

## 2007 Corruption Perceptions Index Regional Highlights: Middle East

The 2007 Corruption Perceptions Index includes 14 countries from the Middle East region.

This year's results make clear that corruption and lack of transparency still constitute a very important challenge for the development of the region.

For many countries in the Middle East, increased debate about corruption reflects slow but steady progress on legal reform. Among the Arab countries that ratified the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) are **Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, United Arab Emirates** and **Yemen**. **Jordan**, in particular, has emerged as a leader in spearheading efforts to promote the UNCAC, and is the only Arab country volunteering for an UNCAC pilot review. Others in the region are lagging behind in implementation.

Country Rank	Regional Country Rank	Country /Territory	CPI Score 2007	Confidence Intervals	Surveys Used
30	1	Israel	6.1	5.6 - 6.7	6
32	2	Qatar	6.0	5.4 - 6.4	4
34	3	United Arab Emirates	5.7	4.8 - 6.5	5
46	4	Bahrain	5.0	4.2 - 5.7	5
53	5	Oman	4.7	3.9 - 5.3	4
53	5	Jordan	4.7	3.8 - 5.6	7
60	7	Kuwait	4.3	3.3 - 5.1	5
79	8	Saudi Arabia	3.4	2.7 - 3.9	4
99	9	Lebanon	3.0	2.2 - 3.6	4
131	10	Yemen	2.5	2.1 - 3.0	5
131	10	Libya	2.5	2.1 - 2.6	4
131	10	Iran	2.5	2.0 - 3.0	4
138	13	Syria	2.4	1.7 - 2.9	4
178	14	Iraq	1.5	1.3 - 1.7	4

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