

Othman Al-Omeir

Éditeur et rédacteur en chef, Elaph



Name: Othman Musa Omeir Al-Omeir
Place of birth: Zolfi, Riyadh
Date of Birth: 25 August 1950
Nationality: Saudi Arabia
Education: High School, Medina

Employment: Started his career in journalism as junior sports correspondent for a Saudi newspaper. He quickly established a name for himself and became London correspondent for Al Jazeera newspaper, Riyadh.

Career: Editor-in-Chief of Al-Yawm newspaper – the youngest editor-in-chief in the history of Saudi Arabia

1980 Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Al-Jazeera newspaper, Riyadh

London correspondent for Al-Jazeera newspaper, Riyadh

1981 Editor in Chief of Al Majalla, London, published by Saudi Research & Marketing in the UK and still the leading weekly news magazine in the Arab World

1983

1984 Editor in Chief of Asharq Al Awsat newspaper, London (the leading international Arabic language newspaper), printed simultaneously in ten cities around the world

Member of the Royal Academy in Morocco

1987 Set up a UK media company, OR Media Limited, in partnership with Mr Abdulrahman Al-Rashed (current Editor in Chief of Al-Arabia News TV, Editor-in-Chief of Asharq Al-Awsat 1998 – 2004, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Majalla 1987 - 1998) to produce TV programmes for Middle East, British and US TV stations

1993

1995

Set up Elaph Publishing Limited in the UK and its associated company in Saudi to publish www.elaph.com on the Internet, which quickly became the leading Arabic news portal. Currently it is planned to publish the web site as a printed newspaper throughout the world

Member of Board of Directors of Al-Jazeera newspaper in Saudi Arabia.

2001

Acquired Maroc Soir publishing house, the leading newspaper publisher in Casablanca Morocco. Maroc Soir publishes Le Matin, a daily newspaper in French, Al Sahara Al Maghribia, a daily newspaper in Arabic.

Co-Chairman of the Strategic Communications Group in UAE

2001

Co-Chairman of Saif Emerging Markets, representing Kroll Associates in the Gulf

2003

Interviewed exclusively many world leaders including, President George Bush Senior, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister John Major, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, President Jacques Chirac, King Fahad, President Husni Mubarak, King Hassan II, President Zainulabideen Bin Ali, President Rafsanjani, President Gorbachev and many more.

2007

Awarded the Media Man of the Year Prize by the Arab Media Forum in Dubai in 2007

Awarded the Media Innovation Prize by the Arab Thought Foundation in 2007

Awarded the New Media for the Future Prize by Anna Lindh Foundation in December 2009