



# Capstone Executive Development Spouse Course An Introduction to the Sunni-Shi'a Struggle

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# Point of Departure

✓ “Muslims” & “Arabs”

✓ *1.7 Billion*

*Indonesia (252 million)*



✓ *422 Million*

*Egypt (83 million)*



✓ *Arabic’s Central Role*



## Islam Growing Fastest

*Muslims are the only major religious group projected to increase faster than the world's*

# 1.6 BILLION MUSLIMS IN THE WORLD

85% SUNNI



15% SHIA

John Holbo *cfr*

Unaffiliated	9
Other Religions	6
Buddhists	-0.3

in overall  
global  
population

Source: The Future of World Religions: Population Growth Projections, 2010-2050

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# TODAY'S FOCUS

## Three Areas

1. Islam's formative period & its enduring relevance.
2. Origins of the Sunni-Shi'a Divide – four key turning points.
3. The End of the Arab Empire -- 1258



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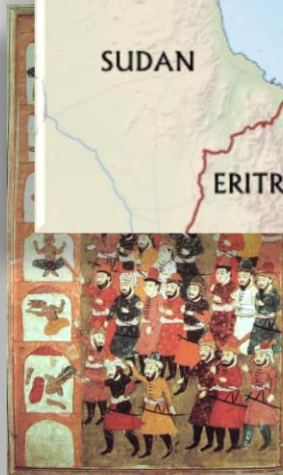
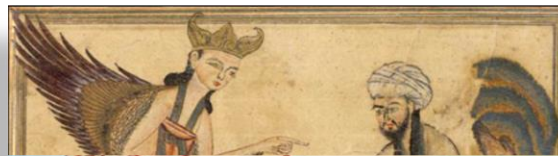
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# 1,500-Year-Old Quran Manuscript Could Be Oldest Known Copy

By Elizabeth Goldbaum, Staff Writer | July 22, 2015 04:50pm ET

A 1,500-year-old parchment could be one of the oldest known copies of the Quran, possibly [dating](#) back to a time that overlapped with the life of the Prophet Muhammad, according to researchers who recently dated the manuscript fragments.

The [text](#) underwent radiocarbon dating, which measured the age of the find's organic materials. Researchers at the University of Birmingham, in the United Kingdom, found that the leaves of parchment date back to A.D. 568 and A.D. 645.



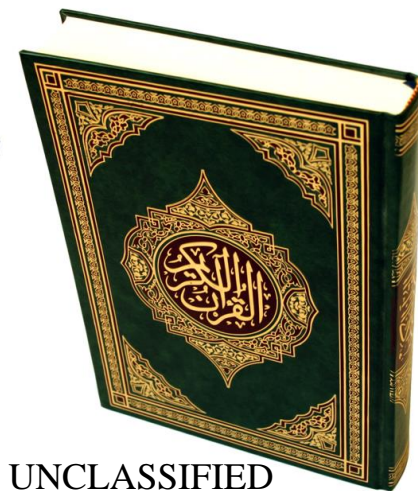
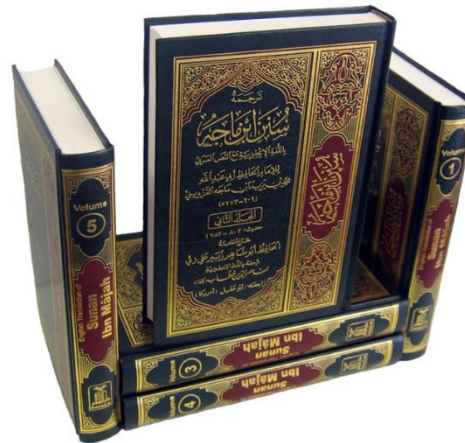


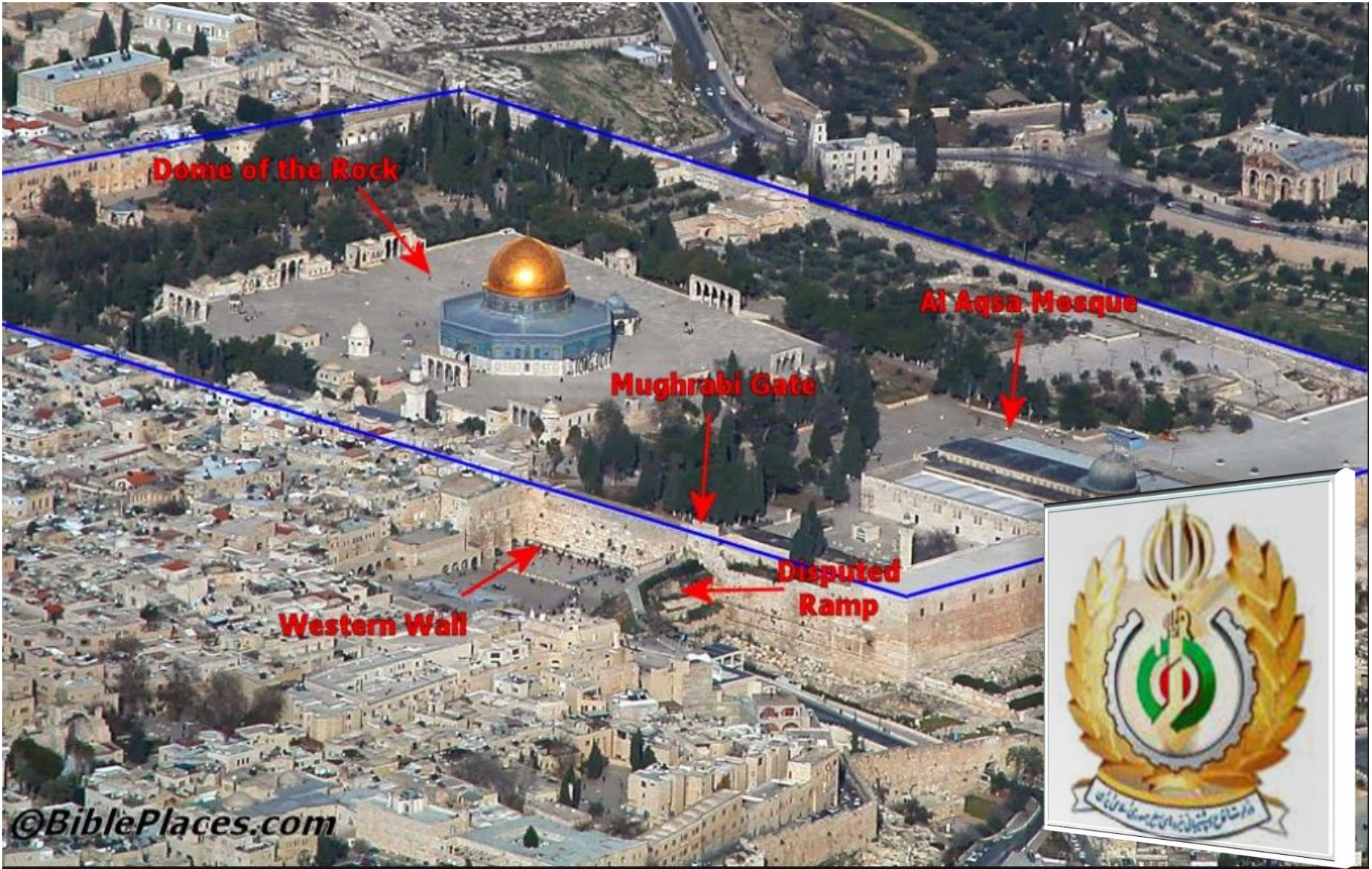
# THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

These are the duties of Islam, the religion of Muslims.

 <b>Shahadah</b> (Faith)	 <b>Salah</b> (Prayer)	 <b>Sawm</b> (Fasting)	 <b>Zakah</b> (Almsgiving)	 <b>Hajj</b> (Pilgrimage)
To believe in no God but Allah and that Muhammad is his prophet and the messenger of Allah.	To pray five times each day: Fajr - Before Sunrise Zuhr - Early Afternoon Asr - Late Afternoon Maghrib - After Sunset Isha - Night.	To give up food and drink during daylight hours in the month of Ramadan.	To give a share of personal wealth to help people in need and support the Muslim community.	To perform a pilgrimage to Makkah at least once in a lifetime.

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# The Great Muslim Conquests



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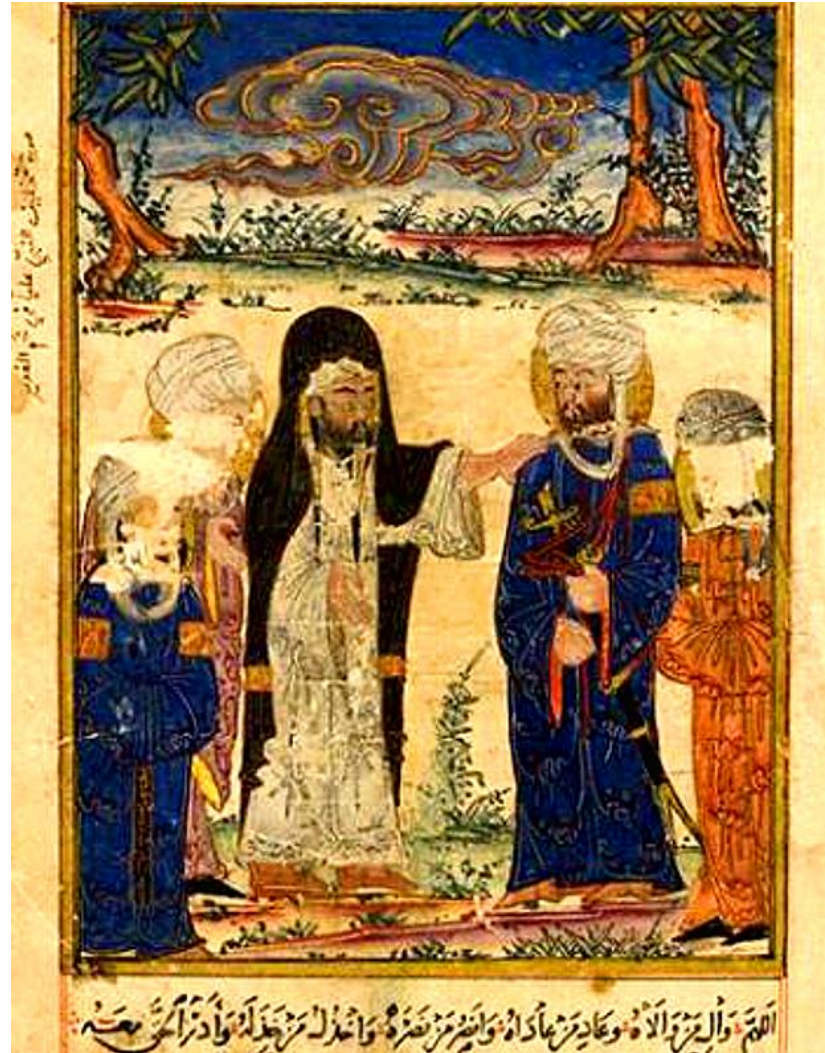
# CONTEXT

## Three Areas of Focus – History & Geography

1. Islam's formative period & its enduring relevance.
2. Origins of the Sunni-Shi'a Divide – four key turning points.
3. The End of the Arab Empire 1258



# Turning Point 1: Succession Dispute



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# ❖ *Rashidun (Rightly Guided Caliphs)*



❖ *Abu Bakr (632-634)*



❖ *Omar (634-644)*



❖ *Othman (644-656)*

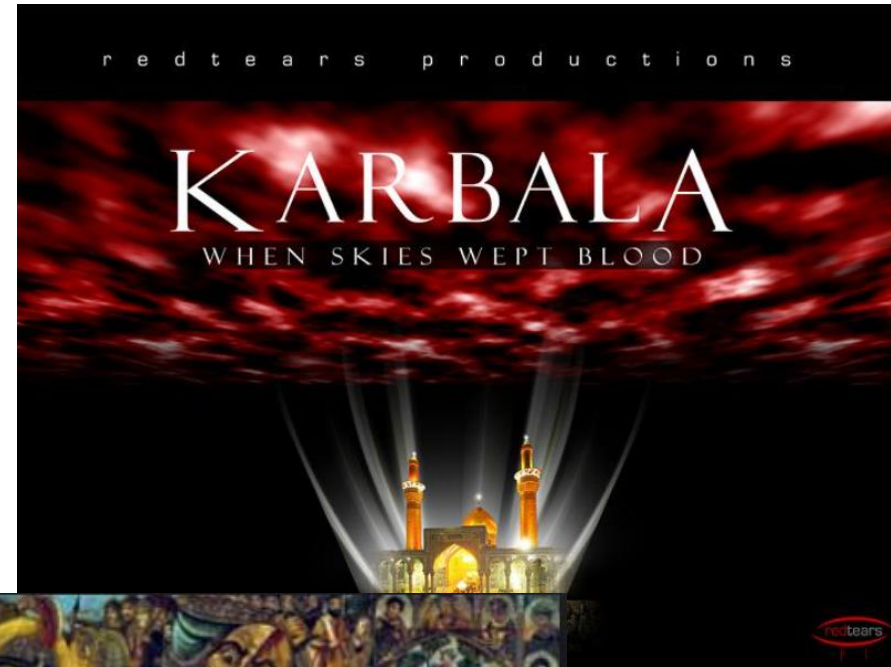


❖ *Ali (656-660)*



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# Turning Point 2: Martyrdom at Karbala 680



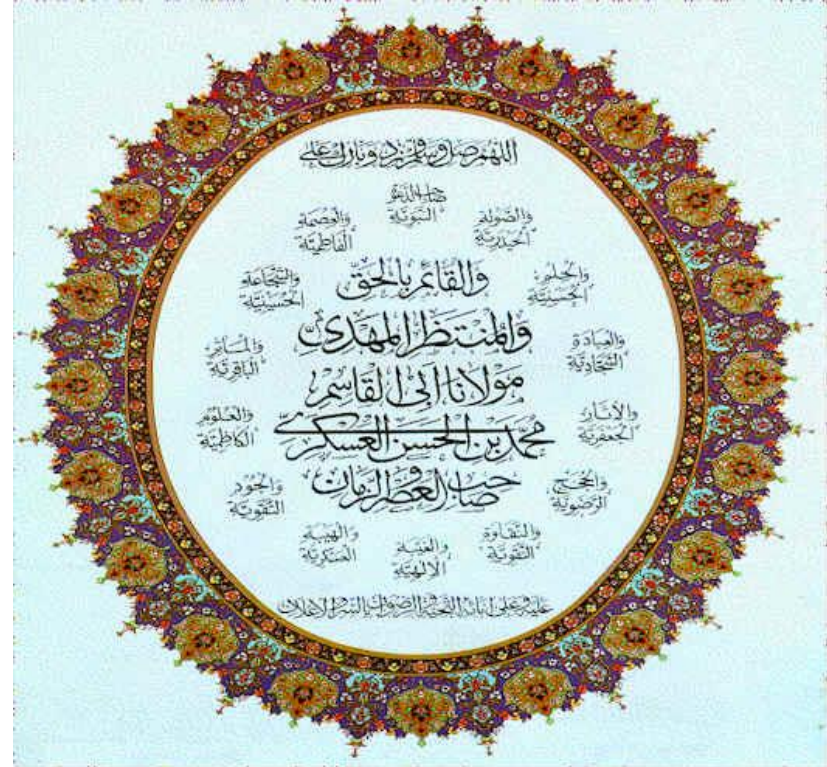
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# Turning Point 3: Political-Religious Merger



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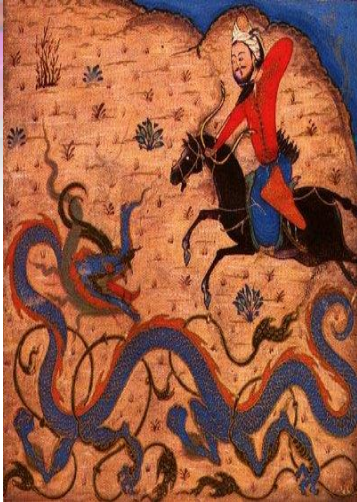
# The Sunni-Shi'ite Struggle

“The Other Islam”



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# Turning Point 4: Persian Nationalism



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## Safavid Persia



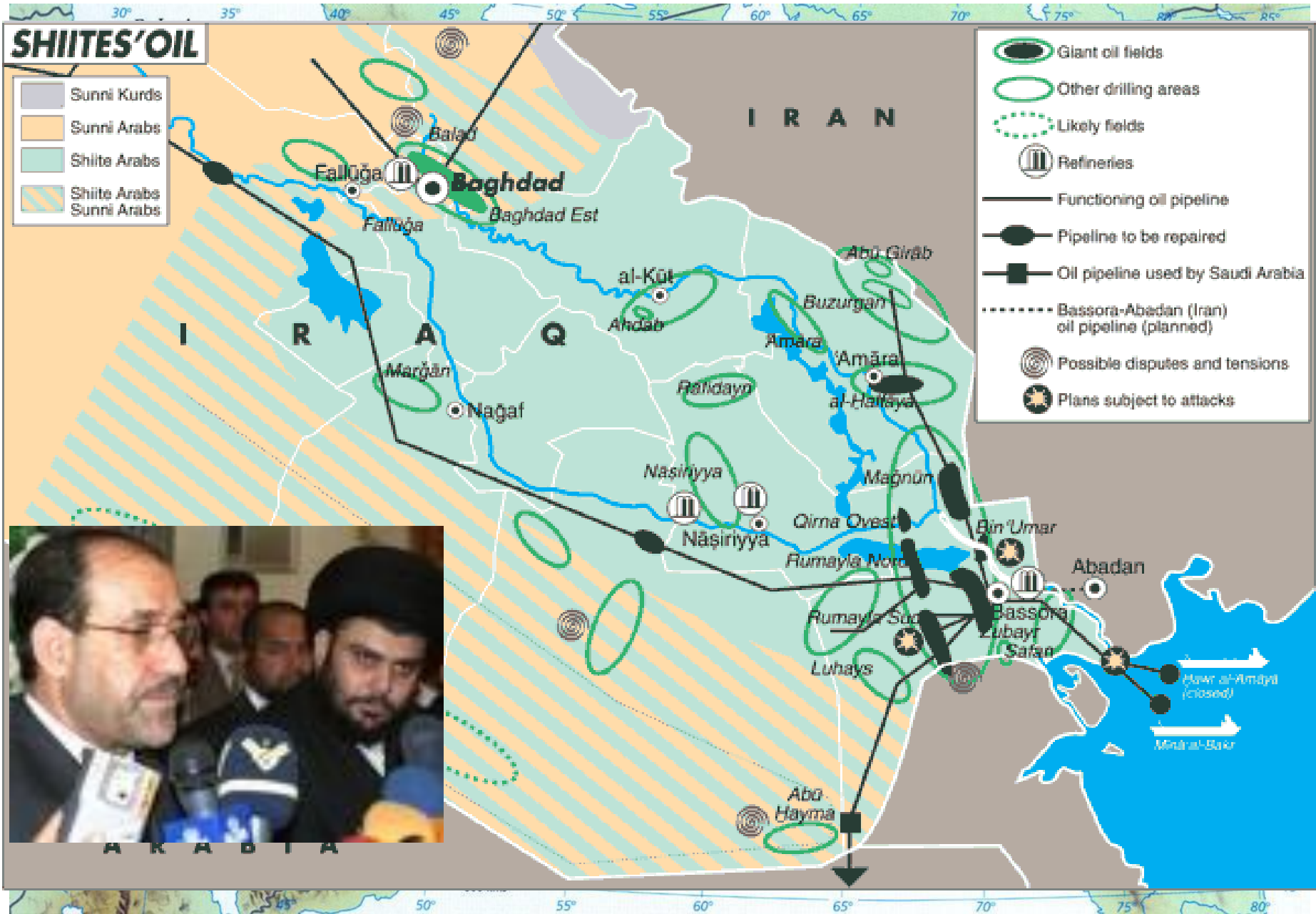
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# The Sunni-Shi'ite Struggle: Why it Matters



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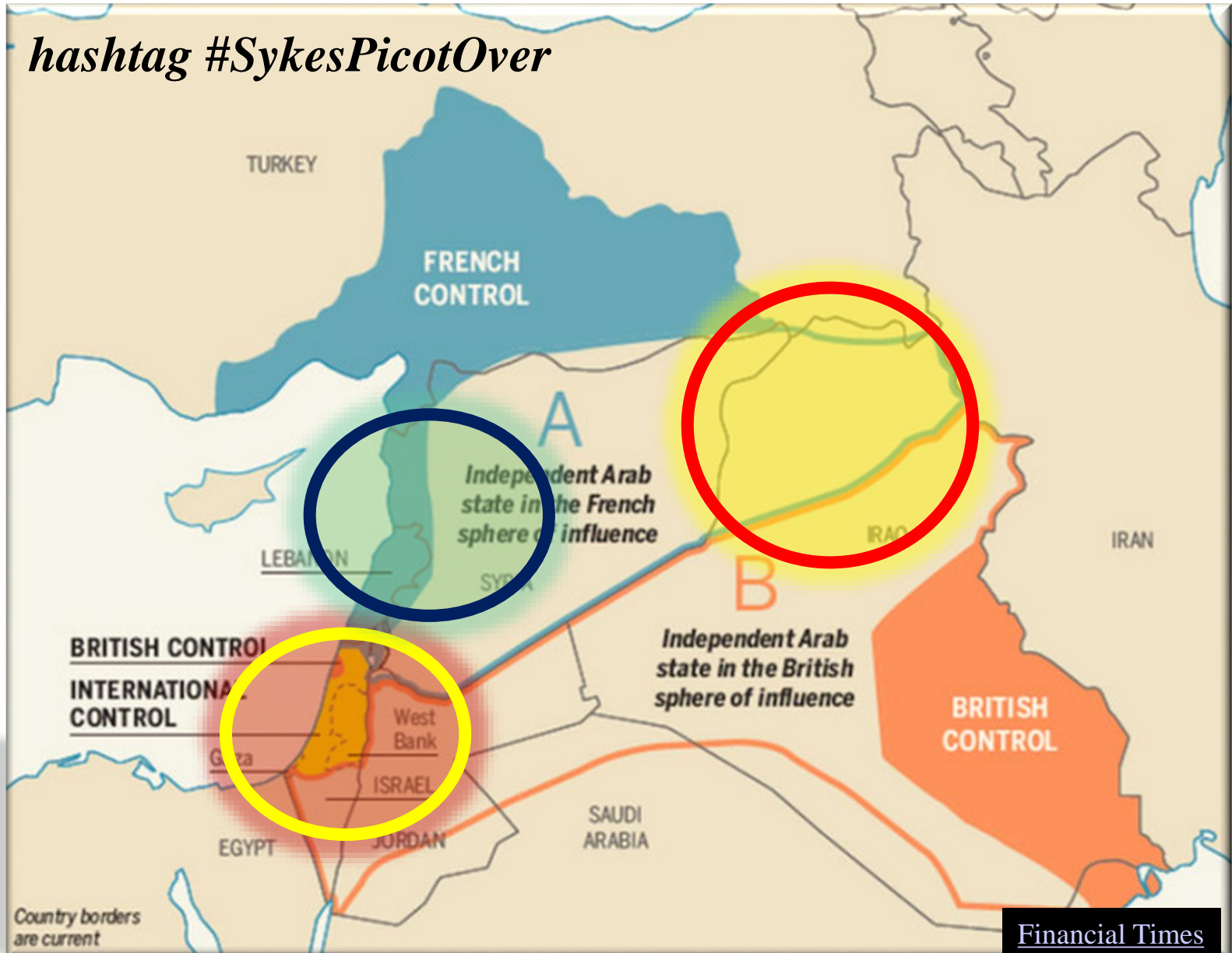
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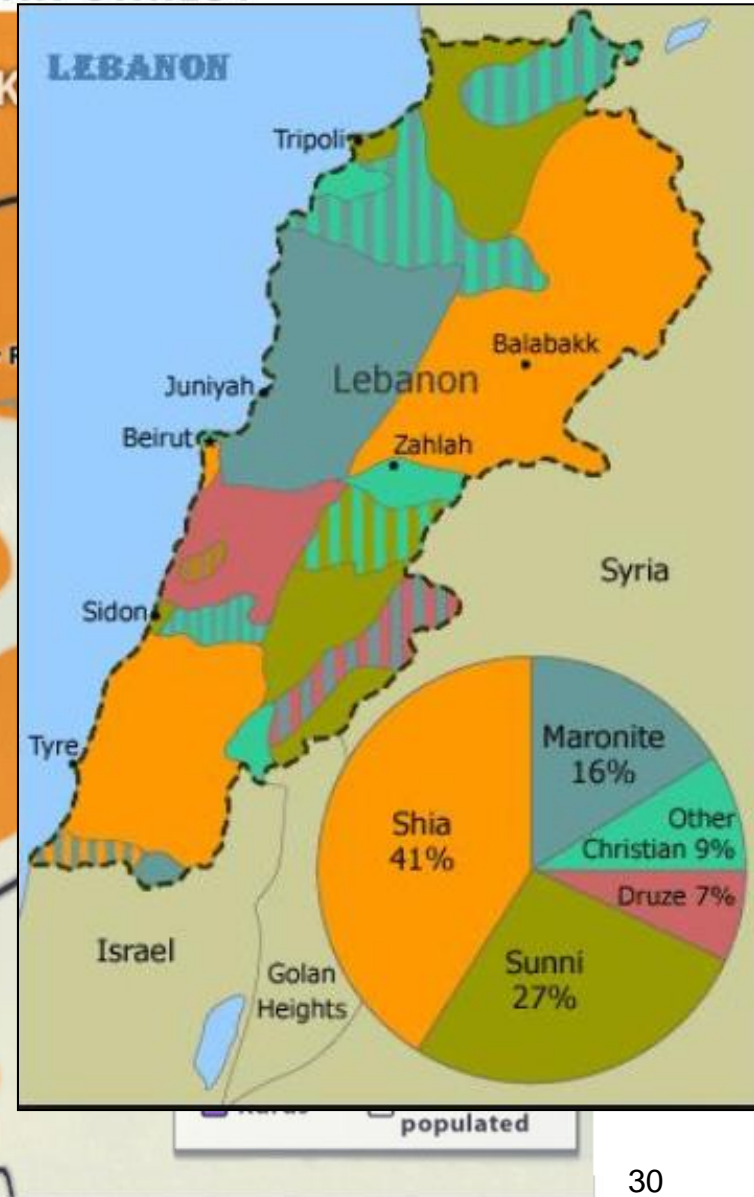
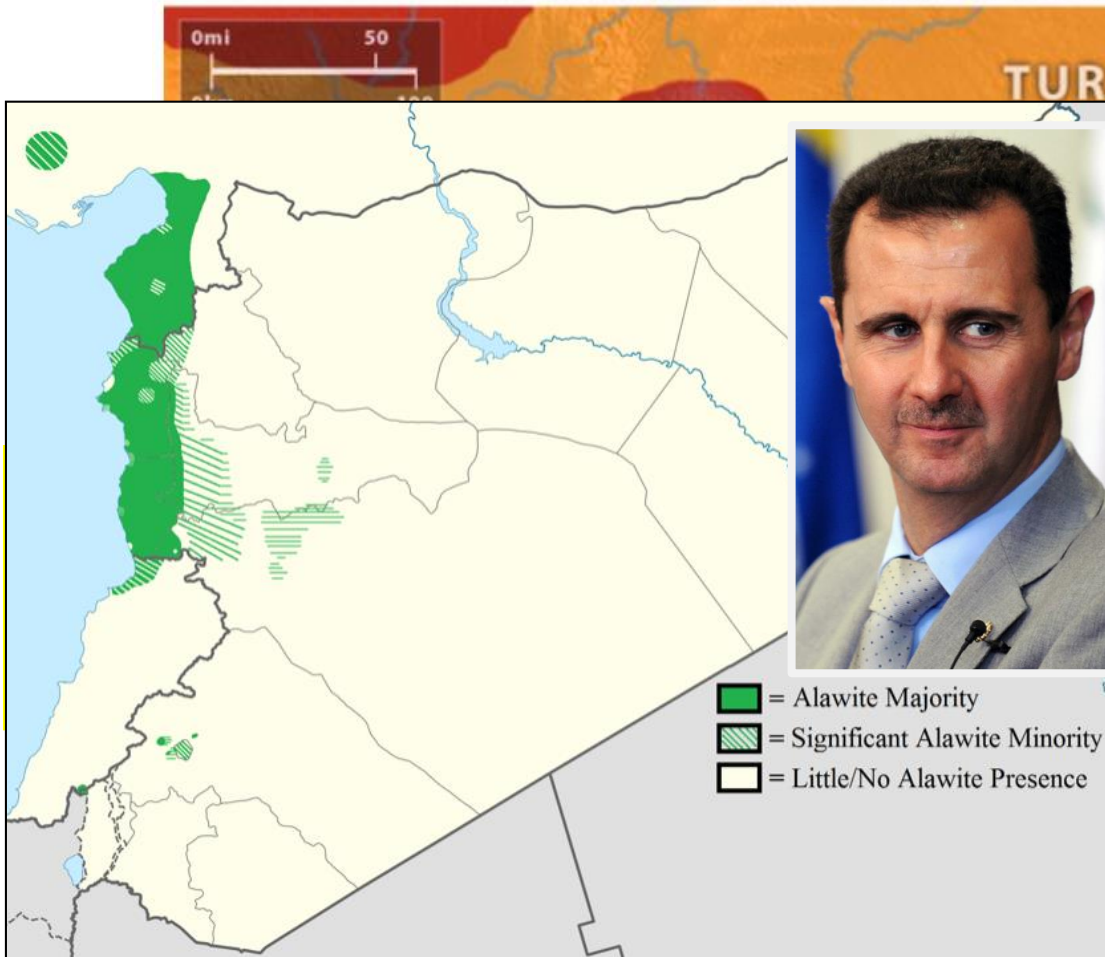
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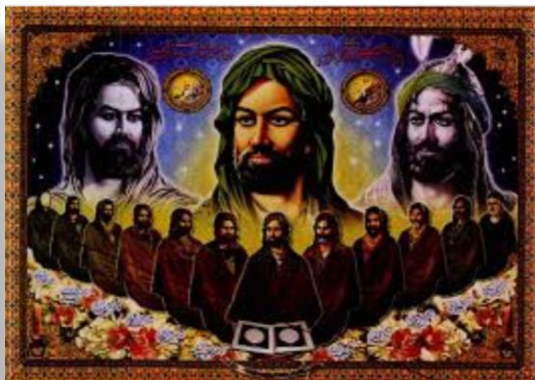
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## A SECTARIAN LOOK AT SYRIAN UNREST





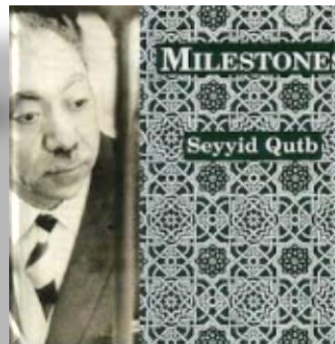
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It is the nature of Islam to dominate, not to be dominated, to impose its law on all nations and to extend its power to the entire planet.

— Hassan al-Banna —

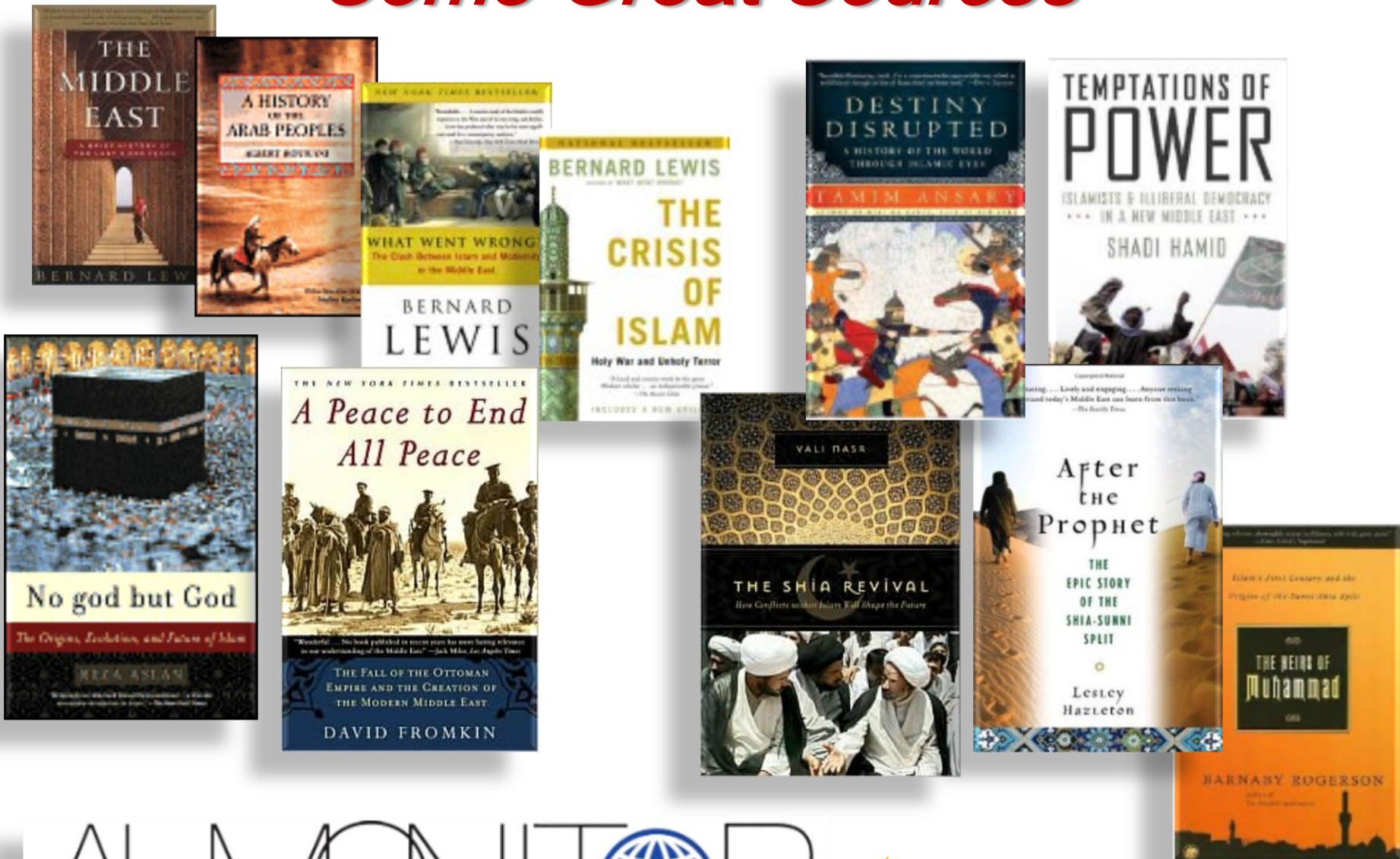
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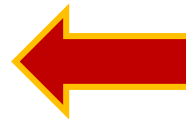
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# Some Great Sources



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THE PULSE OF THE MIDDLE EAST



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# QUESTIONS?



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# *But Is Sectarianism Unavoidable?* The Sunni-Shiite Struggle



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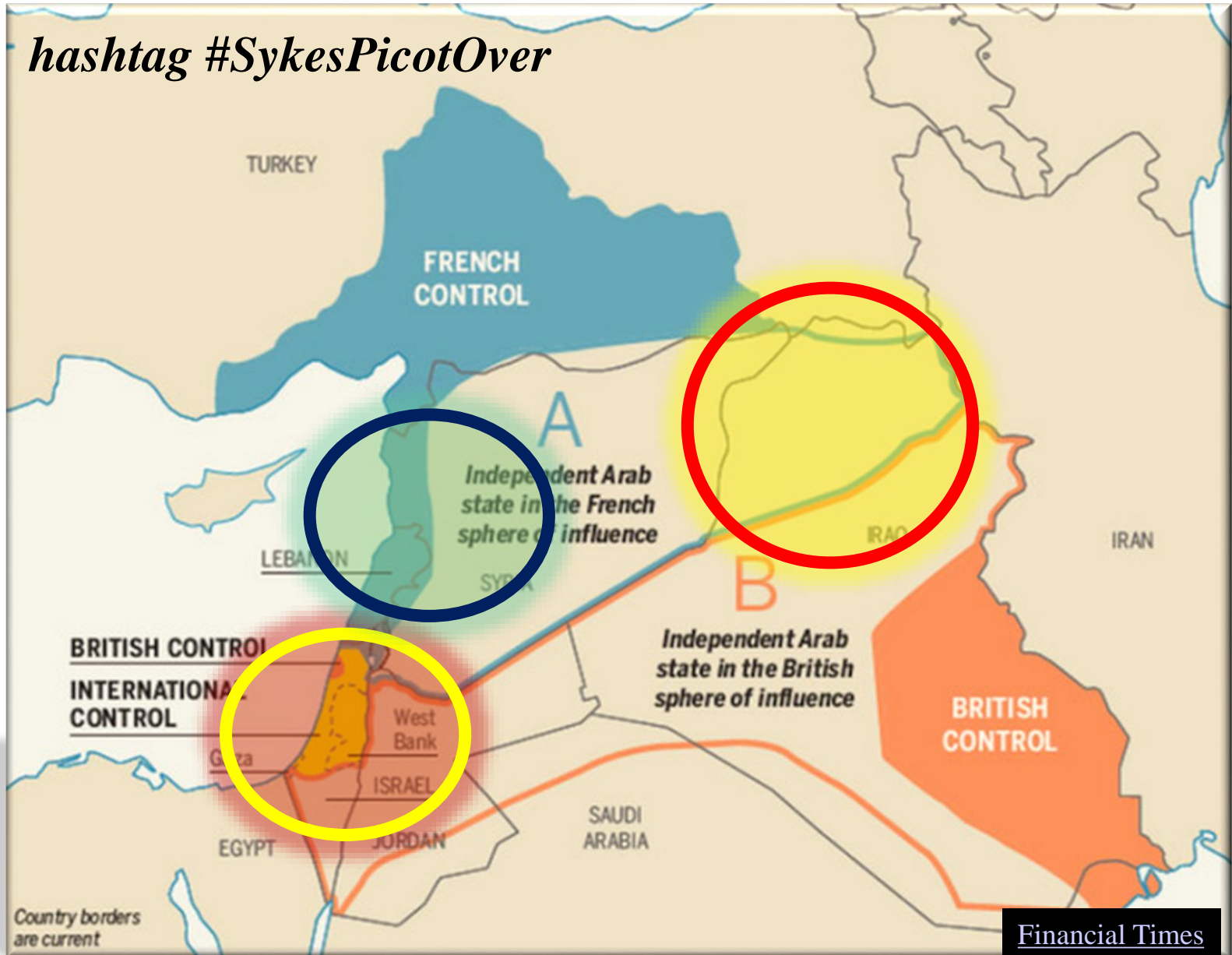
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# COLONIAL LEGACY – WHERE YOU’LL PICK-UP IN YOUR CLASSES



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