



Mar 24 2009

## Highly visible Swedish Participation at this year's Abu Dhabi Bookfair

This year's Book Fair took place 17-22 March, this time with a prominent Swedish participation.

The well known Swedish Writer Henning Mankell was one of the Fair's most prominent guests, and his meetings with the visitors to the Fair - young and old - received many positive reactions. Mr. Mankell participated i.a. in meetings with school children to discuss his writing, to talk about how it is to be a writer, and many other questions. The large amount of young people at the Fair boded well for the Future, Mr Mankell said, seeing many youngsters leaving the Fair laden with all the books that they had bought. If you would like to read more about Henning Mankell, please click here ([www.henningmankell.com](http://www.henningmankell.com))

During the Fair Henning Mankell signed two new translations to Arabic of his books. They had been translated by a Swedish Publisher and translator of Jordanian Origin, Mrs. Mona Henning, who has during the past two decades worked tirelessly to translate into Arabic many works of Sweden's famous Authors of Childrens Books. She, and her Publishing Company, Dar al Muna, has been a well known fixture at recent years' Book Fairs in Abu Dhabi. If you would like to know more about Mona Henning and Dar Al Muna, please click here (<http://www.daralmuna.com/index.htm>)

New this year at the Fair was the Swedish Culinary participation, with Mr Bo Masser, Vice President of Gourmand World Cook Book Awards, and Mr KC Wallberg, a wellknown Swedish Chef. The Gourmand stand with the Show Kitchen was the largest private stand at the show. Its presentation at the Book Fair of 600 cookbooks from over 100 countries will stay in Abu Dhabi at the National Library. If you would like to know more about the Swedish participation please click here ([http://www.cookbookfair.com/html/abu\\_dhabi\\_book\\_fair.html](http://www.cookbookfair.com/html/abu_dhabi_book_fair.html)).

If you would like to know more about the Abu Dhabi Book Fair, please click here (<http://www.adbookfair.com/cms/>)

### More News

Mar 7 2009

#### 'Melting the Ice' - Article about the Swedish Author Henning Mankell, who shortly will be visiting the UAE

The UAE Daily 'The National' has an article in its Saturday Magazine written by Helena Frith-Powell about the Swedish Writer Henning Mankell, who be one of the Guests at the forthcoming Abu Dhabi International Book Fair at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center.

Mar 1 2009

#### Nordic Floor Ball in Dubai (in 35 degrees heat)

The Annual Spring Tournament at the Norwegian Seamens' Center in Dubai took place this year on 27 February with more teams and participants than previous years. Playing this year were Swedes, Finns, Norwegians, Czechs and Dutchmen, who fought for the honour, medals and the Trophy that goes from winner to winner each year.

Feb 26 2009

#### Sweden's Minister for Financial Markets, Mr. Mats Odell visit United Arab Emirates 22-24 February, with a high-level Swedish Financial Delegation

A Swedish financial delegation consisting of senior bankers and CEOs from Swedish financial institutions visited Dubai and Abu Dhabi to discuss future collaboration and issues of today's economic agenda. The Swedish delegation was led by the Swedish Minister for Financial Markets, Mr. Mats Odell.

Feb 25 2009

**Swedish Financial Delegation to Qatar led by Swedish Minister for Financial Markets, Mr. Mats Odell.**

A high-level Swedish financial delegation visited Doha to discuss pressing issue of today's economic recession

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Feb 18 2009

**Famous Swedish Writer Henning Mankell will be participating in this year's Abu Dhabi Book Fair**

The UAE daily newspaper 'The National' carried an article on 17 February entitled 'Austere and uncompromising, Scandinavian crime fiction is finally receiving the recognition it deserves'.

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Feb 10 2009

**A 'Swedish Environmental Technology Group' has been formed in the UAE'**

The group will be active to raise awareness in the UAE about the existence of high-tech Swedish Companies in the Environmental Technology Field and a way to raise awareness in Sweden about the potentials that 'green' Swedish companies has in the UAE and elsewhere in the Gulf Region.

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Feb 7 2009

**Sweden welcomes UAE's Minister of Foreign Trade on an official visit**

The UAE's Minister of Foreign Trade, H.E. Shaikha Lubna bint Khalid Al Qasimi visited Sweden 2-5 February upon invitation of her Swedish Colleague, Dr Ewa Björling, Minister for Foreign Trade. During the visit Minister Lubna met with her Swedish Colleague as well as with the Swedish Minister for Financial Markets, Mr. Mats Odell. The visit to Sweden followed visits to the UAE by both these Swedish Ministers.

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Jan 29 2009

**Large Swedish attendance and a Swedish Pavillion at Arab Health, 2009.**

Swedish medical expertise and more then 20 Swedish companies were represented at the Swedish pavillion at the exhibition as well as in separate showcases.

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Jan 29 2009

**Swedish Team participated in Al Ain Aerobatic Show 2009**

The Swedish "Scandinavian Airshow" team participated in this year's air show in Al Ain, that took place 28 -31 January 2009.

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Jan 20 2009

**Embassy of Sweden and Swedish Trade Council participate in the 6th International Scientific Conference for Medical Students in the GCC countries**

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Studies at the UAE University in Al Ain hosted the 6th International Scientific Conference for Medical Students in the GCC countries. More then 1600 students and professionals participated.

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Dec 17 2008

**Swedish Company in the UAE introduces ecological bed**

At the recent branch exhibition 'Equip Hotel Middle East Exhibition' Swede-Dreams, a Swedish-Emirati company manufacturing beds in Abu Dhabi since couple of years, presented an ecological bed with more than 99 % ecological content.

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Dec 16 2008

**Sweden's Minister for Foreign Affairs visits the Gulf**

The Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Carl Bildt visited Bahrain and Qatar 12-15 December. In Bahrain he participated in the IISS (Institute for International Strategic Studies) yearly Middle East Conference, the so called 'Manama Dialogue', that gathers many prominent foreign and security actors. After the Conference, the Swedish Minister visited Qatar to meet with His Excellency Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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Dec 16 2008

**Lucia celebrations in the UAE**

One of the most popular celebrations is the Lucia, which traditionally is celebrated every year on 13 December. Lucia, one of Sweden's most popular holidays, is a festival of light and is considered a starting point for the December preparations for Christmas. On that day virtually every town in Sweden has its own Lucia processions. Many schools, offices, institutions also have their own. Clad in white, and led by a Lucia with a crown of candles on her head, the processions of children cross through towns, schools, offices and institutions, offering the traditional gingerbread cookies, the saffron bread buns as well as the traditional spiced warm wine, the so called 'glögg'.

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Nov 27 2008

**Former Swedish Foreign Minister Hans Blix participates in nuclear energy conference in Abu Dhabi**

On the 24th of November 2008 the former Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hans Blix participated as a key note speaker in a conference in Abu Dhabi hosted by the

Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research on the peaceful use of nuclear energy. The conference gathered many international experts, as well as the British Foreign Secretary David Miliband at the opening.

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Nov 24 2008

[Swedish Rehab Station Stockholm partner with Zayed Higher Organisation's Therapy Department](#)

Zayed Higher Organisation's Therapy Department signed today in Abu Dhabi an agreement with the Swedish company 'Rehab Station Stockholm'. This for monitoring and appraisal services to Zayed Higher Organisation. Rehab Station Stockholm works with rehabilitation programs for disabled peoples and is affiliated to the Karolinska Institute.

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Nov 13 2008

[Statistics Sweden and Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi sign collaboration agreement](#)

A collaboration agreement was signed in Stockholm on 31 October by the Chairman of Abu Dhabi's Department of Planning and Economy (DPE) H.E. Nasser Ahmed Alsowaidi, and the Acting Director General of Statistics Sweden Mr. Mats Wadman.

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Nov 12 2008

[The Swedish School Association celebrates 25 years in Dubai, 1983-2008](#)

The first Swedish language lessons abroad came to Berlin in 1907 as afternoon lessons on the Swedish emigrants' initiative. The purpose was to keep the Swedish language and culture alive. This idea soon spread and Swedish schools were introduced in different parts of the world. Focal point for the school became, and still is a Swedish School association, a missionary organisation or a Swedish company.

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Oct 26 2008

[H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden leaves the UAE after a successful three day visit](#)

During his last day in the UAE, H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf visited Dubai, where he met with H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. The two leaders discussed i.a. matters concerning the Scouting movement. Earlier in the day H.M. was briefed by the Minister of State, Reem Al Hashimy, about the dynamic development of Dubai, as well as about the possibility of closer collaboration between the Scout Movement of the UAE and the International Scout Movement.

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Oct 24 2008

[H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden visits a Scout Camp in the UAE emirate of Sharjah](#)

H.M. The King yesterday continued his visit to the UAE, when he met with six hundred Scouts in the Emirate of Sharjah.

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Oct 23 2008

[H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden met with H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahayan](#)

H.M. made a trip out to the desert of Abu Dhabi, where he met with H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

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Oct 23 2008

[H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden arrives in the UAE](#)

H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden arrived in the UAE today for a three day visit. He is coming to the UAE in his capacity as Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation, to meet with UAE leaders and promote the work of international Scouting as well as that of the Scout Association of the UAE. H.M. is accompanied by a delegation of important members of the World Scout Foundation (WSF).

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Oct 13 2008

[The Embassy visits GAC](#)

The Embassy in Abu Dhabi visited GAC (Gulf Agency Company) at its head office in the free trade zone Jebel Ali in Dubai.

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Oct 9 2008

[The Embassy's new visa telephone hours.](#)

The Swedish Embassy in Abu Dhabi will from now on be receive telephone calls related to visa enquiries Sunday - Wednesday 13.00 - 14.00.

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Oct 2 2008

['STC mentors' visits UAE](#)

On the 20th September 2008 seven so called 'Swedish Trade Council mentors', business managers for small- and medium-sized businesses in Sweden visited the two richest emirates in the UAE, Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

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Sep 11 2008

[New Swedish Priest in Dubai](#)

The Embassy welcomes the new Swedish priest in Dubai and her family.

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Sep 11 2008

#### [The Swedish Trade Council visits Emal and TAQA](#)

All Swedish Trade Council (STC) consultants working in the Middle East made a study visit in Abu Dhabi on the 10th of September.

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Jul 10 2008

#### [A big 'shukran' to Helene!](#)

Helene Saubert has now left the Embassy and Abu Dhabi after five successful years, to take up a new posting in Damascus later this year.

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Jul 9 2008

#### [Stockholm International Water Institute Contributes to Strategic Planning Workshop for the Arab Water Academy](#)

The Stockholm International Water Institute, SIWI, recently participated in a special Workshop on the occasion of the founding of the Arab Water Academy.

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Jun 17 2008

#### [Swedish Profiles in the UAE - Thomas Lundgren](#)

The Magazine 'CEO Middle East' published a profile of the well known Swedish entrepreneur in Dubai, Thomas Lundgren, in its issue of 17 June 2008. This profile was followed by an interview with Mr Lundgren in the daily newspaper 'The National' on 18 June.

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Jun 17 2008

#### [The Embassy receives a Special Award](#)

At a Ceremony at the Womens' College of the Higher Colleges of Technology in Abu Dhabi on 17 June, the Embassy received a special award as 'Most Supportive Embassy'

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Jun 10 2008

#### [The National Day of Sweden was celebrated in the UAE with events in Dubai and in Abu Dhabi.](#)

About 150 Swedes, many of them children, gathered on the 6th of June at the Scandinavian Seamen Church in Dubai to hoist the flag to the national anthem "Du gamla Du fria", followed by games, cakes, ice cream and speeches.

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Jun 10 2008

#### [Emirati Daily Highlights Sweden](#)

On the Swedish national day the 6th of June, the biggest emirate newspaper in English Gulf News issued a Special Report about Sweden, highlighting different aspects of the Swedish society and the relations between UAE and Sweden.

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Jun 3 2008

#### [Change of date for the Reception for Sweden's National Day](#)

The Embassy would like to inform all invited guests to the reception that out of respect for the period of mourning for the sad decease of His Highness Shaikh Nasser Bin Zayed Al Nahyan that has been announced by the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, the Swedish National Day Reception which was scheduled for Wednesday 4 June 2008, has been moved to Monday 9 June 2008. The reception will take place at the same time, and at the same venue, that was originally planned.

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Jun 1 2008

#### [Sweden's Export Credits Guarantee Board's \(EKN\) board of directors visited UAE](#)

Sweden's Export Credits Guarantee Board's (EKN) board of directors visited UAE between the 23rd and the 25th of May. The purpose of the trip was to meet clients as well as to learn more about the rapid expansion of businesses and industries in the region.

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May 14 2008

#### [A Music Video with Swedish connections was launched in Dubai](#)

The Swedish artist Therése Neaimé launched her new music video on Monday the 12th of May at Jebel Ali Golf Resort & Spa.

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May 12 2008

#### [End of School year for Swedish Children in Abu Dhabi](#)

Apr 24 2008

#### [Swedish governmental authority Statistics Sweden \(Statistiska Centralbyrån\), SCB, contributes to the launching of Abu Dhabi Statistics Bureau](#)

Apr 2 2008

#### [The Swedish Business Council Abu Dhabi was inaugurated at the Swedish Ambassadors residence](#)

During her visit in United Arab Emirates H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Sweden Victoria inaugurated the Swedish Business Council Abu Dhabi. The ceremony took place on the 27th of March.

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Mar 30 2008

[H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Sweden Victoria inaugurates the world premiere of the exhibition "Alfred Nobel - Networks of Innovation" created by the Nobel Museum in Stockholm](#)

The world premiere of the exhibition "Alfred Nobel - Networks of Innovation" was inaugurated today, Sunday 30th March by H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Sweden.

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Mar 29 2008

[H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Sweden Victoria continues her travels in the United Arab Emirates](#)

On her second day H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Sweden visited the Sheikh Zayed Mosque. The mosque which was completed recently is one of the largest mosques in the world.

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Mar 27 2008

[H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Sweden Victoria lays the foundation stone of Scania's new assembly plant in Jebel Ali.](#)

After arriving to the United Arab Emirates the night before H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Sweden laid today, Thursday the 27 of March, the foundation stone of Scania's new plant. Scania extends its presence in the region by building this new assembly plant in the free port of Jebel Ali outside Dubai.

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Mar 12 2008

[Swedish Minister for Trade Dr. Ewa Björling visits Qatar](#)

The Minister of Trade Ewa Björling visit Qatar during Wednesday the 12 of March to meet with representatives from Qatari authorities and businesses.

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Mar 5 2008

[Scandinavian food festival week opened at SAS Radisson Dubai Creek](#)

On Sunday the 2nd of March a Scandinavian food festival week was opened at SAS Radisson Dubai Creek. The festival serves Scandinavian food prepared by the two guest chefs Thorbjørn Thorsen and Fredrik Lindholm flown in from Scandinavia.

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Feb 25 2008

[Swedish Minister for Local Government and Financial Markets Mats Odell visits the Gulf between the 23rd of February and the 3rd of March.](#)

Minister Mats Odell arrived in Dubai on Saturday the 23rd of February where he visited among other institutions DIFC, Dubai International Financial Centre Dubai Ports World, Essa Kazim, chairman of Borse Dubai and Mohammed Al Gergawi, chairman of Dubai Holding.

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Feb 14 2008

[Lund University explores possibilities for cooperation in UAE](#)

Professor Leif Stenberg and his colleagues Rouzbeh Parsi and Anders Ackfeldt from Lund University visited the UAE during the first week of February.

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Feb 5 2008

[The Sweden's Export Credits Guarantee Board \(EKN\) visits UAE 3-8 of February.](#)

Director General Ms. Karin Apelman and senior underwriters Ms. Alemnesh Belatchew and Ms. Ulrika Sernbrandt visits Abu Dhabi and Dubai for meetings with Swedish companies and interested emirate banks and institutions.

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Jan 31 2008

[Strong Swedish presence at Arab Health, 2008.](#)

Great Swedish attendance and a Swedish Pavilion at Arab Health, 2008. Arab Health is Middle East's biggest gathering of medical professionals organized at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre. Arab Health have showcased over 2,200 exhibitors from more than 65 countries. Total participation in Arab Health 2008 will be well in excess of 50,000.

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Jan 28 2008

[The Swede Mikael Carlson at Al Ain Aerobatics Show, 24-27 January, 2008](#)

The Swede Mikael Carlson and his team flying a Bleriot XI and the 'Tummelisa' plane at Al Ain Aerobatics Show, 24-27 January, 2008.

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Jan 14 2008

[The photographer Mattias Klum and producer Folke Rydén in UAE](#)

The world renown Swedish photographer and film maker Mattias Klum and international prize winning director/producer Folke Rydén hosted a conference at The Jebel Ali Golf Resort & Spa, Dubai, the 29th of December 2007.

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Jan 14 2008

[Swedish masterprogramme introduced at the UAE University, Al Ain](#)

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Studies at the UAE University in Al Ain hosted its Fourth Alumni Meeting in January 2008. The Embassy of Sweden were there and introduced Swedish master programmes within the health sector which UAE nationals can also apply to.

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Jan 14 2008

[Hammarby Handball Club participate in international cup in Al Ain](#)

The Swedish champions Hammarby Handball Club participate in Zayed Second International Handball Cup in Al Ain the 5th-15th of January.

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Jan 14 2008

[Swedish Member of Parliament Yvonne Andersson visits the UAE](#)

The Swedish Member of Parliament Yvonne Andersson visited UAE the 7th-10th of January. Among other places she visited the Federal National Council's Financial, Economical and Industrial Affairs Committee, and the College of Information Technology in Al Ain. Matters regarding cooperation in research concerning the high technological field were discussed.

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Dec 23 2007

[The Embassy wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year](#)

The Embassy wishes all its friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2007 has been a very fruitful and successful year for the relations between UAE and Sweden. We are hoping for an even more successful 2008.

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Dec 18 2007

[Traditional celebration of Lucia in Abu Dhabi](#)

The Swedish School in Abu Dhabi was also this year performing a traditional Lucia-procession at the Swedish residence.

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Dec 13 2007

[Constructive visit by the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences](#)

A lot of useful contacts for future cooperation were made when the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences visited the UAE.

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Dec 9 2007

[The board of the Swedish Trade Council visited Dubai](#)

The Board of the Swedish Trade Council visited Dubai in connection to the latest board meeting.

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Dec 5 2007

[The Swedish national team in surfski race, Team Volvo in Dubai](#)

The Swedish national team in surfski race, Team Volvo, was in Dubai the 30th of November to compete in the 'Dubai Shamaal International Surfski Race'.

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Dec 5 2007

[Outstanding National Day Concert by the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra](#)

The Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra performed in Abu Dhabi the 3rd of December.

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Nov 25 2007

[Sweden's Minister for Health and Social Affairs Göran Hägglund visited UAE](#)

Sweden's Minister for Health and Social Affairs Göran Hägglund and a Swedish Delegation consisting of Companies and Institutions in the Health Care Sector visited Abu Dhabi and Dubai the 25-28 of November.

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Nov 19 2007

[Swedish Symphony Orchestra performs a Unique Concert in Abu Dhabi](#)

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, the Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation and the Embassy of Sweden will present the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, with conductor Stéphane Denève and pianist Leif Ove Andsnes on December 3, 2007, in honour of the 36th UAE National Day.

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Nov 11 2007

[Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences' delegation visits the UAE](#)

A large delegation from the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences will visit the UAE 13-15th of November. The visit is a step to create closer ties between Sweden and UAE in the academic field.

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Nov 8 2007

[Minister for trade Ewa Björling's visit to the UAE](#)

Minister for trade Ewa Björling was the first Swedish Minister to visit the UAE.

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Nov 7 2007

[Swedish Exporter's Middle East Conference](#)

"Exportträff Dubai", 5-6 November -Inaugural speech by Ewa Björling, Swedish Minister of Trade

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Nov 4 2007

[Visa applicants in Qatar can now apply for Schengen visas to Sweden in Doha](#)

As of the 1st of November 2007, visitors to Sweden who live in Qatar can apply for Schengen visas in Doha.

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Nov 4 2007

[The Swedish Minister for Trade Ewa Björling visits UAE](#)

The Swedish Minister for Trade Ewa Björling visited Dubai and Abu Dhabi 5-6th of November.

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Oct 24 2007

[The delegates of this year FDI World Dental Congress are welcome to Stockholm in 2008](#)

In connection to this year FDI World Dental Congress in Dubai, the Swedish Dental Association is hosting a lunch the 25th of October, when Sweden officially takes over the responsibility for hosting next year congress in Stockholm 2008.

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Oct 18 2007

[Nobel Exhibition in Abu Dhabi](#)

The Exhibition 'Cultures of Creativity' which is about the Swedish Nobel Prize and its laureates, was opened in Abu Dhabi on 23 October at the Emirates Palace.

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Oct 4 2007

['Exportträff Dubai' - Swedish Exporter's Middle East Conference, 5-6 November](#)

"Exportträff Dubai", 5-6 November -Inaugural speech by Ewa Björling, Swedish Minister of Trade

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Sep 18 2007

['We need more dialogue - not less. More exchanges - not less. More cooperation - not less'](#)

When the Association for Swedes abroad (SVIV) arranged a Conference on the theme 'Swedes in the Gulf Region' in Stockholm on 23 August this year, the Swedish Minister for Trade, Mr Sten Tolgfors was one of the main speakers.

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Sep 12 2007

[Statement by Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt](#)

Statement by Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt concerning the discussion of the cartoon published in Sweden.

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Jul 22 2007

[UAE Daily publishes Swedish Supplement](#)

On Sweden's National Day, 6 June 2007, the Gulf News Published a Special Supplement on Sweden.

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Jul 15 2007

[Why not visit Sweden this year !](#)

Sweden has many sights and sceneries that cater to most tourists tastes. From new to old cities, from archipelagos with thousands of islands, to the forests and wilderness of the mountains. There is a modern high-tech Sweden, as well as a traditional one. And plenty of sports opportunities as well as culinary delights!

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Jul 11 2007

[DREI partners with the Swedish Royal Institute of Technology](#)

Dubai Real Estate Institute (DREI), the region's first academic institute for real estate studies, has announced a four-year exclusive strategic partnership with Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (KTH), the Royal Institute of Technology of Sweden.

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Jul 9 2007

[Sweden expects increase in iron, steel exports to UAE](#)

The Swedish Trade Council (STC) expects a further increase in Swedish exports of iron and steel to the UAE that grew 234 per cent to Dh181.52 million (332.74 million kronor) in 2006 from Dh54.32 million (99.76 million kronor) the previous year.

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Jun 21 2007

[Duxiana - latest addition to Swedish Companies in the UAE](#)

On 19 June, the well known Swedish Bedmaker Duxiana opened its first outlet in Dubai.

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Jun 21 2007

[Summer time - vacation time](#)

The summer vacations are now starting in the UAE for Swedes and Emiratis alike.

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Jun 14 2007

[Abu Dhabi and 'Statistic Sweden' signs agreement](#)

On the 13th of June 2007 the Emirate of Abu Dhabi signed an agreement with 'Statistic Sweden' on the joint creation of a world class statistical center in Abu Dhabi.

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Jun 10 2007

**[Thank You Patric Lundin](#)**

For number of years Patric Lundin has been the Swedish contact person in Doha, Qatar. He has also been the focal point of Swedish activities in Qatar and a great support to the Embassy.

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Jun 7 2007

**[National Day Celebrations in the UAE](#)**

The Embassy in Abu Dhabi and the Swedish Business Council in Dubai hosted the National Day Celebration at Hotel Hilton in Abu Dhabi. The National Day was also celebrated by the Swedish community in Dubai.

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May 16 2007

**[The Swedish Central Bank Governor Stefan Ingves on a brief visit to the UAE](#)**

On the 15th of May the Swedish Central Bank Governor Stefan Ingves spoke at the annual summit of the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) in Dubai.

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May 6 2007

**[Summer break for children at the 'Swedish School'](#)**

Another school year has passed for the children at the Swedish School in Abu Dhabi. They have gathered every Friday - which is the weekend in the UAE - to learn Swedish or to practise the language when they live abroad.

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May 2 2007

**[Première for new biometric passport at the Embassy](#)**

On May 2nd the Embassy inaugurated its new photo station which is used for production of biometrical passports. The embassy's first 'passport customer' was Andreas Liffgarden, who has recently moved to Abu Dhabi to work for Ericsson.

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Apr 22 2007

**[Swedish ambassadors in North Africa and the Middle East meet for regional meeting in Abu Dhabi](#)**

The 22nd-25th of April 2007 a regional meeting of ambassadors and representatives from Swedish government authorities will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

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Apr 17 2007

**[Mats Liljefors and the Hermitage Orchestra in Abu Dhabi](#)**

Swedish conductor Mats Liljefors will perform together with the 'Hermitage Orchestra' at the 'Abu Dhabi Classical Music Festival' on Wednesday the 18th of April.

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Apr 16 2007

**[Ingmar Bergmans 'Fanny and Alexander' to be shown in Abu Dhabi](#)**

Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation will show Ingmar Bergmans classical masterpiece 'Fanny and Alexander' on the 17th of April 2007.

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Apr 5 2007

**[Swedish books for children at the Abu Dhabi Book Fair 2007-04-05](#)**

At the yearly book fair Swedish books for children will be displayed. The Swedish publisher and translator Mona Henning has translated and published a number of Swedish and other foreign books for children, to Arabic.

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Mar 25 2007

**['Royal Food' - A taste of Sweden](#)**

'Royal Food' was the Swedish contribution to the European Cultural Month in the United Arab Emirates, UAE, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the European Union.

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Mar 16 2007

**[European Cultural Month in the United Arab Emirates](#)**

The European Cultural Month in the United Arab Emirates presents a series of activities celebrating the 50th anniversary of the European Union. The cultural program includes exhibitions, concerts, shows, workshops and films from all over Europe.

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Mar 13 2007

**[Ericsson CEO visits UAE](#)**

On March the 8th 2007 the President and CEO of Ericsson, Carl Henrik Swanberg, visited the UAE. During his brief stay the Swedish Business Leader met with H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

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Mar 7 2007

#### [SAS introduces a direct flight to Dubai](#)

On October 31, 2007 the first SAS flight between Copenhagen and Dubai will take off. The service will operate three times a week in both directions until March 2008 with a newly configured Airbus 340.

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Feb 27 2007

#### [Swedish Royal Food at the European Cultural Month in March 2007](#)

Stefano Catenacci, chef of H.M the King of Sweden and the famous photographer Jan Dahlqvist will host a series of activities pertaining to the Culinary Arts and it's presentation on the 16th of March 2007.

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Feb 5 2007

#### [Henrik Stenson won the Desert Classic in Dubai on Sunday](#)

Henrik Stenson, the Swedish Golfer, won a meritorious victory after a strong performance at this year's Dubai Desert Classic.

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Feb 5 2007

#### [Swedish waste management technology attracts attention at Abu Dhabi International Environmental Exhibition](#)

The Swedish waste management company MRT was one of the companies to show of modern waste management technology at the International Environmental Exhibition in Abu Dhabi.

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Feb 1 2007

#### [The worlds most modern car transport carrier, "M/V Morning Chorus" named in Dubai](#)

On the 25th of January Swedish shipowner Wallenius Lines hosted a name giving ceremony in Dubai for the companies newest edition to it's fleet of car transport carriers.

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Jan 29 2007

#### [Large Swedish participation at "Arab Health Congress", the second biggest medical technological congress in the world](#)

One of the worlds largest multi theme medical congresses is inaugurated today in Dubai. The Arab Health Congress is accredited by the American Academy of Continuing Medical Education and provides advanced qualified education for medical staff in the entire region.

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Jan 28 2007

#### [Swedish Deputy Vice Minister for Trade concludes visit to the UAE where he inaugurated the Swedish Trade Councils new regional office](#)

The Deputy Minister for Trade Mr. Hans Jeppson had an eventful visit to the UAE on January 23-24. On Tuesday he participated at the inauguration of the Swedish Trade Council's new regional office in Dubai. During his brief stay the Deputy Minister also met with important representatives of the UAE Government as well as Emirati and Swedish enterprises.

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Jan 20 2007

#### [Swedish Deputy Minister for Trade visits the UAE](#)

Swedish Deputy Minister for Trade, Mr Hans Jeppson, will visit the UAE 23-24 January.

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Jan 5 2007

#### [The Swedish Trade Council Opens a New Regional Trade Office in Dubai](#)

The Swedish Trade Council is strengthening its presence in the Middle East by officially opening a Regional Office in the UAE on 23 January 2007

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Dec 28 2006

#### [Iraqi citizens and the Swedish Immigration policy](#)

In our country we have many Swedish citizens of Iraqi descent; therefore it is understandable that many Iraqis wish to visit their relatives or to reunite with family members in Sweden. However, the current situation in Iraq has not led to a change in the Swedish immigration policy.

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Dec 17 2006

#### [Lunds University and Dubai Municipality arranged conference on "peace and sustainable development"](#)

Gulf News recently, 11th and 13th of December 2006, published two articles about a conference organised by Dubai Municipality in cooperation with the International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics at Lund University, Sweden, and the Euro-Arab Cooperation Centre, with 'Peace and Sustainable Development' as a theme. More than 120 projects were presented at the conference. One of the articles published in Gulf News has its focus on sustainable development, the other on waste and water management.

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Dec 17 2006

#### [New application fees for visas to Sweden](#)

As of January 1st 2007, the new application fee for visas to Sweden will be 285 dirhams.

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Dec 11 2006

[Swedish ice classed tanker vessel named in Dubai](#)

The Swedish ice classed 113 000 ton tanker vessel 'Stena Atlantica' was named in Dubai on Thursday, 14th of November 2006. The ceremony took place at the Dubai Drydocks.

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Dec 11 2006

[Swedish Lucia to be celebrated on December 13th](#)

Each year on the 13th of December, Lucia is celebrated in Sweden. This year, Lucia will be celebrated in Abu Dhabi as well as Dubai.

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Nov 30 2006

[Exclusive shopping centre in Stockholm purchased by ADIA](#)

On the 23rd of November 2006, the Abu Dhabi investment Authorities (ADIA) purchased the exclusive shopping centre Sturegallerian with its surrounding restaurants and facilities for a sum of approximately 2 billion dirhams. ADIA will be new shareholders as of the 15th of December 2006.

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Nov 26 2006

[Group from FOI visits Abu Dhabi](#)

Recently a group from the Swedish defence research agency (FOI) visited Abu Dhabi on invitation from UAE Air Force and Air Defence (UAE AF&AD). The group which amongst others consisted of heads of division Dr Lena Klasén and Monica Dahlén visited several of the air forces installations, the UAE University in Al Ain and industries. The visit was a return visit after a visit in Sweden by the UAE AF&AD. FOI and UAE AF&AD have among other things discussed the possibilities for future cooperation.

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Nov 7 2006

[New security rules for civil aviation within the EU](#)

As of from the 6th of November 2006, new security rules will apply for civil aviation within the EU. For example, liquids will need to be contained in plastic bags, and all large electronic device must be X-rayed separately.

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Nov 7 2006

["I love being chief emotional officer" - interview in Gulf News with The One's CEO Thomas Lundgren](#)

Swedish Thomas Lundgren, founder and co-owner of The One, furniture stores, was interviewed by Gulf News in its Friday Issue, 2 November 2006. The One is one of the Swedish-UAE success stories. The Company has today stores in many places in the Middle East. It has also opened two stores in Sweden.

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Oct 26 2006

[Swedish superstar Sörenstam to compete in Dubai](#)

The world number one golf player Annika Sörenstam will be playing in the Gulf emirate's Ladies Masters Golf tournament in Dubai. Gulfnews, 26th of October, published an interview with the Swedish superstar.

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Sep 25 2006

[Prize Winner of this year's prestigious Stockholm Water Prize says that 'with proper management practices there will be no shortage of water in the Gulf states'.](#)

Recently HH Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden presented this year's prestigious Stockholm Water Prize to Professor Asit Biswas. Professor Biswas is the president of Mexico City based Third World Water center for water Management. The Stockholm Water Prize is a Global Award, founded in 1990, and presented annually to an individual or institution for outstanding water-related activities. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden is the Patron of the Stockholm Water Prize.

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Sep 21 2006

[Swedish V.O. at International Hunting & Equestrian Exhibition in Abu Dhabi](#)

Swedish Gun & Rifle maker V.O. participant at recent International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition.

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Sep 21 2006

[Arlanda Airport profiles itself in Dubai](#)

At the recent major International Airports Conference in Dubai, Arlanda Airport played a prominent role as next year's host of the conference. Furthermore, Göteborg was widely represented at the Conference.

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May 23 2006

[Gulf News Special Issue on Sweden](#)

Gulf News has published on 23 May 2006 a Special nearly 100 page Special Report on Sweden

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Apr 3 2006

[Swedish Deputy Minister for Trade Lars-Olof Lindgren visits the UAE](#)

During his visit to the UAE 1-2 April, Deputy Minister Lars-Olof Lindgren met with high ranking representatives of the UAE within the Government and with the Business Sector.

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Mar 28 2006

[The Nobel Exhibition to the UAE 2007/2008](#)

On 24 March a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by H.H. Shaikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and the Head of the Swedish Nobel Museum, Professor Svante Lindqvist.

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Mar 28 2006

[DIFX appoints Swede as new Chief Executive](#)

The former head of the Swedish OM Group, Mr Per E Larsson, has been appointed new Head of the Dubai International Financial Exchange (DIFX).

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Mar 20 2006

[Chief of Swedish Navy visits the UAE](#)

The Chief of the Swedish Navy, Rear Admiral Anders Grenstad, is visiting the UAE on invitation of his Emirati Colleague 19-22 March

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Mar 17 2006

[Volvo inaugurates New major facility in the Jebel Ali Free Zone](#)

On 20 March Volvo Group Middle East will inaugurate its New Regional Hub Facility for the Middle East. The 47500 sq m large Facility is in the Jebel Ali Free Zone.

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Mar 15 2006

[Ericsson's CEO visits the UAE and announces a new 200 m Dirham contract with Etisalat](#)

During a recent visit to the UAE, the Swedish Company Ericsson's President and Chief Executive, Mr Carl-Henrik Svanberg, announced that Ericsson has been awarded a new AED 200 million contract by Etisalat.

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Mar 15 2006

[Swedish Deputy Minister to participate in "Exportträff Dubai", the Swedish Exporters' Regional Conference in Dubai, April 1-2, 2006](#)

Swedish Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr Lars-Olof Lindgren will be opening this year's "Exportträff Dubai". The aim of the event is to interest more Swedish companies for the dynamic business opportunities in the Gulf Region. At the event they will also be able to network with Swedish companies already present in the Gulf countries, who will share their experiences about the trade in the Region.

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Mar 5 2006

[Would you like to receive an electronic Newsletter about Sweden free of charge?](#)

The newsletter is issued four times per year - winter, spring, summer and autumn - and brings you up to date on new and upcoming features on Sweden.se.

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Feb 10 2006

[Sweden's Minister for Foreign Affairs strongly condemns provocation by Swedish Extremist organisation](#)

The Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Laila Freivalds, has issued the statement below on 9 February 2006.

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Jan 31 2006

[Sweden's Minister for the Environment in Dubai](#)

Swedish Minister for the Environment, Lena Sommestad, will be visiting Dubai 4-9 February 2006 to participate in an International Ministerial Conference on Chemicals Management, arranged by the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), as well as the 9th Special Session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum.

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Jan 30 2006

[Swedish birdwatchers visit the UAE](#)

On 2-9 January 2006 a group of fifteen Swedish birdwatchers visited the UAE for a field trip. The visit took the group to areas around Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Fujairah and Khor Kalba as well as Al Jazeera Khor.

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Jan 23 2006

[Many Swedish Companies participating in this year's 'Arab Health' Exhibition](#)

Swedish Companies participation and exhibiting at Arab Health - Dubai has become regular feature in recent years. This year more than 17 Swedish companies will participate in "Arab Health 2006 Exhibition & Conferences" at the Dubai International Exhibition Centre 22-25 January, 2006.

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Jan 16 2006

[GAC turns 50 - the Embassy congratulates!](#)

In 1956, a group of Swedish shipping specialists set up an international shipping agency in Kuwait under the name of Gulf Agency Company (GAC) to provide efficient shipping agency services in the country's congested port.

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Dec 24 2005

[Article about Sweden in Khaleej Times](#)

Khaleej Times printed an interview with Swedish Ambassador Bruno S Beijer in its 'Diplomatic Diary' on 23 December 2005. The interview is reproduced below.

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Nov 30 2005

[The Embassy welcomes Mr. Abdulla Saleh as new Honorary Co-Chairman of the Swedish Business Council](#)

Mr. Abdulla Saleh has graciously accepted to become one of the Swedish Business Council's two Honorary Chairman as of November 2005. He shares this role in close partnership with the Ambassador of Sweden, Bruno S Beijer, who is the SBC's other Honorary Chairman.

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Nov 12 2005

[IKEA inaugurates its latest outlet on 16 november 2005 in Dubai](#)

On November 16 IKEA and the Al-Futtaim Group will celebrate the grand opening of its largest store in the UAE, the 25,400 sq meter store at Dubai Festival City. The store will in addition to home furnishing, the new store will house the first ever Swedish Foodmarket in the Middle East. For more about the new outlet, see [www.ikeauae.com](http://www.ikeauae.com)