

## News & Media



### [Appeal to King Abdullah to Release Shiite Prisoners and Lift the Ban on Congregational Prayers](#)

Shiite citizens in Khobar appealed King Abdullah Al Saud to lift the ban on performing congregational prayers in their closed mosques, and release the detainees who were arrested because of performing congregational prayers in their houses. Saudi Shiites, in their appeal, wrote "we raise our appeal to your dignitary, our..."

[More](#)



### [Sheikh Alsaffar Reviews Annual Report](#)

On Friday, March 19th, 2010, Sheikh Hasan Alsaffar Office in Qatif held a celebration for the fifth year in a row to review the annual report of Sheikh Alsaffar's activities in 2009. The celebration was attended by huge numbers of participants of clerics, businessmen, intellectuals, chairmen of charitable societies, cultural...

[More](#)



### [Statement of Sayyed Mohammad AlNasir](#)

Following is a translation of a statement by Sayyed Mohammad Baqir AlNasir, a prominent Shiite religious leader in Khobar, east of Saudi Arabia, in response of closing four Shiite mosques by the order of the Governor of the Eastern Province. In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful, Allah Almighty said...

[More](#)

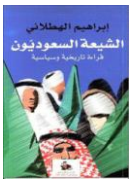


### [Saudi MOCI Honors Althulatha Forum](#)

On Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, Dr. AbdulAziz Khoujah, the Minister of Culture and Information (MOCI) in Saudi Arabia, inaugurated the fourth Riyadh International Book Fair, on behalf of King Abdullah bin AbdulAziz Al Saud. This event, which was attended by many Saudi and non-Saudi officials and intellectuals, involved...

[More](#)

## Book Reviews



### [Saudi Shiites; Historical and Political Reading](#)

Riad El-Rayyes Books in Beirut, Lebanon, published a new book by the Saudi researcher and journalist, Ibrahim AlHatlani, entitled "Saudi Shiites; Historical and Political Reading". Ibrahim AlHatlani, in his book, shows two different views that are adopted by Sunnis and Shiites in particular and by Saudis in...

[More](#)



### [Pluralism and Liberty in Islam](#)

Recently, Center of Civilization for the Development of Islamic Thought in Beirut released a book titled "Pluralism and Liberty in Islam" by Sheikh Hasan Alsaffar. In this four-chapters book, Alsaffar explores the concepts of liberty and pluralism in Islam, and clears how Islam supports dialogue and freedom of...

[More](#)

## Articles



### [Lights on Cultural Scene in Qatif](#)

Cultural movement in Qatif has deep roots in history. Human beings settled in this region before more than five thousands years ago, and the region witnessed eras of cultural awareness in ancient times. Its distinctive geographic location which lies by the Gulf coast and its communications with religious and...

[More](#)