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MENA Tactical: Mawlid to be observed across region on September 4-5; allot for disruptions

Current Situation:

- The Muslim holiday of Mawlid (Eid Milad un-Nabi) will be observed between September 4-5 across countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.
- The holiday commemorates the birth anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad and is often a public holiday.

Rules and Regulations:

- In **Algeria**, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Endowments announced that Mawlid will be observed on September 5.
- In **Bahrain**, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa issued a circular declaring the closure of all ministries, agencies, and public institutions on September 4.
- In **Egypt**, Prime Minister Mustafa Madbouli approved a resolution declaring September 4 as a public holiday to commemorate the occasion.
- In **Iraq**, the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers announced a suspension of official work on September 4.
- In **Jordan**, Prime Minister Jaafar Hassan declared September 4 a public holiday to commemorate

Mawlid, applying to all ministries, public institutions, and wholly state-owned companies.

- In **Kuwait**, official work will be suspended on September 4, with authorities confirming that operations will resume on September 7.
- In **Lebanon**, the Prime Minister released a circular to announce the closure of all public administrations, institutions, and municipalities on September 4 to commemorate Mawlid.
- The Libyan Fatwa House announced that August 25 marked the start of Rabi' al-Awwal, the third month of the Islamic calendar, with the Prophet Muhammad's birthday falling on its 12th day. Accordingly, Mawlid will be commemorated in **Libya** on September 5.
- In **Morocco**, Mawlid will be observed on September 5.
- In **Oman**, Mawlid will reportedly be observed on September 5.
- In the **Palestinian Territories**, the Council of Ministers declared September 4 an official holiday to mark Mawlid.
- In **Syria**, public institutions will reportedly be closed on September 4 to observe Mawlid.
- In **Tunisia**, Mawlid will be observed on September 4.
- In the **UAE**, the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization announced that Mawlid will be observed on September 5 as an official holiday in the public and private sectors.

Source: [Algeria](#); [Egypt](#); [Iraq](#); [Jordan](#); [Kuwait](#); [Lebanon](#); [Libya](#); [Oman](#); [Morocco](#); [Palestinian Territories](#); [Tunisia](#); [UAE](#)

Recommendations:

1. Those operating or residing across the Middle East and North Africa region on September 4-5 are advised to allot for disruptions to business continuity during the Mawlid holiday as a result of partial or complete closures of public offices and private businesses.
2. It is advised to allot additional time for travel and maintain heightened vigilance, especially in the vicinity of religious gatherings, places of worship, and areas frequented by large crowds.