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## NuMOV loses a staunch supporter and patron „Ben Wisch“

by Helene Rang

Hans-Jürgen Wischnewski, one of the most respected German politicians of recent decades, especially in the whole Arab World, and with outstanding mediatory skills died on February 24, 2005 in Cologne, aged 82. Wischnewski, a lifelong Social Democrat served in highly challenging positions during his active political life. His image in the Arab world and affinity to the region earned him the nickname "Ben Wisch". As a long-standing Member of the German Parliament he was also the Min-



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Honorary Member of the Board, German Near and Middle East Association, Hans-Jürgen Wischnewski, Federal Minister ret., Minister of State ret.

ister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Minister of State in the Foreign Office, and Minister of State in the Chancellor's office during the chancellorship of Helmut Schmidt.

Wischnewski also held several honorary positions during his lifetime. Since 1999 he was the

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## German Chancellor Schröder's visit to the dynamically developing Gulf region

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