

Researcher Middle East and North Africa

Control Risks is a specialist risk consultancy that helps to create secure, compliant and resilient organisations in an age of ever-changing risk. Working across disciplines, technologies and geographies, everything we do is based on our belief that taking risks is essential to our clients' success.

We provide our clients with the insight to focus resources and ensure they are prepared to resolve the issues and crises that occur in any ambitious global organisation.

We go beyond problem-solving and give our clients the insight and intelligence they need to realise opportunities and grow. From the boardroom to the remotest location, we have developed an unparalleled ability to bring order to chaos and reassurance to anxiety.

Our people	Working with our clients our people are given direct responsibility, career development and the opportunity to work collaboratively on fascinating projects in a rewarding and inclusive global environment.
Location	Dubai, UAE
Engagement	Full-time, Permanent
Department	Global Risk Analysis
Manager	Senior Analyst
Job purpose	<p>To conduct desktop research in order to gather, analyse and present information and perspectives on political, operational and security risks in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), including Afghanistan and Pakistan.</p> <p>To enhance the work of our MENA analysts and consultants by providing research and administrative support on subscription and project work.</p> <p>To identify and catalogue incidents of political violence across the Middle East and North Africa in our dedicated online database.</p>
Tasks and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Conduct comprehensive research to enhance the MENA team's analytical output. This will include reading regional and international business news, academic studies, NGO and government reports, and local press sources in order to draw out relevant conclusions for the analysts.▶ Contribute updates to our online subscription service CORE.▶ Prepare short briefing papers and research notes on specific MENA-related issues.▶ Analyse data and identify trends from studies conducted into MENA political, business, security and operational dynamics.▶ Update background content on our CORE country pages.

- ▶ Suggest new research sources and approaches.
- ▶ Support analysts and consultants on bespoke reports.
- ▶ Carry out research to support business development initiatives.
- ▶ Work alongside Control Risks' country analysts to select and identify incidents for inclusion in the database on a daily basis, with a focus on Middle East and North Africa.
- ▶ Research relevant data on selected incidents, including locations for geocoding, damage/loss estimates, affected assets and sectors.
- ▶ Liaise with relevant internal stakeholders to ensure the database is properly maintained.
- ▶ Actively participate in product development, including improving and expanding the incident database.
- ▶ Contribute to the design of the processes and procedures for maintaining and expanding the database.
- ▶ Perform incident analysis and produce reports, charts and graphs in a timely manner in response to internal and external requests.

Knowledge and experience

Essential

- ▶ Experience in conducting research and presenting findings in writing and verbally
- ▶ An understanding of the MENA region's political, security and business environment
- ▶ Strong understanding of political risk and political violence and how they affect clients across sectors, such as insurance underwriting and/or supply chain risk management
- ▶ Excellent IT skills and experience establishing and maintaining databases

Preferred

- ▶ Experience with writing for academic and non-academic readership
- ▶ Experience with writing succinctly for a business audience

Qualifications and specialist skills

- ▶ Education to degree level, preferably with a master's degree in a relevant subject (politics, IR, area studies, economics or another social science)
- ▶ Excellent word processing and general computing skills
- ▶ Excellent verbal and written English
- ▶ Proven ability to carry out extensive research in Arabic
- ▶ Experience of working or living in the region is preferable
- ▶ Ability to understand, summarise and present large amounts of information

Behaviours

All employees are expected to display behaviours reflective of our company values: Integrity and Ethics, Collaboration and Teamwork, Commitment to People and Professionalism and Excellence.

How to apply

If your qualifications, experience and aspirations match our requirements, email a cover letter and CV, with the subject header "MENA researcher application" to MERecruitmentGRA@controlrisks.com by 11th April 2019.
