Media Arabic
An Essential Vocabulary

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INTRODUCTION

The ability to access Media Arabic – the language of printed or broadcast news items – has become increasingly important in the light of recent developments in the Middle East. Consequently, the need for a ‘quick-fix’ vocabulary of Media Arabic is greater than ever. Arabic dictionaries are not equipped to deal with Media Arabic which involves many new coinages to express contemporary concepts (for example, multi-culturalism, anti-aircraft missile, globalisation). While English-speaking students can deduce some terms from Arabic to English by thinking laterally (for example, ministerial straightening equals cabinet reshuffle, the falsification of elections equals election-rigging), this is a much more hit-and-miss process when attempted from English to Arabic. Until now, getting to know the Arabic for common contemporary media terminology has necessitated a long period of familiarisation with the Arabic media. This book is designed to help undergraduates, postgraduates, governmental, military, diplomatic and business personnel bypass this lengthy process.

This book aims to supply the core vocabulary of Media Arabic in a logical format to provide easy reference and easy-to-learn lists testing both Arabic to English and English to Arabic. Familiarisation with this book will furnish the reader with an invaluable knowledge of the key vocabulary components essential to comprehend, translate, write and speak contemporary Media Arabic. Whilst independently useful, this book is best used in conjunction with Julia Ashtiany’s excellent Media Arabic (EUP, 1993), a coursebook which sets the vocabulary in context and teaches students to manipulate typical Media Arabic structures and formats.
This book comprises eight sections, organised by topic: General; Politics; Elections; Military; Economics; Trade and Industry; Law and Order; and Disaster and Aid. The initial General section comprises vocabulary pertaining to reports, statements, sources and common media idioms of a general nature. Prepositions and idiomatic time expressions are listed only where particular variations arise in Media Arabic. For example, ‘day’, ‘week’ and so on are excluded whereas ‘in the long term’, ‘in the near future’ are included. Generally, basic vocabulary such as would be acquired during elementary grammatical training is excluded. The General and Politics sections are naturally the longest, since much of this vocabulary is also used in media discussions concerning the Military, Economics, Trade and Industry and so on. Vocabulary is not repeated except where this forms part of an expression to produce a new meaning. Expressions have been excluded where the reader has the information to assemble these logically. For example, ‘intelligence’ and ‘military’ are both supplied as general media vocabulary items in the General section, therefore ‘military intelligence’ does not feature as a separate entry in the Military section.

Each section has its own internal logic. For example, the Politics section begins with common political acronyms and organisations followed by political systems, descriptors of political stance, political bodies and organisations, political offices and roles, geographical entities, and so on. Direct subtitles for groupings within each section have been avoided since not all vocabulary items can be neatly categorised beyond the broad section title. Within each logical grouping, alphabetical order has purposely been avoided since this has a negative impact on the learning of vocabulary lists. Lastly, this book does not claim to be exhaustive and the choice of vocabulary is necessarily to some extent subjective. However, every effort has been made to select the most useful and/or common vocabulary items.

Notes on the formal presentation

The Arabic is vocalised to ensure correct pronunciation and entrench in the mind the vocalisation patterns of certain structures. However, short vowels are not supplied where:
- a fatha precedes a long alif or a ta’ marbuta
- a kasra precedes a long ya
- a damma precedes a long waw

The pronunciation of sun and moon letters is assumed knowledge and has not been marked.

End vowels have not been supplied where they are not generally pronounced or where they vary for case.

In general, Arabic nouns are supplied in both the singular and plural; the plural is printed after the comma.

A circular ha is shown to indicate the location of the direct object in cases where verbs take prepositions after the direct object.

Where ‘+ idafah’ is written in the text, this indicates that the Arabic must be followed by the genitive construction.

First form verbs

These have been supplied in the form of the basic stem (past tense masculine singular) followed by the present tense (masculine singular with the middle vowel marked) and the masdar (verbal noun). The middle vowel of the past tense has only been supplied where this is not a fatha. Where two short vowels are marked with the same letter, this indicates that both are possible.
Derived forms of the verb

These have been supplied only in the form of the basic stem (past tense masculine singular), since present tense vocalisation and masdars are predictable for derived forms of the verb. The present tense and masdars have been supplied only where the spelling of the verb changes significantly (for example, the present tense of second form first radical hamza verbs), where a separate vocabulary item is intended, or where the word is commonly misvocalised.

Abbreviations

s.t. something
do. someone
pl. plural
lit. literally

1. GENERAL

the media
the press
press agency
journalist
newspaper
interview
press conference
source
informed sources
sources close to
reliable/trusted sources
high-level sources
anonymity
to say
it was/is said
to add
to continue

continued, to carry on (lit. not to cease)

to go on to say
to mention, recall
to confirm

to refuse, deny, repudiate
to deny
to rule out;
to regard as unlikely
to state

to express
to declare, announce

to claim

to communicate, convey
to state, quote, convey
to present one’s opinions

to notify, inform s.o. of s.t.
to tell, inform s.o. about s.t.
to tell s.o. s.t.
to answer, respond to s.o.
interrogate, examine
inquire, ask s.o. about
ask
indicate, point to
hint at, allude to
suggest, propose
assume, presume
impose upon s.o. s.t.
insist on
survey, review
define
concentrate, focus on
emphasise, stress
allow, permit s.o. s.t.
advise
consult
to stipulate
to demand, request
worth mentioning is
the fact that
warn s.o. about
be cautious, wary of
doubt, suspect
avoid
praise
criticise
evaluate
raise doubts about
the burden of proof falls on
admit, confess
expose, reveal
to show, prove
أَظُهَرَ
to show, demonstrate
أَظُهَرَ
to harm the image of
إِلَى صُورَةٍ
اكتُشفَ
to discover
to reflect
to guarantee
to make a phone call to
شَارَكَ فِي
to participate in
to contribute to
to play a role in
سُبُبَ
to cause
أَنْتَجَ
to cause, provoke, give rise to
dأَثَّرُ يُنْيِرُ إِثَارَةً
to provoke, incite, arouse
dأَثْرُ يُؤَثِّرُ تأثِّرًا
to influence
tأَثْرُ
to be influenced
dأُدُوِّي تَأْدِيَةً إِلَيْ
to lead to

أَعْمَلُ عَنْ
to result in
مُهَدَّ الْطَرِيقَ
to pave the way
رَجَعُ يَرْجَعُ رَجْعُ إِلَى
to go back to, stem from
tَتْبِيِّنَة
as a result of (+ idafah)
بِسِبْبَ
to impress
tَبَيِّنَة
to be impressed
بَحْثَ يَبْحَثُ بَحْثُ هُ إِنْ
to explore, investigate;
to discuss
tَبَحْثَ
to discuss
بَحْثَ
to exchange (e.g. views)
tَبَاذَلَ
to cooperate
tَتَعاَوَنَ
to treat, deal with s.t.
tَتَعاَوَنَ
to treat, deal with s.o.
ثَمَلُ يَشَمَلُ ثَمَلُ 
شَمَول

to incorporate,
take in, include
أَنْضُمَ
to comprise, include
أَنْضُمَ إِلَى
to join
وُجْهَةَ النِّظَرٍ، -أَتَ النَّظَرُ
point of view
context
area, field
" 
" 
level, plane
method, way
" 
means
" 
" (+ idafah)
" (+ verb)
in the manner of,
on the pattern of (+ idafah)
whether
publicly
in the framework of (+ idafah)
on the basis of (+ idafah)

instead of
other than, besides (+ idafah)
in exchange for; in relation to,
in comparison with
including
on the other hand

باً في ذلك
على صعيد آخر
من جهة أخرى
من ناحية أخرى
من جانب آخر
فما يتعلق ب
من ناحية

بالتقييم إلى
نظرًا إلى ل
في هذا الصدد
وجه، وجه/وجه
إياء، تجاهم
لا يجب أن... طالما أن

it doesn't have to... as long as
General

• to some extent
to the extent that
equally
for the sake of (+ idafah)
thanks to (+ idafah)
mere, pure (+ idafah)
meaning that

• meaning that

• on the international stage
in various parts of the world
all over the world
possibility
eventuality, probability
it is likely/probable that
it is possible that
it is clear that
it is anticipated that
it is expected that

• it is necessary to
• it is necessary to
• it is necessary to
• it is necessary to

• it is inconceivable that
• it is not inconceivable that
• it is inevitable/essential that

• decision
UN resolution
agenda
plan, project
plan
declaration, announcement
statement, declaration,
communique, manifesto

• statement
indication, sign
information (Arabic pl.)
telecommunications
intelligence (Arabic pl.)
investigation
report, account
analysis
explanation, clarification
elucidation, explanation
argumentation, justification
justification, vindication
description
matter; order
issue, affair, matter, question

occurrence, incident
event, occurrence
chain of events
occasion, opportunity
opportunity
matter, affair
position
position, stance

circumstance, state, condition

impasse, predicament
date; appointment
date; history
intention, aim
aim, objective
target, aim, goal
ambition
aiming at
result
upshot, outcome
consequence, outcome
impediment, obstacle
influence
cause, reason
cause, factor
General

• justification, excuse
• motive
dynamics (Arabic pl.)
• factor
element
• fact; reality, truth

Adjectives

political
cultural
religious
social
agricultural
intellectual
economic
financial
military
official
unofficial
civil
advisory
popular
national, people's (i.e. of the people)
UN (adj.)
commercial
industrial; artificial
regional
local
professional
administrative
emotional
fundamental, basic
structural
negative
positive
optimistic
pessimistic
practical
theoretical
oral
written
factual, actual;
  efficient; practical
real
realistic, real
completely untrue
ordinary
implicated, concerned,
  involved
partial
far-reaching
  comprehensive
  entire, complete
  firm, solid
  guaranteed
  unprecedented
hitherto known as
  famous, well-known
  prominent
  specific
  distinct
  private, special
  general, public
various
different
just
balanced
responsible
irresponsible
harmful to
degenerate, weak
spurious, forged
complicated, complex
cautious
legitimate
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<td>prevailing</td>
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<td>current, widespread,</td>
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<td>universal</td>
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<td>overwhelming</td>
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<td>compatible with</td>
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**Time expressions**

- in the long term
- in the short term
- as quickly as possible
- as soon as possible
- former
- past
- present, current
- future, forthcoming
- existing, existent
- recent; final
- final
- imminent
permanent
temporary, interim
fleeting
continuously
recently; finally
soon
usually
rarely
often
sometimes
at the same time,
simultaneously
in the near future
during
before
shortly before
after
shortly after
in the wake of (+ idafa)
subsequently
as soon as
meanwhile
GMT (Greenwich Mean Time)
2. POLITICS

GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council)

UN (United Nations)
The (UN) General Assembly

UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation)

EU (European Union)

NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation)

IAEA (International Atomic Energy Authority)

PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organisation)

the Arab League

the Muslim League

OIC (the Organisation of the Islamic Conference)

the Muslim Brotherhood
Politics

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WJC (the World Jewish Congress)
the Knesset
the Islamic Salvation Front
OAU (the Organisation of African Unity)
the Security Council
the Five Permanent Member States of the Security Council
the international community
Axis of Evil
Greenpeace
the Red Cross
the Red Crescent
Amnesty International
the Labour Party
the Conservative Party
the Liberals
the Democrats
the Republicans
the Right
the Left
the political apparatus
conservatism
liberalism
pluralism
multi-culturalism
anti-semitism
capitalism
socialism
communism
totalitarianism
feudalism
neo-Nazism
Zionism
racism
terrorism
extremism
pluralism
multi-culturalism
factionalism
separatism
sectarianism
fundamentalism
self-rule, autonomy
self-determination
one-party system
multi-party system
decentralised rule
constitutional monarchy
socialist
totalitarian
communist
capitalist
fundamentalist
Zionist
secularist
separatist
sectarian

fractional
constitutional
unconstitutional
democratic
electoral
tribal
racial
extremist
radical, bigot
hard-line
revolutionary
right-wing
left-wing, leftist
neutral
union
colony, confederation, league
(state of) alliance
council
society, club, assembly
network
bloc
front
committee, commission, board, council
board, council, commission
opposition
resistance
party
ruling party
wing
government
caretaker/interim government
transition government, provisional government
leadership ranks
parliament
the political headquarters
palace
court (royal)
organisation
establishment, foundation
authority
the authorities
interim authority
rule
regime
leadership
delagation
team, crew
team of mediators
delegate, envoy
delegate, agent, representative
representative
official
high-ranking officials
inspector
eyewitness
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<td>president</td>
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<td>وزير، وزراء</td>
<td>minister</td>
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<td>رئيس الوزراء</td>
<td>prime minister (PM)</td>
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<td>منصب رئيسة الوزراء</td>
<td>the office of prime minister</td>
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<td>نائب، نواب</td>
<td>member of parliament (MP), delegate</td>
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<td>سياسي، -ون</td>
<td>politician</td>
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<td>قائد، قواد، قادة</td>
<td>leader</td>
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<td>زعيم، زعيم</td>
<td>authority (e.g. cleric)</td>
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<td>consultant</td>
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<td>analyst</td>
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<td>خبير، خبراء</td>
<td>expert</td>
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<td>specialist, expert</td>
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<td>observer; censor</td>
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<td>critic</td>
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<td>counterpart, peer</td>
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<td>rebel, insurgent, revolutionary</td>
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<td>dissident</td>
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<td>terrorist</td>
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<td>enemy</td>
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<td>public enemy number one</td>
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<td>supporter</td>
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<td>sympathiser</td>
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<td>ناشط، مُنشط، -ون</td>
<td>activist</td>
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<td>settler</td>
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<td>مساعد، -ون</td>
<td>aide, associate</td>
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<td>مُشجِّع، -ون</td>
<td>pessimist</td>
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<td>مُتقَلِّل، -ون</td>
<td>optimist</td>
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<td>عضو، أعضاء</td>
<td>member</td>
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<td>عضوية، -ة</td>
<td>membership</td>
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<td>رهينة، رهائن</td>
<td>hostage</td>
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<td>ملك، ملك</td>
<td>king</td>
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<td>ملكة، -ات</td>
<td>queen</td>
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<td>عاهل، عواهل</td>
<td>monarch</td>
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<td>ولي العهد</td>
<td>Crown Prince</td>
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His Majesty

sultan

prince

governor, ruler

Guardian of the Two Holy Shrines (i.e. Saudi king)

ambassador

secretary general

spokesperson

"pioneer

republic

dœlœ, dœlœ

nation, homeland

a people

"quœmœ, quœlœmœ

country

developing countries

developing (lit. backward) countries

developed countries
dœlœ predecessor
dœlœ national
capital (geographical)
the Superpowers
dœlœ Gulf States
the Occupied Territories
the West Bank
the Gaza Strip
the Occupation
(refugee) camp
settlements
human rights
dœlœ political
equœtœ state
"equœtœ political
equœtœ state
"Mœrsœhœ legitimacy

tœuœtœ general
tœuœtœ constitution
dœlœ draft bill, charter; document
act, decree
null
negotiations
talks, discussions
consultation
discussion
initiative
choice, option
suggestion
advice
reaction
measures
exceptional measures
innovations, recent measures
to exert effort

appreciation of/for
bilateral relations
trilateral relations
multi-lateral relations
the normalisation of relations
to resume/cut diplomatic relations with
pressure
tension
hesitation
progress
backwardness
the status quo
decline, slump, breakdown

independence
unity

revolution
revolt, coup

state of emergency
assassination attempt
allegation
abuse, insult, bickering
disapproval, horror
safety valve
sectarian rivalries
withdrawal, dissolution;
retirement, resignation
to encounter, face
to revolt
to demonstrate
to resist
to oppose
to reject, refute, refuse
to fight, struggle
" 
" 
" 
" 
" 
to prevent s.t./s.o. from

to sow the seeds of conflict
to contend, compete for
to fall, collapse
to topple the regime
to hand over power/authority
to transfer power to
to reinstate democracy
to take over, control
to overwhelm, overcome
to seize, overcome, terrorise
to dominate, control, seize
to suppress, repress
to harass
to suspend
to remove, sideline, get rid of
to marginalise
to abolish
to dismiss

" to renew

to dissolve itself

to disband s.t.

to withdraw from

to break away, secede,
    split off from

to disintegrate, break up

وضع يُضعَ وضع حدًا ل

to put an end to

انتهى

to end s.t.

انتهى

to end (intransitive)

أُفْسَحَ المجال

to clear the way

أغتال يُغتال اغتال

to assassinate

أُخْطَف

to take hostage, abduct

انتهى إلى

to belong to

أُوْسَكَ على

to be on the point of

عقد يُعقد عقد

to convene, hold (meeting)

to be convened

أُجِرَى يُجِرُى إجراء

to hold (talks)

to arrange

استُدُفَ

to resume

جدد

to attend, be present

حضر يحضر حضور

استمر

to last

استمر

to continue

أجَل يُوجِل تاجيل

أخير يُؤخر تأخير

تأخر

to delay, postpone

" to be delayed

استقبل

to receive (visitor)

النَّقِى ب

to meet with

قام يقوم قام بِرحلة

to take/make a trip

قام بزيارة رسميَّة

بدعوة من

سافر

to pay a state/official visit

at the invitation of

to travel

وصل يُصل وصول إلى

بلغ يبلغ بلَوغ

to arrive in

غادر

to reach

عاد يعود عودة

to depart

رجع يرجع رجوع

to return
to head for
on his way back from
at the end of his visit to
to conclude a visit
to accompany
"to send
to present, offer
to hand over
to award, grant, confer
to obtain, receive
to get hold of, obtain
to receive, obtain, take
to agree on
"to sign
to decide, resolve

to settle, decide
to settle
to keep one's options open
to rule out an option
to form, shape
to set up, erect, hold
to found, establish
to stabilise, secure
to entrench
to strengthen
to support
to support s.o.
to encourage s.o. to do s.t.
to lean towards, favour
to call on s.o. to
to develop s.t.
to develop (intransitive)
to promote, develop s.t.
to grow, develop (intransitive)

منَمَّي

to expand s.t.

ويَسْعِ

to expand (intransitive)

تَوَسَّع

to change, transform s.t.

حَوَّلَ/عَيْر

to change (intransitive)

تَحَوَّلَ/تَغَيَّر

to improve s.t.

تَحَسَّن

to improve (intransitive)

تَحَسَّن

to undertake

قَامْ يَقُومُ قِيَامً

أَدَّى يَدْيِرُ إِدَارَة

اتَّخَذَ

to adopt (e.g. measures)

اتَّقِنَ

to embrace (doctrine; person)

وَجَهَهُ إِلَى

to orientate s.t. towards

أَشْرَفَ عَلَى

to supervise,

أَشْرَفَ عَلَى

oversee, watch over

رَأَب

to observe, watch, censor

مُحَصَّن

to scrutinise

دْقَٕق

to become a reality

اتَّقَبَ أَمَراً وَاقعً

طَرَأ يَطْرَأ طَرَأً طُروء عَلَى

to befall, happen to s.o.
turning point

to be exemplary/a byword

to impose sanctions

to lift sanctions

to seek political asylum

prevention of

to link, unite

to be linked to

to be related to

to fluctuate between

to put pressure on

to moderate, diminish, ease

to fade, dwindle, diminish

to snatch the limelight

to suffer from

to be afflicted by (Arabic passive)

3. ELECTIONS

election

by-elections

general elections

presidential elections

early elections

opinion poll

ballot

vote of confidence

campaign

candidate

independent candidate

personality

image

reputation

notoriety

popularity

a decline in popularity

contending parties
loyalty to non-voters
registered voters
the electorate
seat
casted votes
victory
election-rigging
free and fair elections
the most widespread party
the fastest-growing party
propaganda
to hold elections
to delay elections
to cancel elections
to vote
to abstain from
to gain, win votes
to win a landslide victory
to secure an overwhelming majority
to take up the reins of government
to come to power
to appoint
4. MILITARY

the military
army
the armed forces
the troops
military staff
soldier
civilian
the infantry (Arabic pl.)
sailor
marine
airman, pilot
paratrooper
sniper
hero
ally, confederate
general (rank); flag
chief of staff
rank, grade
air force
ground forces
reserves
commando, special troop
light/mobile task force
combat troops
peacekeeping forces
the Allied Forces
defence force
strike force
deterrent force
cell, squad
execution squad, firing squad
patrol
(military) unit
squadron
battalion
weapon
small arms
ammunition
parachute
arsenal
nuclear weapons
precision weapons
weapons of mass destruction (WMD)
missile, rocket
anti-aircraft missile
decoy missile
cruise missile
surface-to-air missile
long-/short-range missile
intercontinental ballistic missile
rocket/missile launcher
torpedo
bomb
explosive device
explosives
hand grenade
nuclear bomb
atomic bomb
cluster bomb
incendiary bomb
mortar bomb
mine
bullet
gun
revolver
machine gun
sub-machine gun
automatic rifle
ballistic weapon
(piece of) artillery
artillery fire
rocket fire
shrapnel (Arabic pl.)
radiation
explosion
blast
bombardment, shelling
precision bombing
preemptive strike
use of force
air cover
no-fly zone
armoured personnel carrier
tank
bulldozer
helicopter
anti-aircraft submarine
aircraft carrier
fighter aircraft
destroyer
warship, frigate

gunboat
torpedo boat
fleet
military base
headquarters (HQ)
strategic point
combat zone
nuclear-free zone
nuclear proliferation
centrifugal system
enrichment of uranium
war (Arabic fem.)
civil war
guerilla warfare

at war
theatre of war
field of operations
manoeuvre
reconnaissance
parade
battle
danger
safety
ceasefire
disarmament; demilitarisation
acts of violence
acts of sabotage
suicide bombing
car bomb
(lit. booby-trapped car)
massacre
genocide
death; battleground
murder, killing
beheading
military intervention
injury
funeral (procession)
victim
wounded, injured (person)
dead (person)
captured (person), prisoner
detainee
suicide bomber
surprise attack, raid
ground offensive, land attack
amphibious attack
terrorist attack
armed attack on
counter attack
ambush
tactics
aggressions against
revenge for
on board (a ship/aircraft)
(+ idafah)
in a state of readiness for
deployed (lit. spreading out)
hostile
repercussions
to mobilise, call up,
to accumulate
to mobilise
to amass (especially troops)
to draft, conscript, mobilise
to call up
to reinforce the troops
to deploy
to inspect
to explode s.t.
to explode (intransitive)
to destroy
تَدَمّر
to annihilate
تَعْمِّد
to exchange fire
تَبَادِلْ إِلَآٰتَ النَّار
to claim the life/lives of
أُوْدَئْ بِحَيَاةٍ
(+ idafah)
to be martyred (Arabic passive)
أُسْتَشْهِدْ
to suffer serious/minor
أُصِيبْ بِجُروحٍ عَظِيمَة
طِفِيقَة
to attack
هَجَّمْ يَهْجُمُ عَلَى
to attack, invade, raid
غُرَا يَغْرُو غَرْوَيْ
to launch an attack/
شنَّ يَشَنُّ شَنَّ هَجْوَا
أَنْفُجَةٍ
to launch
أَطْلَقْ
(missile, torpedo, etc.)
to storm
اقْتَحَمْ
to infiltrate
تَسْلُّلْ إِلَى
to advance further,
نَوَّعَلْ فِي
to penetrate deeply into
حَاجَرْ
فَتْحُ يَفْتَحُ فَتْحَ النَّار
أَطْلَقَ النَّار
ةَحْفَعُ عَنْ
حمَى يَحمِي حَمايَةَ هِمَن
استَحْبَر
جَلَّ يَجِلُو جَلَاءً عَنْ
أَجْلَى
أَسْتَسْتَلِمْ
أَحْتَجْر
أَفْرَجَ عَنْ
أَطْلَقْ
أَطْلَقَ سَراحَةٍ
أَحْحَيْ سَبِيلَةٍ
استَنْفَتَ القَتَال
قاَوَمَ
خَطْطَ
تَأْمَر
استَهْدَفَ تَحْدِيداً
to besiege, surround
to open fire
to defend
to protect s.t. against
to withdraw (intransitive)
to evacuate, pull out of
to evacuate (transitive)
to surrender
to detain
to release
to set s.o. free
to let s.o. go
to resume fighting
to resist
to plan
to plot
to target specifically
to erect road blocks

• MILITARY

• to impose a cordon/blockade on

• to break out (war)

• to be in s.o.'s power to

• to occupy

• to take the place of

• to cross the border(s)

• to estimate the strength of forces at

• to debrief

5. ECONOMICS

IMF
(International Monetary Fund)

the World Bank

the European Central Bank

the Federal Reserve

the Common Market

black market

free market

the Stock Exchange

exchange markets

foreign currency markets

foreign currency reserves

public sector

private sector

economic integration

volume of trade

trade exchange
trade embargo
economic sanctions
at the close of trade
hard currency
soft currency
capital
dividend, return
revenue, profit
income, yield
amount
profit
profitable
bankrupt
costs
expenses
total, gross
net
in real terms
price control
price stability
the global village
globalisation
the welfare state
money laundering
recession
depression
inflation
rate of inflation
devolution
forecasting
speculation
instability
fluctuation
bankruptcy
standard of living
debt/debtor
outstanding debt
loan
grace period
budget deficit
trade deficit
the amount of the deficit
surplus
liquidity
economy of scale
the financial year
record figure
statistics
index, indicator
commodity
consumer goods
the average consumption of
(+ idafah)
finance minister
financier
economist
trader, dealer
broker
speculator
shareholder
investor
consumer
trade partner
to apply economic sanctions
to cost
to consolidate
to insure
to blossom, flourish
to raise/lower taxes
to reduce the budget deficit
to come into effect
to stimulate the economy
to repay a debt
to become payable
to become bankrupt
to tie the currency to the dollar
6. TRADE & INDUSTRY

OPEC
Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

non-OPEC

WTO
World Trade Organisation

G8 (Group of 8)

trade
industry
exports
imports
conglomerate
corporation
partnership
merger
structure
factory
refinery
oil well (Arabic fem.)
crude oil
oil supply
oil production
barrel
fuel (petrol/gas for cars)
raw materials
foodstuffs
natural resources
mine
the workforce
employee, functionary
worker
unemployed person
director, head
director general

businessman
job
wage increase
unemployment
strike
trade union
infrastructure
running cost
government subsidy
contract
deal
loss
damage
insurance
restriction
flexibility
power station
telephone energy
pollution
black rain
environmental protection
marketing campaign
website
IT (information technology)
to export
to import
to distribute
to supply
to retire, resign
to employ
to dismiss (from job)
to direct
to increase s.t.
to increase (intransitive)
to exceed
to compensate for
to privatisate
to deregulate (lit. to lift government restrictions)
to sponsor
to do business with
7. LAW & ORDER

قانون، قوانين
law

بند، منود
article (of law)

محكمة، محاكم
court

محكمة العدل الدولية
the International Court of Justice

محكمة علیا
high court

الحرس الوطني
the national guard

قوات الأمن
the security forces

الشرطة العسكرية
the military police

المخابرات
the intelligence service

سلطة قضائية
judicial power

سلطة تشريعية
legislative power

إجراءات أمنية
security measures

تهم، تتهم
accusation

بتهم
on charges of (+ idafah)

يُحكم عليه ب
sentenced to

مدان ب
convicted of

استجابة ل
in response to
protester

demonstrator

smuggler

political prisoner

criminal

suspect

gunman

gang

network

crime, offence

crime, felony

abuse, violation

abuse, cruelty

homicide

(fatal) shooting

burglary, theft

attempted coup

protest

threat

tحَدِيثَات

demonstration

اشْتَباك

clash, scuffle

دُخَّلَات

drugs

مَسْرُوَقات

stolen goods

tحَقُّق جَنَائِيّة

criminal investigation

ذَوْ سَوَابِق

s.o. with a (criminal) record

انْتِحَاف

delinquency

مَشْروعيّة

legality

ترَحْصِيَّة

permit, licence

كَامل الأَهْلَيْة

legally competent

عَديم الأَهْلَيْة

legally incompetent

criminal (adj.)

عقابي

punitive, penal

جَلَّسَة المُحكَمة

court hearing

مَأْتِيْع غَيْر مُلْزَم

non-binding opinion

أَدانّيّن إِدانة

to convict s.o. of s.t.

طَعن يطعن طعن

to contest, appeal against
to accuse s.o. of s.t.
to confess, admit
to press charges against
to sentence s.o. to death

by the law

sentence to
life imprisonment
to execute
to arrest

to press charges against

to mistreat

to deport, expatriate, expel, exile

to live in exile


to put on red alert
to impose a curfew
to claim/declare one’s responsibility for

to organise
to call a strike

to protest against
to comply with
to be involved in
to threaten s.o. with s.t.
8. DISASTER & AID

• crisis
• disaster, catastrophe
• tragedy
• emergency
• aid
• " (Arabic pl.)
• UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency)
• support
• grant
• gift
• generosity
• food aid
• technical aid
• financial aid
• debt cancellation
• volunteer
aid worker
aid/relief organisation
voluntary organisation
charity
earthquake
earth tremor, seismic shock
on the Richter scale
flood
hurricane
tsunami
mudslide
fire
famine
drought
malnutrition
food convoy
lorry, truck
tent
resettlement
reconstruction
sorrow, distress
depression
anxiety
refugee
asylum seeker
starving (person)
homeless (person)
urgent
emergency (adjective)
developmental
humanitarian
voluntary
to migrate, roam
to migrate, emigrate
to pour into
to flee
to be exposed to
to ruin, damage, destroy
to proclaim s.t. a disaster area

أعلّن ه منَّابة مَنَّرة

to reschedule a debt

أعاد جَدُلَة دَين

to cancel, write off a debt

أَفْقَى ه مَن دَين

to freeze a debt

جمَّد دَينًا