

# OPINION and ANALYSIS

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A selection of some of the more challenging and thought-provoking  
local and international writings on the Middle East

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1. ***Tariq Alhomayed***      **Preoccupying the Saudis**

These days, Iran is attempting to undermine the Saudis by specifically focusing on petroleum.

2. ***Niva Lanir***      **World looks at Israel as it looked at Apartheid-era South Africa**

The world is not interested in Israel's housing and bureaucratic problems, or in the achievements of its students in mathematics. The world is looking at how the only democracy in the Middle East conducts itself in the occupied territories.

3. ***George Friedman***      **How a Libyan no-fly zone could backfire**

Calls are growing for a no-fly zone over Libya, but a power or coalition of powers willing to enforce one remains elusive. In evaluating such calls, it is useful to remember that in war, Murphy's Law always lurks. What can go wrong will go wrong, in Libya as in Iraq or Afghanistan.

4. ***Elza S Maalouf***      **Arab-Style Democracy: The answer to the post dictatorship era**

To help shape the newly liberated Middle East, we must look at what type of institutions must be created to harness the dreams of the people demonstrating on the streets and co-design for their emergence.

5. ***Jose-Ramos Horta***      **Reflections on a visit to Israel and Palestine**

Palestinians in the West Bank are far ahead of most Sub-Sahara African states, and indeed well ahead of my own country, in economic well-being and the development of the State institutions.

## 47<sup>th</sup> SAZF CONFERENCE

**26/27 March 2011 -**

At the opening Gala Event evening on **Saturday 26 March**, guest speakers are Professor Alan Dershowitz, Felix Frankfurter professor of Law, Harvard Law School, and John Howard, who was prime minister of Australia from 1996 to 2007 and always a great friend of Israel.

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March conference proceedings** will consist of a number of different sessions. Speakers for the day include Colonel Richard Kemp CBE, British Army colonel between 1977 and 2006, during which time he was also Commander of the British Forces in Afghanistan; Steven McQueen, a former South African diplomat who served in Tel Aviv and is now a consultant to various political and diplomatic bodies; Paula Slier, well-known journalist based in Israel and working for Russia TV; Professor Alan Dershowitz; Dr Danny Lamm, President of the Executive Council of Australia and immediate past president of the Zionist Council of Victoria; DJ Schneeweiss, responsible for coordinating MFA strategy and action to counter boycott initiatives; and Ofer Dahan, formerly Director of the Israel Centre and now in Israel with the Jewish Agency. Enquiries and bookings on 011 645 2505 or [froma@beyachad.co.za](mailto:froma@beyachad.co.za)

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