

# Changes and Development of the Situation in the Middle East in the World Marked by Changes Unseen in a Century

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**Abstract:** *At present, the world situation is undergoing tremendous changes, which is the "the World Marked by Changes Unseen in a Century" proposed by general secretary Xi Jinping. Under the background of this era, the situation in the Middle East has been accelerating and has become one of the most turbulent regions in the world. Hot issues in the Middle East appear frequently, and the competition for great powers in the region is becoming more and more intense. At the same time, the "Grey Rhinoceros" phenomenon and "Black Swan" events in the Middle East also occur frequently. As we enter the third decade of the 21st century, the Middle East is facing many difficulties, such as political and economic levels, which also deepens the overall crisis in the Middle East, and the development of the region is unknown.*

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## 1. Introduction

The Middle East is one of the regions with the fastest changing situation under the background of the world marked by changes unseen in a century, and it is also one of the regions with the most turbulent situation in the current era. With the continuous changes in the Middle East, its main feature is that the overall crisis in the region is sharpening, and the process of political order reconstruction in the region is accelerating. On the one hand, the hot issues in the Middle East are constantly fermenting, the geopolitical game is becoming more and more intense, and the changes and warming of the Gulf situation have pushed the Middle East relations into a period of in-depth adjustment and reconstruction. On the other hand, the dramatic changes in the political situation in the Middle East not only highlight the increasingly acute development problems in the region, but also reflect that the social governance problems in the region are facing many difficulties.

## 2. Theoretical Basis

### 2.1 The World Marked by Changes Unseen in a Century

The so-called the World Marked by Changes Unseen in a Century, is the "the World World" of Xi Jinping, general secretary of China. Firstly, from the perspective of historical view, the world marked by changes unseen in a century refers to a historical period with relatively long time and large degree of change. Secondly, further, the specific content of the world marked by changes unseen in a century is reflected in the continuous change of the world economic center of gravity, that is, the current world economic center of gravity continues to migrate to both sides of the Pacific, as demonstrated in Fig. 1.

At the same time, great and far-reaching changes have quietly taken place in the world political pattern, which has brought far-reaching impact to the people of different countries. Finally, the world marked by changes unseen in a century will not only affect the changes in the world pattern and economic pattern, but also affect the process of economic globalization. When facing the world marked by changes unseen in a century, we should look at it in two.



Fig. 1 Specific content of the World Marked by Changes Unseen in a Century

2.2 Middle East

From the perspective of geographical location, the Middle East (as demonstrated in Fig. 2) connects Asia, Europe and Africa. Since ancient times, it has been an indispensable hub for cultural, economic and political exchanges between the East and the West.

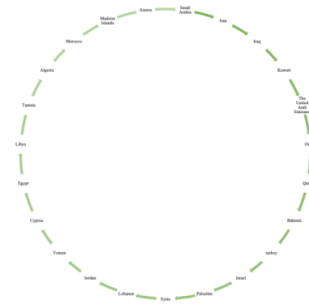


Fig. 2 Countries and regions in the Middle East

At the same time, the Middle East has precious oil resources but a serious lack of water resources, which is also the fundamental reason for the perennial turmoil in the region, as illustrated in Fig. 3.

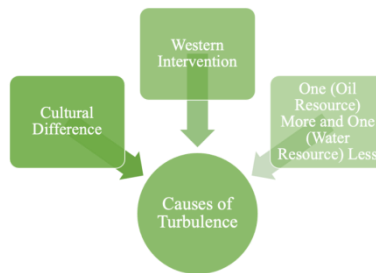


Fig. 3 Causes of unrest in the Middle East

3. Changes in the Situation in the Middle East under the background of the World Marked by Changes Unseen in a Century

3.1 Overview

There is no doubt that under the background of the world marked by changes unseen in a century, the Middle East has been affected far-reaching and lasting. At the same time, the world marked by changes unseen in a century makes the development process of the Middle East region long-term and far-reaching. At the same time, the process of globalization led by western countries is accelerating, and the imbalance of development among countries in the Middle East is increasing. Up to now, only a few Middle East countries have made substantial progress, while the vast majority of Middle East countries still face many difficulties, especially development, security and governance. Under the background of the world marked by changes unseen in a century, all countries in the Middle East are facing great challenges.

### **3.2 Specific Performance**

#### **3.2.1 "Alignment" of geopolitical game**

With the withdrawal of the United States from the Middle East and the entry of Russia into the Middle East, it has directly affected the pattern of the Middle East and triggered a series of chain effects. Before, the United States launched the war in Afghanistan and the war in Iraq, which plunged the United States into the quagmire of two major wars. Therefore, the United States gradually reduced its willingness to dominate Middle East affairs and gradually transferred its strategic center to the Asia Pacific region [1]. However, it is worth noting that, in fact, the United States has not really reduced its military presence in the Middle East, and its military deployment in the Middle East is much higher than that of other extraterritorial powers. On the contrary, Russia returned to the Middle East with a high profile on the grounds of the Syrian war. On the one hand, after the outbreak of the Syrian war, Russia gradually took control of the dominance of the Syrian issue. On the other hand, Russia tries to shape itself as a strong "mediator", which provides a reason for its management and control of the Middle East.

#### **3.2.2 Increase of hot issues**

With a new turn in the Syrian issue, the "tripartite confrontation" situation that lasted for a long time was gradually broken. After a new turn in this hot issue, the Palestinian Israeli issue has undergone a major reversal and various conflicts have emerged again. Fundamentally, the United States can be said to be the initiator of the intensification of Palestinian Israeli conflicts. At the same time, the Iranian nuclear issue has become a hot topic in the Middle East. In addition, the political situation in Libya has deteriorated again, and there is no real peaceful turn in the problem at present. Moreover, the issue of Yemen has also become a hot issue. However, the degree of conflict in Yemen has gradually decreased, and there is a glimmer of hope for peace [2].

#### **3.2.3 Frequent changes in regional political situation**

At present, frequent political changes in the Middle East have brought various "aftershocks". The political situation in the Middle East changes frequently, and the policy stability of most countries is facing great challenges. At the same time, in some Middle East countries, people's protest movements are becoming more and more frequent, and even regime changes have taken place in some Middle East countries, such as Algeria and Sudan. In the Middle East, even Israel, which has always been welcomed by the people for its democracy, has encountered various political difficulties, and its political development still faces great challenges. In short, from the perspective of these countries, the political development in the Middle East is still in a situation of frequent changes, and the impact of the political turmoil in the past decade is far-reaching and lasting.

#### **3.2.4 Sharpening livelihood issues**

At the same time, under the background of the world marked by changes unseen in a century, the problems of people's livelihood in the Middle East countries have become increasingly acute, which is mainly reflected in the fact that the public protest movement has become a normalized and universal action. As the livelihood problems in the Middle East become acute again, the political situation of countries in the Middle East changes frequently, and then the phenomenon of "Grey Rhinoceros" appears. Up to now, the "upheaval in the Middle East" has lasted for ten years, but the development of countries in the Middle East still faces many difficulties, especially political and social problems. In addition, from an economic point of view, the economic growth of countries in the Middle East is also facing stagnation, which not only makes the social gap between the rich and the poor larger and larger, but also leads to a series of serious social problems.

#### **3.2.5 Non-traditional security poses severe challenges**

At present, in the Middle East, non-traditional security issues have become the main challenge hindering the development of countries in the Middle East. On the one hand, the current terrorist threat in the Middle East is still significant, and the regional security problem is facing many difficulties. Although the previous death of the leader of the Islamic state has brought a heavy blow to the local terrorist organizations, it does not mean that the terrorist organizations in the Middle East will decrease rapidly, nor does it mean that the action intensity of terrorist organizations in the Middle East will decrease. On the other hand, Islamic state terrorist organizations have gradually dispersed to various countries in the Middle East and continue to carry out violence, and even some local terrorist forces will continue to rise.

## 4. Development Trend in the Middle East under the Background of the World Marked by Changes Unseen in a Century

### 4.1 Overview

In the first two decades of the 21st century, the Middle East has experienced frequent wars and dramatic changes in various situations, which has greatly changed the political pattern and power of the Middle East. At the time of approaching the third decade of the 21st century, the Middle East is in the process of reconstruction and adjustment of political, economic and social order. In this context of development, conflicts and contradictions among countries in the Middle East have not decreased. Under the background of the world marked by changes unseen in a century, "where should the Middle East countries go" and "what reform and development should the Middle East countries carry out" are the core issues for today's academic circles to observe and study the changes in the situation in the Middle East [3]. On the whole, the Middle East is still under the influence of the upheaval in the Middle East in 2010.

### 4.2 Specific Measures

According to the current development trend of the Middle East, this paper summarizes the development trends of the Middle East in four aspects, as demonstrated in Fig. 4.



Fig. 4 Development trend in the Middle East

#### 4.2.1 "Comprehensive Adjustment Period"

At present, relations in the Middle East have gradually entered a "comprehensive adjustment period". During this period, various problems in the Middle East still occurred frequently, such as the Iranian nuclear issue, the Syrian crisis and so on.

Under the background of the world marked by changes unseen in a century, the Middle East is in a "comprehensive adjustment period", but during this period, the Middle East can not survive smoothly, and even more serious social crisis will occur.

#### 4.2.2 Increasing hot issues

At present, the hot issues in the Middle East are still heating up, and the old problems have not been solved, and new problems are constantly emerging. At present, the competition for the eastern Mediterranean in the Middle East has become a new hot spot, which puts forward greater requirements and challenges to the management ability of the Middle East [4].

#### 4.2.3 Transformation challenges

At present, under the background of the world marked by changes unseen in a century, the transformation process of the Middle East presents the characteristics of complexity. At the same time, the transformation process of Middle East countries is also accompanied by a series of political and non-traditional security problems. At present, many Middle East countries have undergone frequent political changes, mainly manifested in regime change, which is also one of the characteristics in the process of national transformation in the Middle East.

#### 4.2.4 Long reconstruction time

At present, under the background of the world marked by changes unseen in a century, the Middle East has become the region with the largest concentration of war-torn countries in the world. In the Middle East, a variety of forces and multiple factors are intertwined, which not only makes the countries in the Middle East more complex in economic and political reconstruction and solving social problems,

but also makes the process of reconstruction and transformation more tortuous and lengthy. This is also one of the unique phenomena of the development of countries in the Middle East. Under the perennial turbulent political situation in the Middle East, war-torn countries in the Middle East are likely to become the new focus of turbulence, which will further improve the difficulty of solving political problems in the Middle East.

## 5. Conclusion

To sum up, the current world situation is quietly changing. Under the background of the world marked by changes unseen in a century, the changes in the situation in the Middle East have attracted the attention of people from all walks of life. As one of the most turbulent regions in the world, hot issues in the Middle East appear frequently. Moreover, the "Grey Rhinoceros" phenomenon and "Black Swan" events in the Middle East also occur frequently. As we enter the third decade of the 21st century, the Middle East is facing many difficulties. However, while the whole Middle East is in danger, we can also see a glimmer of vitality in the development of the region.

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