## The Davis Index

The "Davis index" aims to represent international media attention on the Israeli-Arab conflict and relations, focusing on the Israeli Palestinians conflict. The index aggregates a list of general categories, such as "Diplomacy and the Arab World", and "Israel and the Arab world"; as well as specific categories such as "Palestinian organizations" (for further explanations about the index, see Appendix).

## The Monitoring System

Automatic textual analysis based on a combination of topic modeling, deep learning and expert coding.

This report is based on the following online editions of media outlets: BBC, Daily Mirror, Chicago Tribune, the New York Times, the Guardian, the Daily Telegraph, Los Angeles Times, CNN, Washington Post, the Telegraph, the Globe and the Mail, the Herald Sun.

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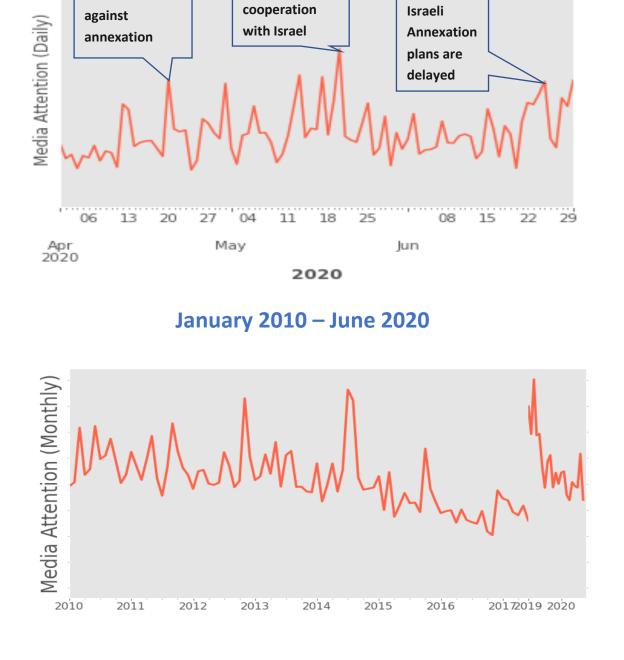
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# The Davis Index April-June 2020

The PLO ceases

Israel is warned

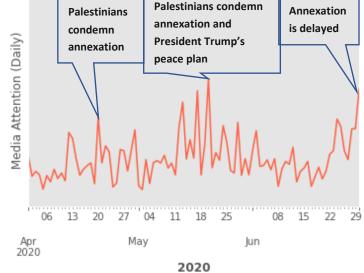




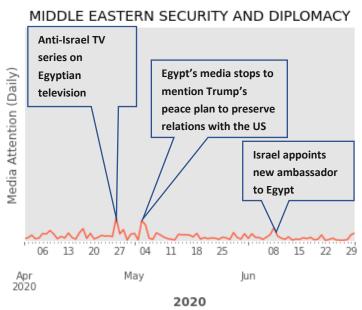
The Davis Index shows an increase in media attention regarding the Israeli-Palestinians conflict on one event which has several repercussions. Israel's annexation plans draw condemnation from several states during April 2020. In response to Israel's plans, the index reveals an increase in media attention when the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) announces that it will cease cooperation with Israel, in May 2020. Overall, there is a significant decrease in media attention in these three months (April-June), most likely due to the Coronavirus, which gains prominence over the media.

In the graph depicting the media attention regarding the conflict between January 2010 to June 2020, we see a slow decrease in the attention. It should be noted that the data between 2010-2017 was based on LexisNexis database of printed press, yet the data collected from 2019 and forward is based on news websites.

# MIDDLE EAST CONFLICTS



# **Specific Topics**



#### ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS AND ARAB CONFLICT

