



The Middle East Online: Iraq, 1914-1974

The Middle East Online: Iraq, 1914-1974 offers a broad range of original source material from the Foreign Office, Colonial Office, War Office and Cabinet Papers. These papers have been selected to cover the history and politics of Iraq from the beginning of the First World War and the Anglo-Indian landing in Basra, to the rise of Saddam Hussein. *Iraq 1914-1974* documents the politics, administration, wars and diplomacy in 20th century Iraq in 68,650 pages or approximately 642 British Government files covering Iraqi affairs. Original files are reproduced in their entirety and include all comments, annotations and revisions made by the responsible British officials giving researchers and students direct insight into how British policy was made and revised to deal with changing circumstances. They include incoming correspondence as well as copies of outgoing documents and letters. There are therefore many communication from Arab leaders, other world leaders, diplomats, foreign offices and bureau.

Among the events and perspectives documented here are:

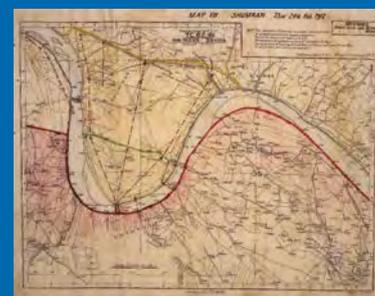
- The Siege of Kut-al-Amara
- The War in Mesopotamia and the capture of Baghdad in 1917
- Introduction of the British Mandate and the installation of Prince Faisal in 1921
- The Arab Uprising of 1920
- The Cold War and Soviet intervention in Iraq
- Kurdish unrest and the war in Kurdistan
- Oil concessions and oil exploration
- The Rise of Ba'athism and Saddam Hussein
- The USSR-Iraq Treaty of Friendship in 1972 and Iran-Iraq relations

The historical background to the complex issues facing modern Iraq is becoming increasingly important. Issues which have pervaded throughout history such as the struggle of the Kurds, the way the British ruled Iraq under the Mandate and the conflict between Sunni and Shia are detailed in the collection and hold significance to studies of the region over a broad time period.



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Map VII. Shumran, 23-24 February 1917. Marked up to show British Line. Reproduced by the kind permission of the National Archives of the UK.



Introduction and Essays

The Archive includes an introductory essay and five commissioned essays on key topics with direct links. These essays provide a scholarly analysis of some of the important issues and offer an accessible introduction for students unfamiliar with this archival material.

Introduction by Dr Charles Tripp, School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London, UK

The British Mandate in Iraq 1920-32

Dr Toby Dodge, The International Institute for Strategic Studies

Iraqi Society, 1914-1974

Prof. Tareq Ismael, University of Calgary

The Iraqi Communist Party 1934-1979

Prof. Peter Sluglett, University of Utah

The Kurdish Question in Iraq, 1914-1974

Dr Gareth Stansfield, University of Exeter

Islam and the Left in Iraq

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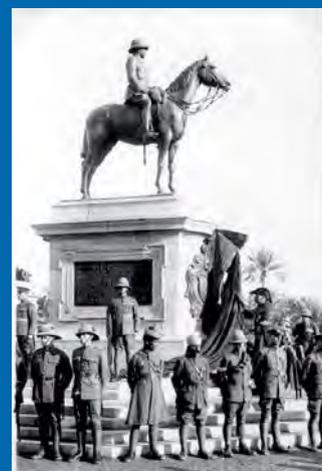
The Middle East Online: Iraq, 1914-1974 is a resource of contemporary documents from the history and politics of Iraq in the twentieth century and is essential for studies in the Middle East, conflict, international politics and relations, intelligence, history of Iraq, history of Islam and the state, economic history, politics, government, history of world communism and colonial history.

'At a time when the very future of Iraq is in question, it is good to be reminded of the origins and history of this troubled state. Through this series of original and authoritative documents, we are able to see with unparalleled clarity the forces which brought Iraq into being and set the framework of Iraqi politics for generations to come.'

Dr Charles Tripp



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