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Professional Experience

ETANA Syria

Amman, Jordan

Research Manager, July 2019 – Present

- Researching and producing an array of deliverables including area and stakeholder profiles, atmospheric updates, thematic reports and requests for information (RFIs) for diplomatic and humanitarian policy makers covering security, economic, political and humanitarian dynamics across the whole of Syria.
- Presenting briefings for US and European government officials covering humanitarian, security, political and economic developments across Syria, with an emphasis on providing clear information to experts and non-experts alike.
- Conducting and facilitating meetings in Arabic with research and graphic design staff throughout report-writing and research process.
- Synthesizing Arabic-language databases, reports and research documents into English-language studies and reports.

Syria Direct

Amman, Jordan

Senior Reporter, October 2016 – May 2019

- Led editorial meetings with junior reporters and trainees, assisting them with developing and designing reports and articles. All such meetings were conducted in Arabic.
- Researching and writing articles and investigative reports on Syria, drawing from a wide array of sources and interviewees both in Syria and abroad.
- Developed and presented several training sessions for Syrian and international staff in Arabic focused on open-source research, geolocation and data collection. Other training sessions included professional development and resume classes for Syrian trainees prior to graduation.
- Developed and presented briefings on key trends to diplomatic and humanitarian personnel.

AlBawaba Middle East

Amman, Jordan

Bridge Editor/Content Writer, February 2016 – October 2016

- Pitched, researched and wrote articles and photo galleries for publication on AlBawaba English.
- Monitored Arabic-language news and social media trends and developed English-language content relevant to AlBawaba's foreign readership.
- Translated Arabic content and news into English.

Health Point Foundation

Mytilini, Greece

Interpreter, December 2015 – January 2016

- Interpreted between Arabic and English for medical professionals treating Syrian and Iraqi refugees on the Greek island of Lesbos.
- Assisted Arabic-speaking refugees on Lesbos to register as asylum seekers in Europe and provided humanitarian assistance to refugees in transit.

Education

Qasid Institute

Amman, Jordan

September 2015 – March 2016

- Courses: Modern Standard Arabic, Media Arabic, Levantine Arabic

Bethlehem University

Bethlehem, Palestinian Territories

June 2015 – July 2015

- Courses: Colloquial Palestinian Arabic

Western Michigan University

September 2013 – June 2015

Kalamazoo, MI

- Major: Arabic
- Overall GPA: 3.74
- Courses: Arabic Literature, Modern Standard Arabic, Middle Eastern Politics, English Linguistics, Shakespearean Literature

Henry Ford Community College

August 2010 – May 2013

Kalamazoo, MI

- Courses: Modern Standard Arabic, Drama & Theater, Astronomy, History

Selected Publications

[‘Divide and Conquer: The Growing Hezbollah Threat to the Druze’](#) (2019, October 21). Middle East Institute. Retrieved from mei.edu

Clark, J., & Nofal, W. (2018, November 15). [‘We don’t even know if he’s alive’: Despite promises of reconciliation, rebels and former opposition figures disappear.](#) Syria Direct. Retrieved from syriadirect.org

Clark, J., & Nassar, A. (2019, March 18). [‘Is it safe to go home?’ Amid promises of amnesty in Syria, defectors abroad weigh their options.](#) Syria Direct. Retrieved from syriadirect.org

[‘Despair and Decay: East Ghouta After 18 Months of Renewed Regime Rule’](#) (2019, November 14). Retrieved from mei.edu

Skills

Translation
Microsoft Office
Statistics
Geolocation

OSINT tools
WordPress
Adobe Photoshop
Interpretation

Languages

Modern Standard Arabic (ACTFL Superior)
Levantine Arabic (Full Professional Proficiency)

Professional References

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