Center, Beirut, 1980–1981*

Research in Arab Affairs and the African Project

**Librarian**

*Arab Documentation Center, Beirut, 1978–1980*

Established an information and documentation system for the Center

**Publications**

Monograph: *Abdel Kareem Al-Khalil: A profile and testimony*, 1995