



## World Mediation News

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### Northern Africa

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**Ghana:** Peace Council Formed to Ensure Peace Before, During, and After 2008 Elections in the Brong Ahafo Region, [Ghana News Today](#) (September 21, 2008)

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**Zimbabwe:** Political Parties Sign Power-Sharing Accord; Serves as Example of African Country Finding Solution to Own Problems, [The Times](#) (September 16, 2008)

Regional Experts Discuss Merits and Potential Effects of South African President Mbeki's Style in Zimbabwe Mediation, [World News Connection](#) (August 14, 2008) (Subscription Required)

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**South Africa:** Court Suggests Mediation First to Address Unrest Following High Court Ruling on Victims of Xenophobic Violence, [Dispatch](#) (August 19, 2008)

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Cartooning Useful as a Means for Peaceful Dialogue; Cartooning for Peace Founded by French Political Satirist, Jean Plantureux, [Search for Common Ground](#) (September 11, 2008)

Female Film Company Unveils Saudi Arabia Through Stories; Committed to Foster Dialogue and Greater Understanding, [Search for Common Ground](#) (September 16, 2008)

### Meditation:

"The real and lasting victories are those of peace, and not of war."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Check This Out:

The Master Mediator

Bob Creo's web column for The CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution is back with "Rags and Me."

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## Middle East/Western Asia

**Georgia:** *Iran Claims Diplomacy in Georgia Not Mediation*, [Mathaba.net](#) (September 18, 2008)

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**Iran:** *Turkish, Iranian Presidents Want Diplomatic Solution to Iran's Nuclear Issue*, [BBC International Reports \(Europe\)](#) (August 15, 2008) (Subscription Required)

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**India:** *West Bengal's Governor, Grandson of Gandhi, Considers Mediating Regional Land Dispute*, [The Hindu](#) (September 2, 2008)

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**Thailand:** *New Prime Minister to Focus on Unity and Conciliatory Dialogue; Searches for Tools to Facilitate Talks*, [The Nation](#) (September 17, 2008)

*Mediation Efforts in Thailand Hope to Break Political Impasse*, [VOA News](#) (September 8, 2008)

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**Bolivia:** *President Should Accept International Mediation in Political Crisis or Risks Civil War*, [Merco Press](#) (September 17, 2008)

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United Nations Demonstrates Conflict Prevention More Cost-Effective Than Armed Peacekeeping, [FinalCall.com News](#) (August 21, 2008)

Building Bridges for Peace, a Flagship Program of Seeking Common Ground, Works to Develop Leadership and Understanding Among Youths From Conflicted Middle East, [Search for Common Ground](#) (August 28, 2008)

First Anniversary of Africa Regional Desk Celebrated in Accra, Ghana; Event Co-Organized with West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, an Affiliate of International Fellowship of Reconciliation and Host of Africa Regional WPP Desk, [Women's Peacemakers Program](#)

## Of Interest:

*The Shifting Grounds of Conflict and Peacebuilding: Stories and Lessons*, by Ambassador John W. McDonald, with Noa Zanolli (Lexington Books 2008)

[Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy](#)

*Challenging Conflict: Mediation Through Understanding*, by Gary Friedman and Jack Himmelstein (American Bar Association 2008)

[Center for Mediation in Law](#)

*"Would You Fight Again: Understanding Liberian Ex-Combatant Reintegration,"* by Richard Hill, Gwendolyn Taylor, and Jonathan Temin, US Institute of Peace Press (September 2008)

World Peace Scholar to Open King Speaker Series, [Clarion University Newswire](#)  
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Parliament Adopts Directive Encouraging Mediation in Cross-Border Disputes, [Mondaq](#)  
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