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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. *Clare Lopez* Islamic law conquering the West

The jihadist drivers of the Islamic movement seek the re-establishment of the caliphate and global imposition of Islamic law.

2. *Gerald Steinberg & Anne Herzberg* The UN's Integral Role in Palestinian Rejectionism

For decades, the Palestinians, backed by the Arab League and the institutionally powerful Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), have exploited the UN and other international institutions to avoid the compromises necessary for a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

3. *Meir Javedanfar* Why civil war in Syria would serve Iran well

If and when the Bashar al-Assad regime falls in Syria, it is possible that the fighting will end and a single body will manage the country's affairs until elections take place. But it's also possible that there will be chaos or even civil war. If this happens, there will be fighting between the minority ruling Alawites and the majority Sunni population.

4. *Jacques Neriah* Will the armed forces retain power in Egypt?

Egypt's Emergency Law gives state security forces the power to control elections, conduct arbitrary detentions and military tribunals, and even carry out torture. In fact, the government can do anything it wants to in the name of public order.

5. *Dennis Prager* The Palestinians' Jew-Free history

The crux of the problem in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is that most Palestinians want Israel to cease to exist.

6. *Trevor Norwitz* The Importance of the Palmer Report

The Palmer report upholds the Israeli position on all of the important legal elements regarding the flotilla incident.

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