

## CPI 2006 Regional Results: Middle East

In the Middle East, **Lebanon** improved over last year's score. However, as most of the data used for the Corruption Perceptions Index was gathered prior to this year's conflict between Israel and Lebanon, corruption in the current reconstruction phase – known to be particularly vulnerable – may not be reflected. Future changes in the perception of corruption in the country should be monitored closely.

In this year's index, the increase in perceptions of the level of corruption in **Jordan** is notable. This is a critical result given that the country is hosting both the **Conference of States Parties** to the **United Nations Convention against Corruption** and the G8 BMNENA reform-summit "Forum for the Future" at the end of this year. The country's delay in following through on some of the provisions set out by the UN Convention, such as establishing an anti-corruption commission, whistle-blower protection and freedom of information laws, may be a contributing factor. The country has also recently seen a number of corruption cases before its courts.

Overall Rank	Regional Rank	Country / territory	Score	Confidence range	Surveys Used
31	1	United Arab Emirates	6.2	5.6 - 6.9	5
32	2	Qatar	6.0	5.6 - 6.5	5
34	3	Israel	5.9	5.2 - 6.5	7
36	4	Bahrain	5.7	5.3 - 6.2	5
39	5	Oman	5.4	4.1 - 6.2	3
40	6	Jordan	5.3	4.5 - 5.7	7
46	7	Kuwait	4.8	4.0 - 5.4	5
63	8	Lebanon	3.6	3.2 - 3.8	3
70	9	Saudi Arabia	3.3	2.2 - 3.7	3
93	10	Syria	2.9	2.3 - 3.2	3
105	11	Iran	2.7	2.3 - 3.1	3
		Libya	2.7	2.4 - 3.2	3
111	13	Yemen	2.6	2.4 - 2.7	4
160	14	Iraq	1.9	1.6 - 2.1	3

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