

Othman Al-Omeir

Publisher and Editor-in-chief, 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:

1980 Editor-in-Chief of Al-Yawm newspaper – the youngest editor-in-chief in the history of Saudi Arabia

1981 Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Al-Jazeera newspaper, Riyadh

1983 London correspondent for Al-Jazeera newspaper, Riyadh

1984 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

1987 Editor in Chief of Asharq Al Awsat newspaper, London (the leading international Arabic language newspaper), printed simultaneously in ten cities around the world

1993 Member of the Royal Academy in Morocco

1995 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

2001 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

2001 Member of Board of Directors of Al-Jazeera newspaper in Saudi Arabia.

2003 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.

2007 Co-Chairman of the Strategic Communications Group in UAE

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

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.

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