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## **Abstracts**

Strategic Analysis (SA) at the Henry Jackson Society (HJA) has just released its MENA Oil and Gas Sector Risks and Forecasts Report. The report consists of 11 country profiles which utilises a high-profile network with and detailed knowledge of the region. This is something that will benefit individuals within the legal, financial services, energy, banking, consultancy and infrastructure sectors.

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## **Executive Summary**

Since the discovery of the first significant oil field in Persia, in 1908, Middle Eastern oil has been central to the world's energy needs. Over the past 105 years, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries have been invaded; coups implemented; politicians overthrown; and wars undertaken, in order to gain access to – and protect – oil. Today, with MENA accounting for 57.8% of global oil reserves, the threats and challenges to the region are just as present as ever. As this report will show, risks to the oil and gas sector can come in multiple forms: from direct attacks, to corruption, to an overarching state. Nonetheless, by understanding where the dangers are likely to come from, it is possible to take steps in order to mitigate the effects of each risk.

The first part of the MENA Oil and Gas Sector Risks and Forecasts Report looks at the overriding themes and trends that are currently occurring – and likely to occur – in the MENA region over the next three months, as well as the opportunities for investors. The second part of this report presents a full, detailed analysis and forecast of the oil and gas sector in 11 MENA countries, in order to ensure that investors and actors are aware of the true on-the-ground events and risks to their business.

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