

Interview with Al Arabiya Business on the Fed's rate decision in the backdrop of the Iran war, 18 Mar 2026

In this TV interview with Al Arabiya aired on 18th March 2026, Dr. Nasser Saidi discussed the Fed's expected and unavoidable decision to hold rates steady in the face of higher expected inflation in the US and globally as a result of higher energy prices, higher agricultural and food prices, plastics, transport & logistics, along with supply chain disruptions. While the impact depends on the length, breadth, scope and intensity of the war, the effects will be longer lasting given destruction of critical infrastructure including energy, water and desalination, ports and airports and potentially digital connectivity.

Dr. Saidi states that we are moving into uncharted territory. Expect greater policy coordination between G7 central banks.

Watch the interview below.