## Borders and Geo-strategic Issues in the Arab Mashreq Region

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## Abstract

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The importance of this research is to find appropriate ways to invest the border in the territory of the Levant in order to achieve benefits economic, political and geo-strategic to the region instead of the discord and conflict created by the border between the countries in the region since its inception in the first quarter of the twentieth century. The borders in the Arab Mashreq Region were a result of the Western conspiracy in the midst of fighting on the colonies, and the borders limits imposed by force on the peoples of the region after the First World War, where the standards typical in the natural demarcation of the border between the countries of the region were not applied. It is they go back to the colonial political reference, such as the Convention Sykes-Picot the included sharing the territory between Britain and France and the Balfour Declaration containing the abolition of Palestine to give it as a national homeland for Jews in the world. The maritime borders are the most controversial borders because of its strategic and economic importance and vitality they an also the oldest and least defined. Most of the borders in the region the limit forced by demarcations done between two points and two clear straight lines, especially in arid and semi-arid areas. Borders can be hotbeds of the current development and joint cooperation in the sites that were monitored in the political map of the Arab Mashreq Region.

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