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The League of Arab States, commonly known as the Arab League, is an intergovernmental organization of independent Arab states. It is the first such regional organization. The first discussion on establishing a form of common Arab cooperation or union was initiated by Egypt with Syria and Iraq, followed by consultation with other newly independent Arab states. After an initial meeting in 1944 and the approval of what is known as the Alexandria Declaration, the Arab League Charter was officially adopted in 1945 by seven newly independent Arab states: Egypt, Iraq, Transjordan (which became Jordan in 1946), Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria and North Yemen (which became Yemen after its unification with South Yemen). Today the Arab League has 22 member states. Its headquarters are in Cairo, Egypt. Summits and meetings of various ministerial councils, as well as other meetings, may be held in other locations. Taken from Open Society Foundations' Manual

Introduction

The League Of Arab States (Video Below)

BBC Profile: Arab League

Arab League Fast Facts

The Arab League – Council on Foreign Relations

League of Arab States – International Democracy Watch

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Arab Charter on Human Rights (Adopted 1994)

Member States

Algeria
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria

Bahrain
Foreign Policy of Bahrain

Comoros
Government of Comoros (in French)

Djibouti
Government of Djibouti (in French)

Egypt
Government of Egypt
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt
Egypt and the Arab League

Iraq
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iraq

Jordan
Government of Jordan

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Jordan

Kuwait
Government of Kuwait

Lebanon
Government of Lebanon

Libya
A Quick Guide to Libya's Main Players
Libyan Websites (Temehu)

Mauretania
Government of Mauritania (in French)

Morocco
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Morocco

Oman
Government of Oman
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman

Palestine
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Palestine
Fatah – International Relations Commission
 Hamas

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Arab League summit: The organisation's long history with the Palestinian cause – Naser Al Wasmi, The National

Qatar
Government of Qatar
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar

Saudi Arabia
Government of Saudi Arabia
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia

Somalia
Somalia country profile – BBC

Sudan
Sudan Country Profile – BBC
Sudan: Government – globalEDGE

Syria
Syria country profile – BBC
National Coalition of Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces

Tunisia
Government of Tunisia

United Arab Emirates

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Government of the United Arab Emirates
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the UAE

Yemen
Government of Yemen (in Arabic)

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