

MEDIA HUBS in The Modern Middle East: **UAE, Qatar, Cairo, Beirut**



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Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

North Africa and the Middle East



World Distribution of Muslim Population

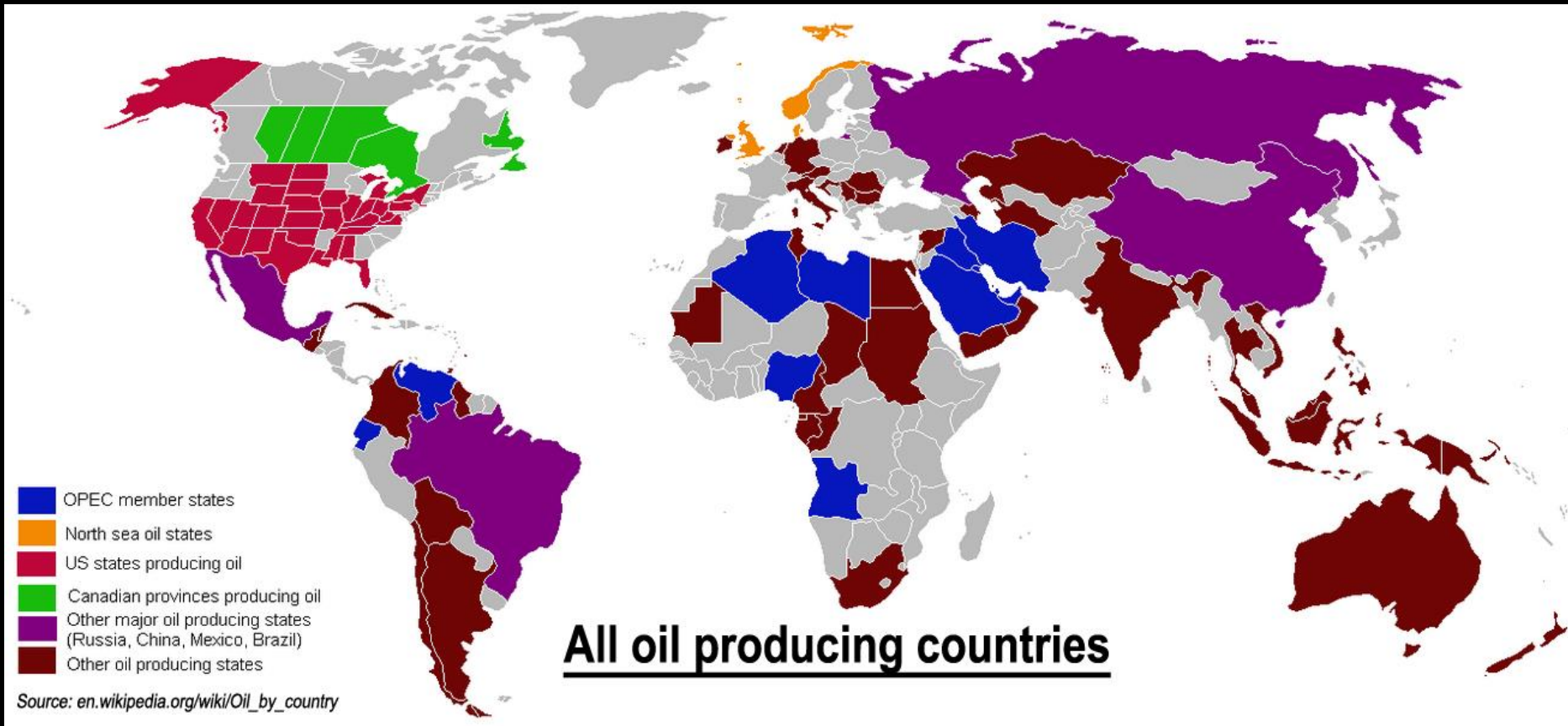
****Only countries with more than 1 million Muslims are shown (1.6 Billion world-wide (23%); 3.3 million in the U.S.; Fastest growing religion)***



Physical Geography of the Middle East

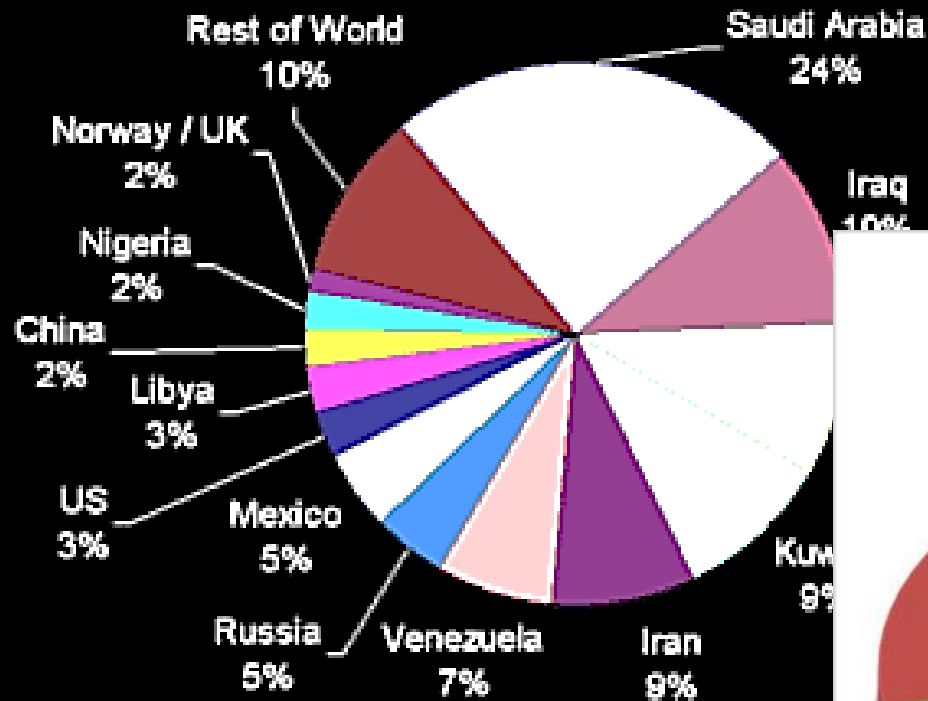


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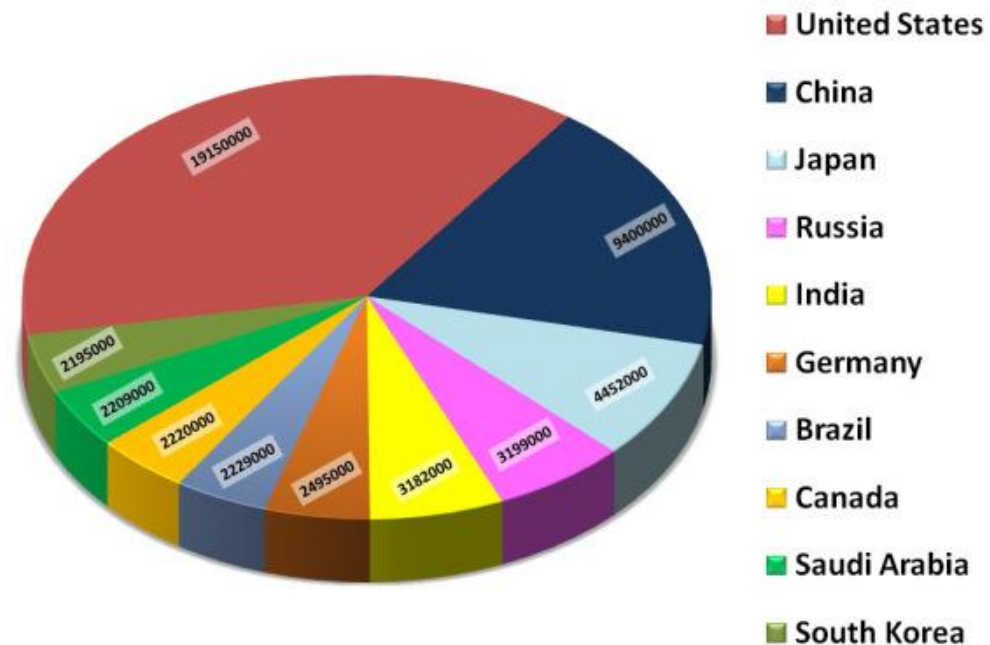


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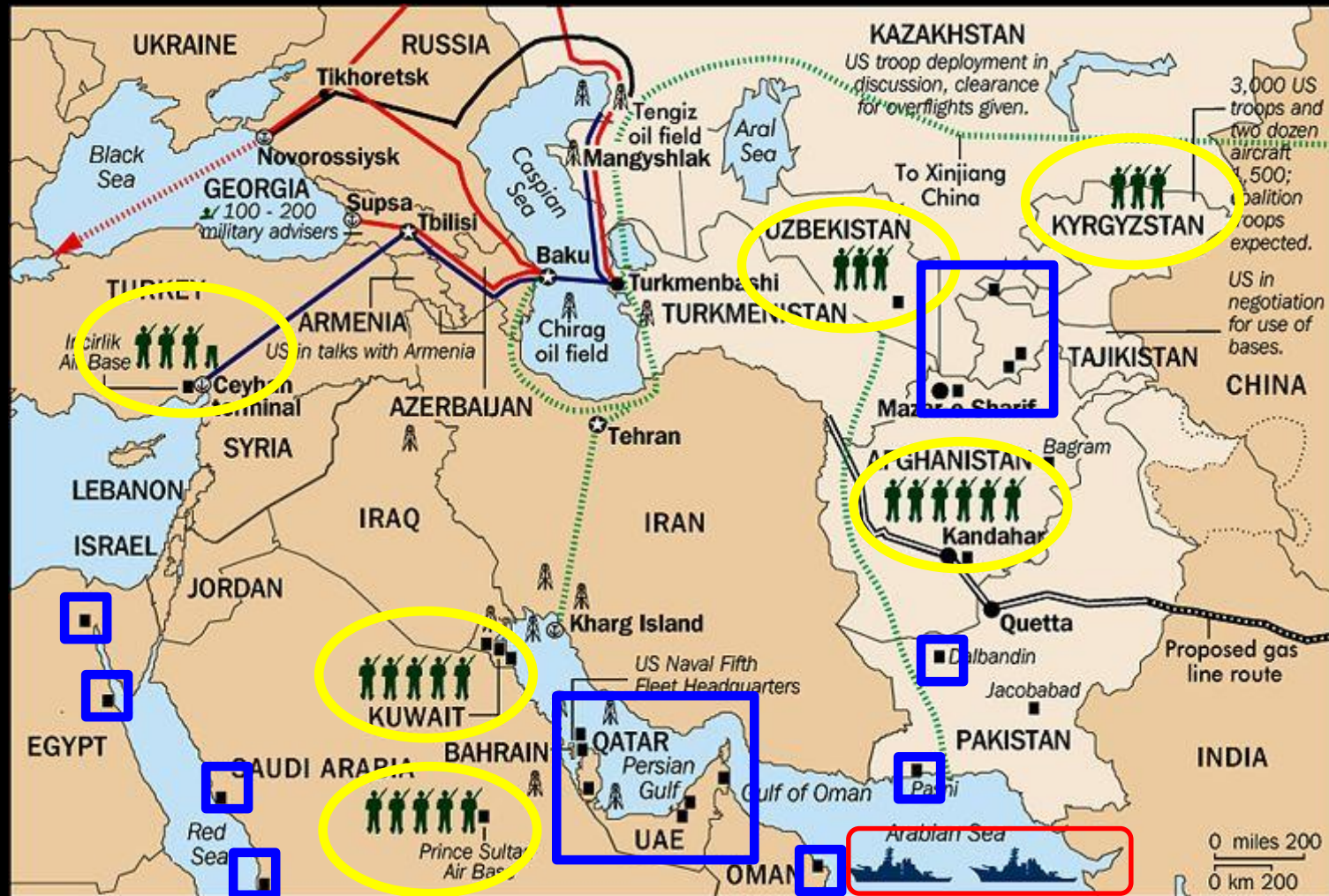
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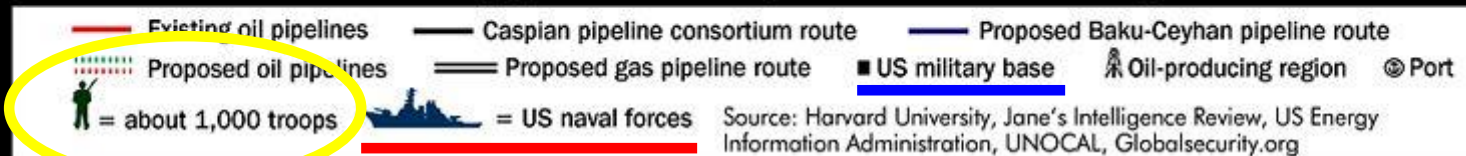
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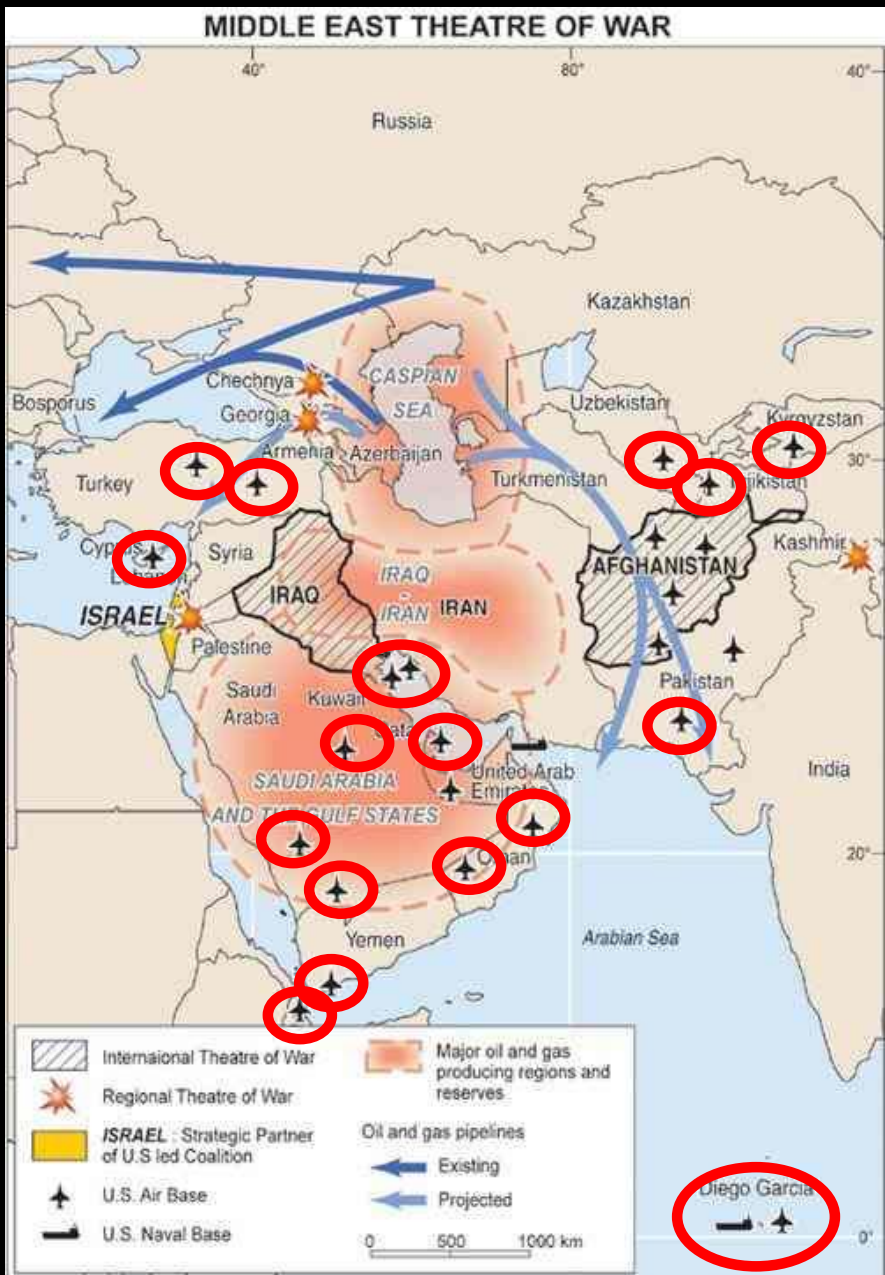
Oil, Pipelines, and US Military



Oil and military presence in Caspian and Middle East region



Middle East & US Military



Media Hubs in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)



United Arab Emirates



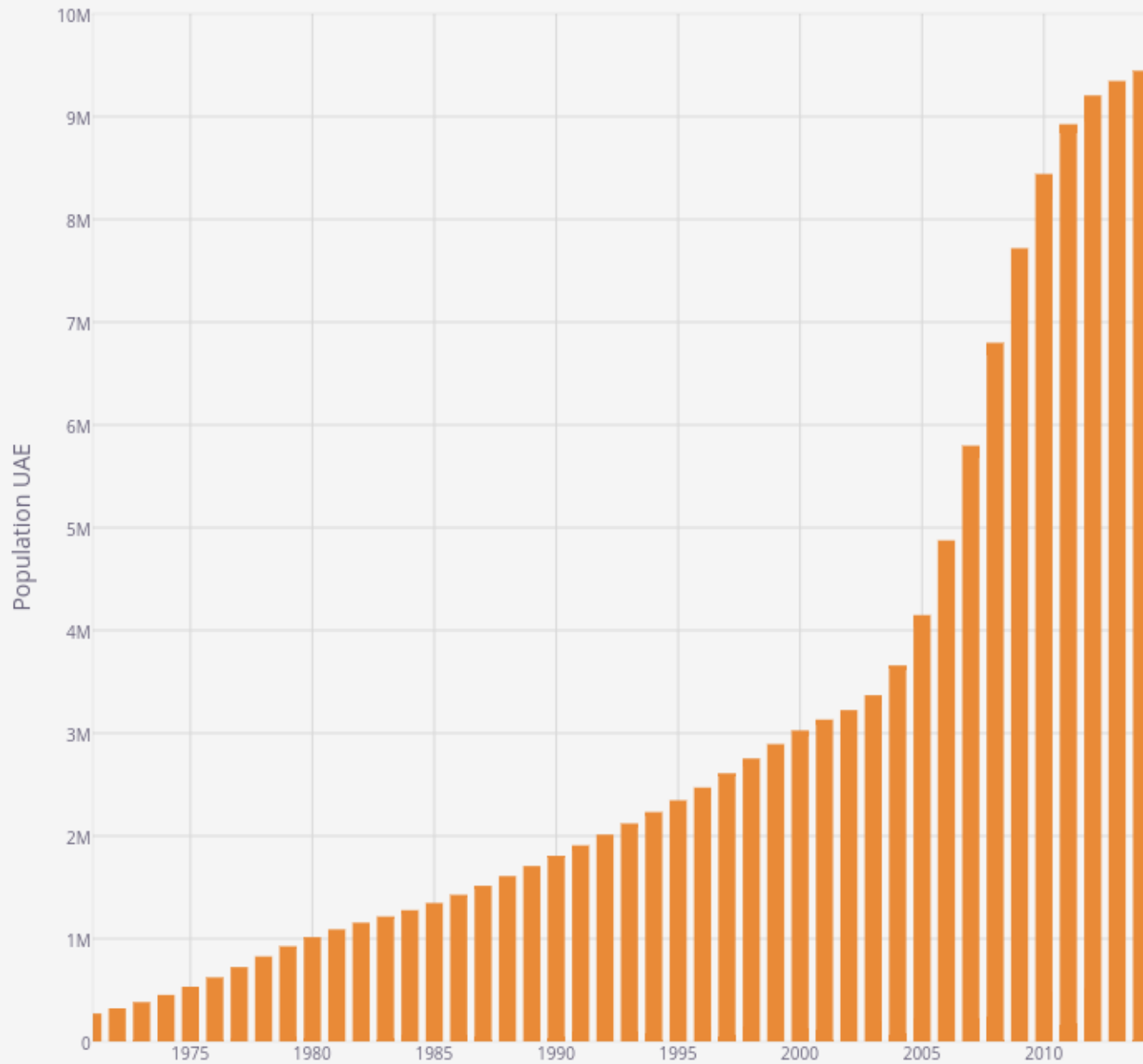
United Arab Emirates (UAE)

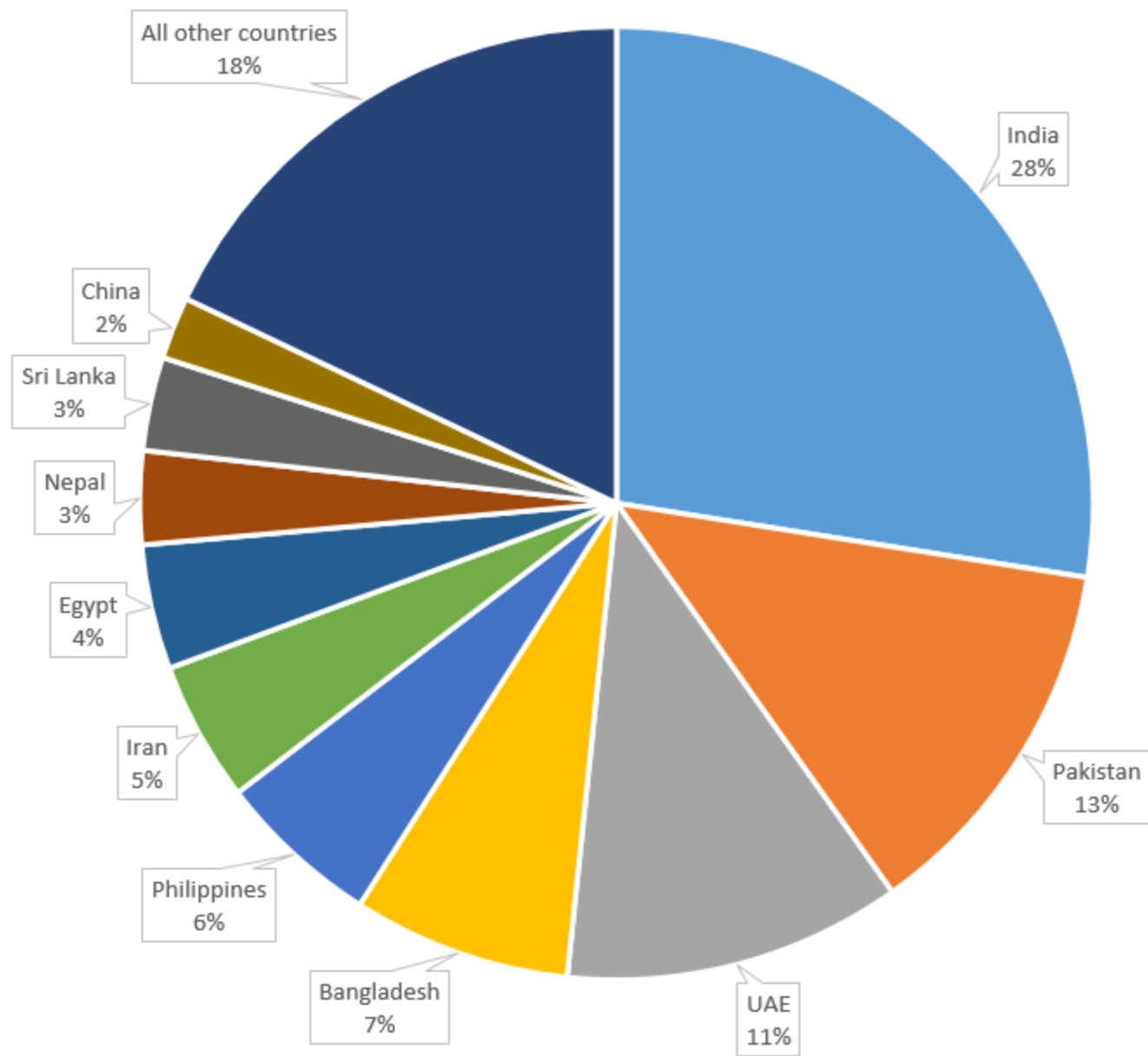


The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is a federation of seven states formed in 1971 by the then Trucial States after independence from Britain.

- **Population:** 9.4 million (UN, 2014)
- **Capital:** Abu Dhabi (~1.7 million)
- **Largest city:** **Dubai** (~2.6 MILLION)
- **Area:** 77,700 sq km (30,000 sq miles)
- **National language:** Arabic
- **National religion:** Islam
- **Life expectancy:** 77 years (men), 79 years (women) (UN)
- **Main exports:** Oil and Gas
- **PPP Purchasing Power Parity:** \$70,237 (World Bank, 2015) (U.S.=\$55K)

Population UAE
1971 - 2014





Dubai 1990 vs 2015

DUBAI 1990



DUBAI 2015



Downtown Dubai



Development Outside the City Center



Global Transportation

Dubai claims Heathrow's air traffic crown



Dubai International has taken over from Heathrow as the world's busiest international airport in terms of yearly passenger numbers.

The United Arab Emirates airport said it had just under 70.5 million passengers through in 2014, compared with around 68.1 million for Heathrow.

Dubai Airports said it had reached a "historic milestone".

Heathrow has been trying to increase capacity for a number of years, a spokeswoman said.

The airport operates at around 98% capacity,

"Britain has benefited from being home to the world's largest port or airport for the last 350 years. But lack of capacity at Heathrow means we have inevitably lost our crown to Dubai," the Heathrow spokeswoman said.

Dubai passenger numbers rose 6.1% in the year, Dubai Airports said.

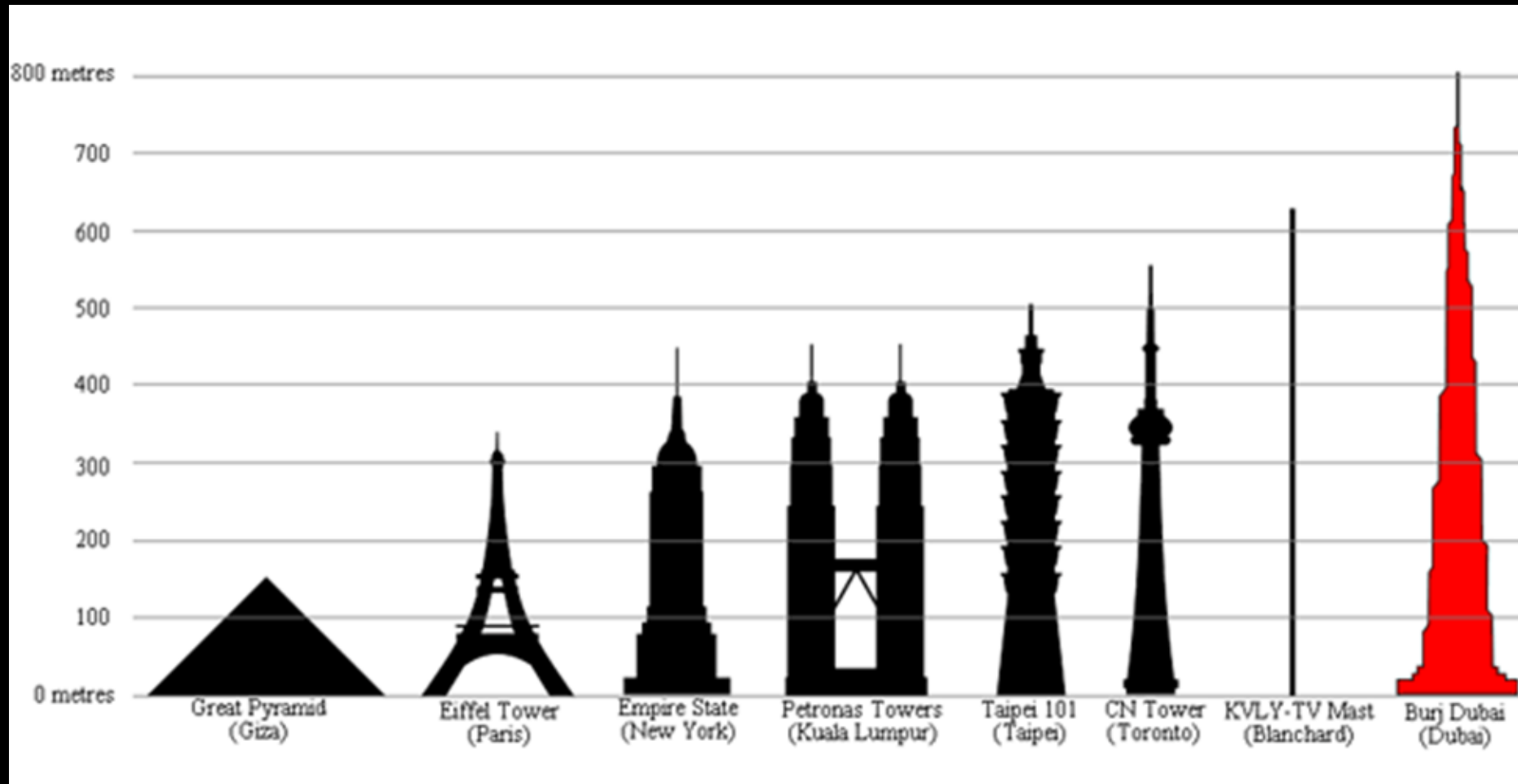
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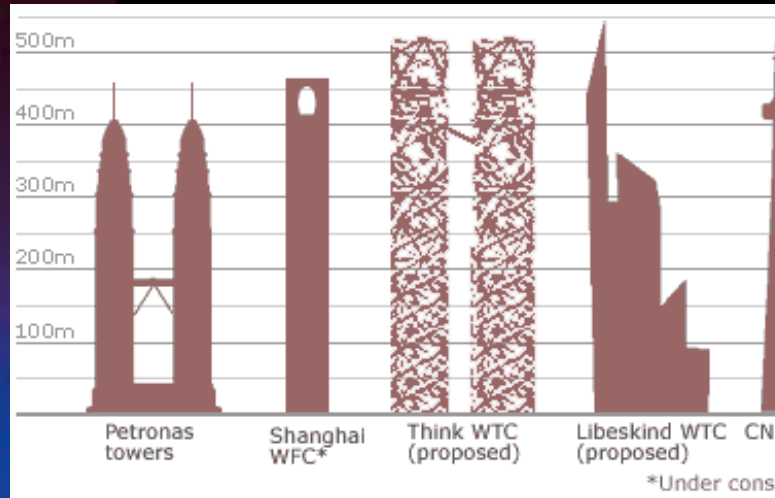
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Burj Khalifa: - Dubai skyscraper

The Gulf state of Dubai has unveiled plans for the world's tallest building



Burj Khalifa: ***World's tallest building***





Palm Jumeirah : Creation of off-shore resort Islands

(AKA Jebel Ali Palm Island)



At Night--Palm Jumeirah



Palm Jumeirah: Luxury Housing Developments



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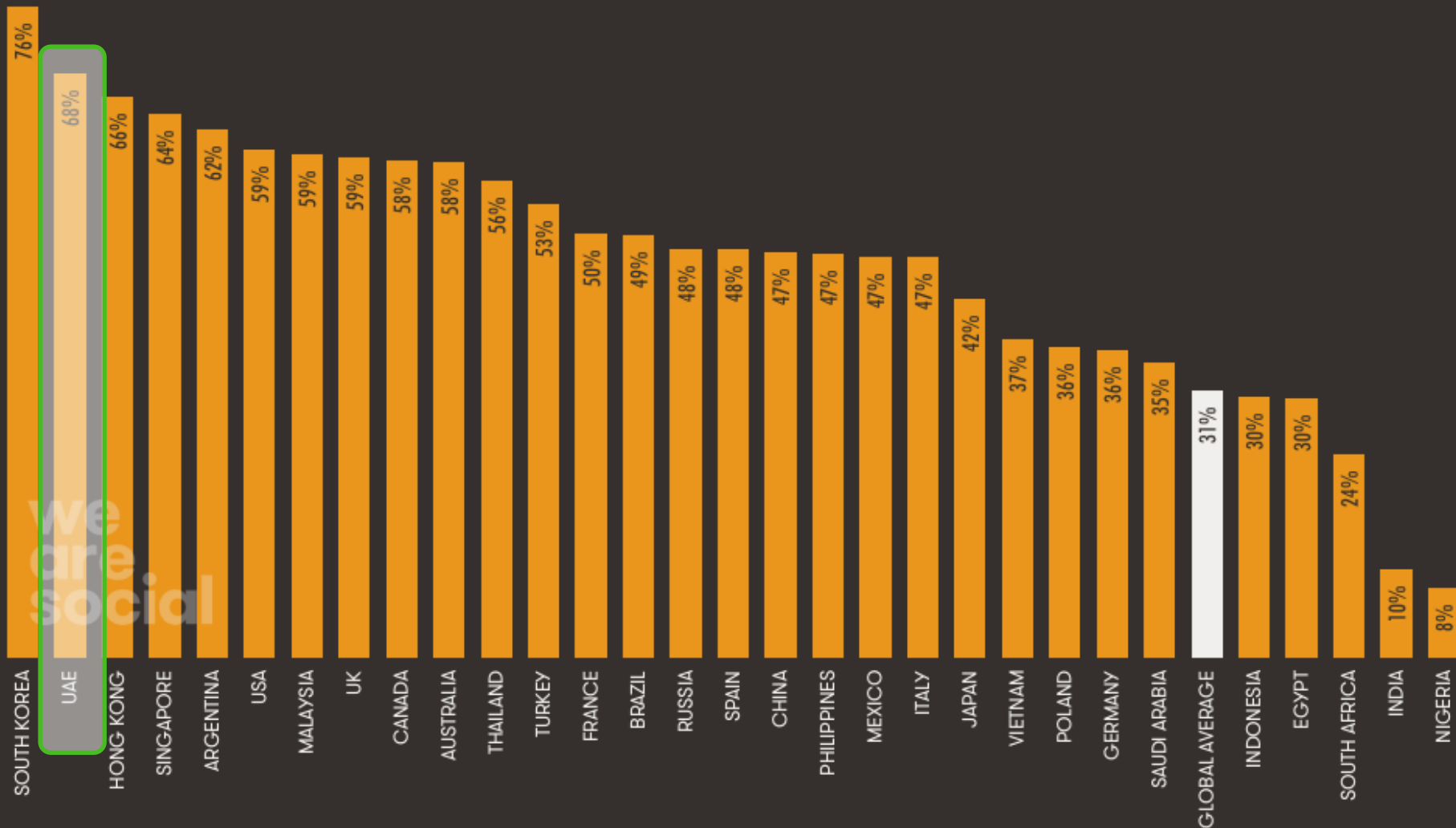
Media City: Dubai



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SOCIAL MEDIA USE BY COUNTRY

ACTIVE ACCOUNTS ON THE TOP SOCIAL NETWORK IN EACH COUNTRY, COMPARED TO POPULATION



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Major broadcasters based at Dubai Media City

- [Al Arabiya-Middle East Broadcasting Center](#)
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- [Bloomberg L.P.](#)
- [CNBC Arabiya](#)
- [Voice of America \(VoA\)](#)
- [Showtime Arabia](#)
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The screenshot displays the Al Arabiya English website interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for NEWS, PERSPECTIVE, BUSINESS, MEDIA, OPINION, LIFESTYLE, VARIETY, SPORT, IN FOCUS, VIDEO, and BLOGS. The main header features the Al Arabiya English logo and a large hero image of firefighters battling a massive fire. Below the hero image, a 'LATEST' section highlights a headline: 'UN: Pursuing war criminals in Syria should not wait for end of war', dated '2 hours ago in Middle East'. A 'VIDEO' section follows, showcasing a grid of video thumbnails with titles such as 'Documentary: Saudi military policy under King Salman', 'A literary feast for all ages on offer at Riyadh book fair', 'Why Bahrain deported 10 Lebanese citizens', 'We are still welcomed in Saudi', and 'Political Memoirs: Jordanian - Palestinian ties'. The 'NEWS' section is visible at the bottom, featuring a list of headlines including 'Macedonia sends back refugees who pushed their way in', 'ISIS claims murder of Muslim preacher in Bangladesh', 'Mother Teresa of Calcutta to be made Roman Catholic saint Sept. 4', 'Clashes spread to new areas of southeast Turkey after bombing', and 'Saudi king: "North Thunder" military'. A prominent headline in the news section reads 'Berlin police suspect explosive device caused car to explode, driver dead', accompanied by an image of a damaged car. A blue sidebar advertisement for 'VITALYST' IT services is positioned on the right side of the page.

Tradition



Club Scene Dubai



Image: Peppermint Club

Tourism for the Elite



Opulence



Opulence



**Police: Lykan
Supersport
\$3.4million
0-60mph 2.8sec**



Sex Trafficking In Dubai



Tourism for the Elite



Snow comes to deserts of Dubai: World's Largest Indoor Snow Park



The largest indoor snow park in the world has opened in the Gulf Emirate of Dubai.



The 22,500sq/m of piste are covered with 6,000 metric tons of manufactured snow all year round.



Ski Dubai, 85m high by 80m wide, has to cope with average outside winter temperatures of 25C and summer temperatures soaring above 40C.



The temperature inside is maintained at -1 or -2C. Arabs who prefer to wear their traditional kandouras can hire black, knee-length padded coats.

The \$272m resort is the latest project in the emirate which is seeking to become a major tourism hub.

Dubai Snowpark



Dubai Snowpark



Vacationland—Middle East



The seven-star Burj Al Arab hotel has become one of Dubai's most recognisable symbols.



The Jumeirah Beach Hotel

Professional Sports Markets in Dubai



Tennis publicity stunt: Andre Agassi and Roger Federer played on the hotel's helipad.



A number of balls were lost.



Professional Sports Markets in Dubai

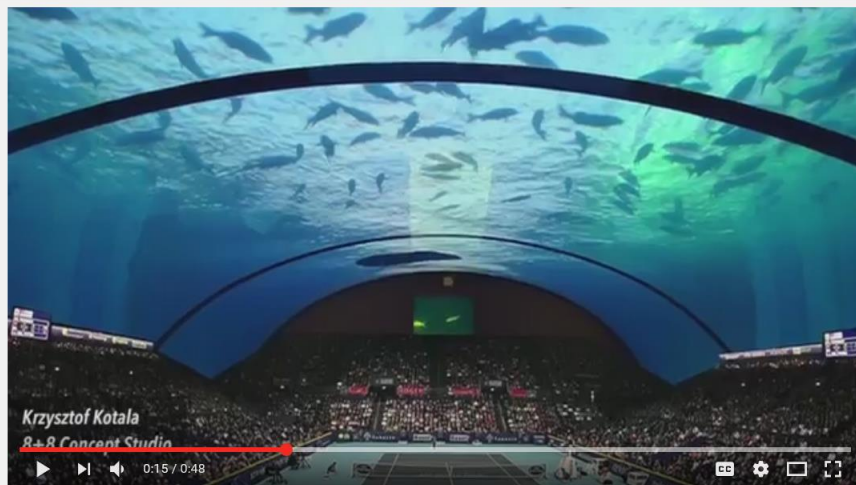


Morning trackwork at the Nad Al Sheba racetrack a day before the US\$6 million Dubai World Cup. AP

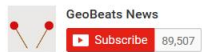


Tiger Woods plays in the first round of the Dubai Desert Classic. AP





Dubai Could Host Underwater Tennis In The Future



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Dubai construction workers strike

Thousands of foreign construction workers in the Gulf state of Dubai have gone on strike over pay and conditions.



Workers in Dubai - file photo

Foreign workers have fuelled Dubai's construction boom

Workers blocked roads and threw stones at police on Saturday, prompting a government threat to deport rioters.

A fall in value of the UAE dirham means workers are unable to send as much money home as they previously could.

Dubai's economy has boomed in recent years, fuelled largely by a construction industry reliant on low-paid workers, many from South Asia.

But the emirate has been hit by a labour shortage recently as India's own economic boom has offered an alternative source of jobs.

Dubai's foreign workers are demanding higher pay and improved housing as they work on prestige projects such as the Burj Dubai - set to be the world's tallest building.

Analysts say it is time for the authorities to consider a minimum wage.

Workers Living Conditions



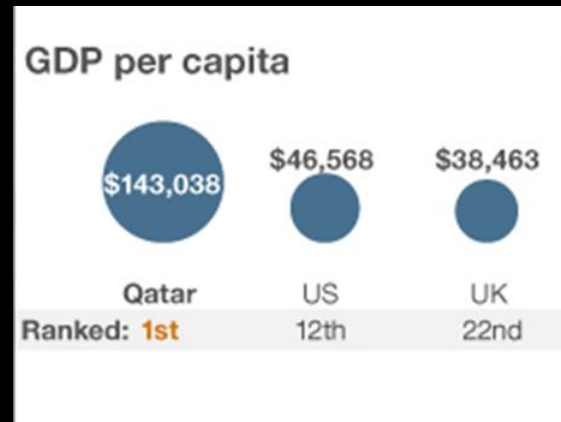
DOHA, QATAR:


Media Hubs in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)



Qatar

- ✓ British protectorate until 1971
- ✓ More than 15% of the world's proven gas reserves.
- ✓ Home to Al-Jazeera (Middle East based World News Provider)
- ✓ Elections in 1999: Qatari women were allowed to vote and stand for office.
- ✓ Highest GDP in the world 2015 = \$143,038
- ✓ 2nd lowest unemployment rate
- ✓ Reporters w/o Borders Press Freedom index 74-113



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Qatar



Qatar's spectacular West Bay is fast becoming an iconic image of the rapidly changing face of the oil-rich Gulf nations. Nigel Downes, a British photographer based in Qatar has taken a series of photographs reflecting the many qualities of the country.



Qatar's emerging skyline features cutting-edge designs from the world's leading architects. These structures include many elements of Islamic and Arabian culture.



Saudi Arabian visitors stroll through So... home to many traditional Arabic restaura... focal point for visitors, local families and



Porto Arabia, part of a huge construction... man-made island off the coast of Qatar... waterfront cafes and restaurants are fa... a place where the local and expat comm... meet, says Nigel Downes.

✓ **Qatar in Photos:**
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-20804673>

Al Jazeera

- **1996:** Al Jazeera Satellite Channel following the closure of the BBC's Arabic language TV station. The Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa, provided a loan of (\$137 million).
- **1999:** Al Jazeera's first day of 24-hour broadcasting
- **2000:** Nightly viewership at 35 million across the Arab world.
- **2001:** Qatar “officially” allows private satellite dishes. Al Jazeera launches free Arabic language **web site**. TV available in UK via British Sky Broadcasting.
- **Sept 11, 2001 → Afghanistan → Iraq War (2003):** Al Jazeera gains global audiences as a direct alternative to CNN, BBC, and all other western media outlets.
- **2003** Al Jazeera develops a **sports channel**. 23 bureaus around the world and 70 foreign correspondents world wide. News sharing with BBC.
- **2006:** Al Jazeera International—Global English Language Channel/Web Site.
- **2008:** Israel announces a "boycott" and sanctions of Al Jazeera for biased coverage of Palestine.

- **2013:** Al Jazeera purchases **Current TV** (Al Gore) and develops **Al Jazeera AMERICA**.
- **2013:** 22 members of staff of Al Jazeera's Egyptian bureau announced their resignation citing biased coverage of the ongoing Egyptian power redistribution
- **2015 +:** Al Jazeera SPANISH, Al Jazeera Urdu, Al Jazeera Kiswahili, Al Jazeera TURK



Al Jazeera

Battle of the broadcasters

	Number of bureaux	Claimed viewers, m
CNN International	36	na
BBC World	58	65
al-Jazeera	42	40-50
al-Jazeera International	20	30-40*

* Projected

Sources: CNN International; BBC World; al-Jazeera International; *The Economist*

Coverage of Syria on Al Jazeera America, CNN and BBC America

Percent of Stories

	Al Jazeera America	CNN	BBC America
Frame			
U.S. Involvement Debate	43%	36%	25%
Humanitarian Crisis	6	1	2
Syrians & Syrian Gov. Viewpoints	7	12	10
U.K. Involvement	3	6	23

Presence of Message

U.S./Allies Should Get Involved in Syria	43	45	42
U.S./Allies Should Not Get Involved in Syria	24	23	40

Sources

Obama & Admin	66	59	40
Congress	16	16	2
Military & Diplomat (Former & Current)	26	14	8
Syrians	26	21	38

Datelines

Washington D.C. & New York	76	71	19
Middle East Area	16	20	25

Date Range: Aug. 26-31, 2013, Key Cable Timeslots

Al Jazeera America to shut down cable news channel

13 January 2016 | US & Canada



Al Jazeera America will shut down its cable news channel despite spending heavily to break into the US market.

CEO Al Anstey said the business model "is simply not sustainable in light of the economic challenges".

Al Jazeera America launched in 2013 vowing to be a more serious and in-depth alternative to CNN and Fox News.

The Qatar-based broadcaster spent millions of dollars hiring top US journalists but struggled to bring viewers to its news programmes.

Al Jazeera promised to expand its coverage of the US online after the channel shuts down in April.

The network replaced Current TV, a network founded by former US Vice President Al Gore.

The Qatar-based broadcaster bought Current TV for around \$500 million (£308

Qatar: The FUTURE of Doha Development



'We will be ready, inshallah': inside Qatar's \$200bn World Cup

Can the richest country in the world buy its way to footballing glory? We joined the Qatar 2022 hopefuls to find out



A computer generated image of the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha after its renovation for the 2022 World Cup. Photograph: -/AFP/Getty Images

Pitch-side at Doha's sweltering Abdullah bin Khalifa football stadium, coach Felix Sanchez barks instructions at his Qatar under-23 team. "Out of here!" he screams as his players run the ball into a channel filled with Palestinian defenders. "Yalla shabab!" he shouts in Arabic. "Let's go, lads!" He shakes his head, fuming, as football coaches do.

It is late September and an early-round tie of the West Asian Cup, in front of no more than 200 spectators and against a poor opposition, in more ways than one. Three of Palestine's players, from Gaza, have hardly played with their West Bank-based team-mates, because it is so difficult for them to travel through Israel. They are a tough-tackling bunch. Sanchez's players, by contrast, are hothouse flowers: the carefully groomed sons of the small Qatari middle class, who lack for nothing when it comes to coaching, facilities and preparation.

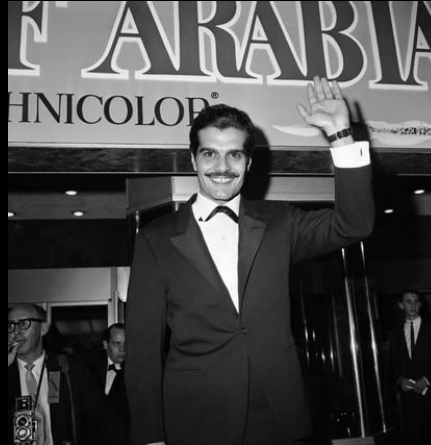
Egyptian Film Industry

→ 1950s-1970s **Golden Age**

→ **100-200 Films per year**

→ **Genres:**

- 🎬 Action Adventure
- 🎬 “Westerns” → Sahara Bedouin
- 🎬 Political Critique
- 🎬 Drama/Melodrama
- 🎬 Romance
- 🎬 Comedy
- 🎬 Musicals
- 🎬 Historical



→ **Cairo = “Hollywood” of the Middle East**

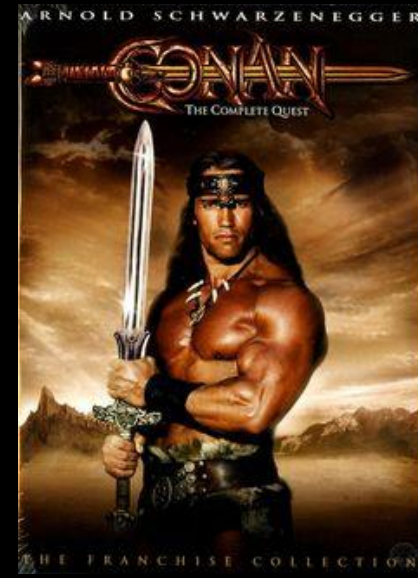
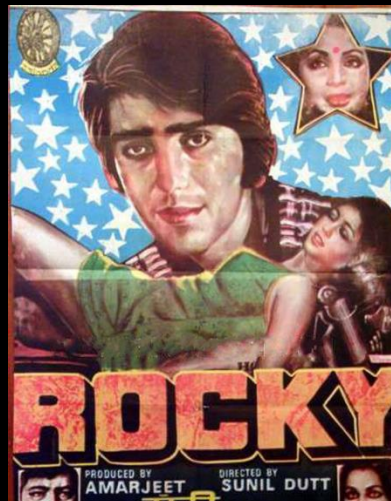
→ **SET the STAGE** for Pan-Arabic Films for ALL Arab speakers *and Muslims*

- 🎬 Technically Professional
- 🎬 Creative/Artistic License
- 🎬 “hybridized” fusion



Cairo-wood's Decline 1975-2000

1. **Nationalization** (Strong Government Intervention) → Formula films
2. **Broadcast Television** (1970s) → Cable TV/Satellite TV
3. Differentiation of MEDIA CULTURES emerging throughout MENA (**Saudi, Turkey, Lebanon, UAE, and others**)
4. Competition with Hollywood “**Global Blockbuster system**” → VCR and DVD



BEIRUT, LEBANON:

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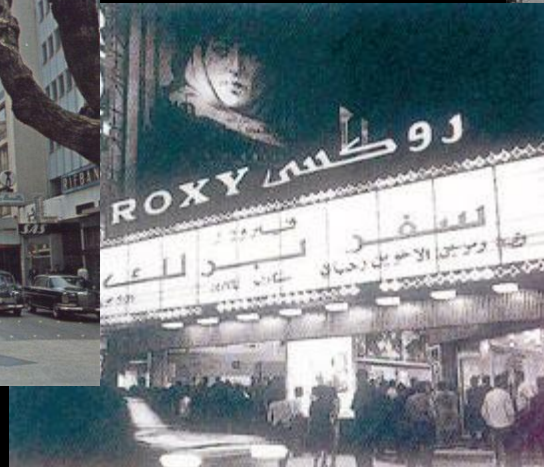
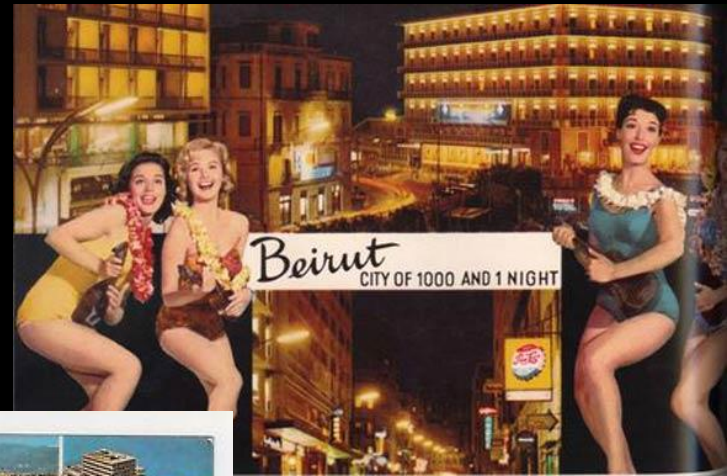


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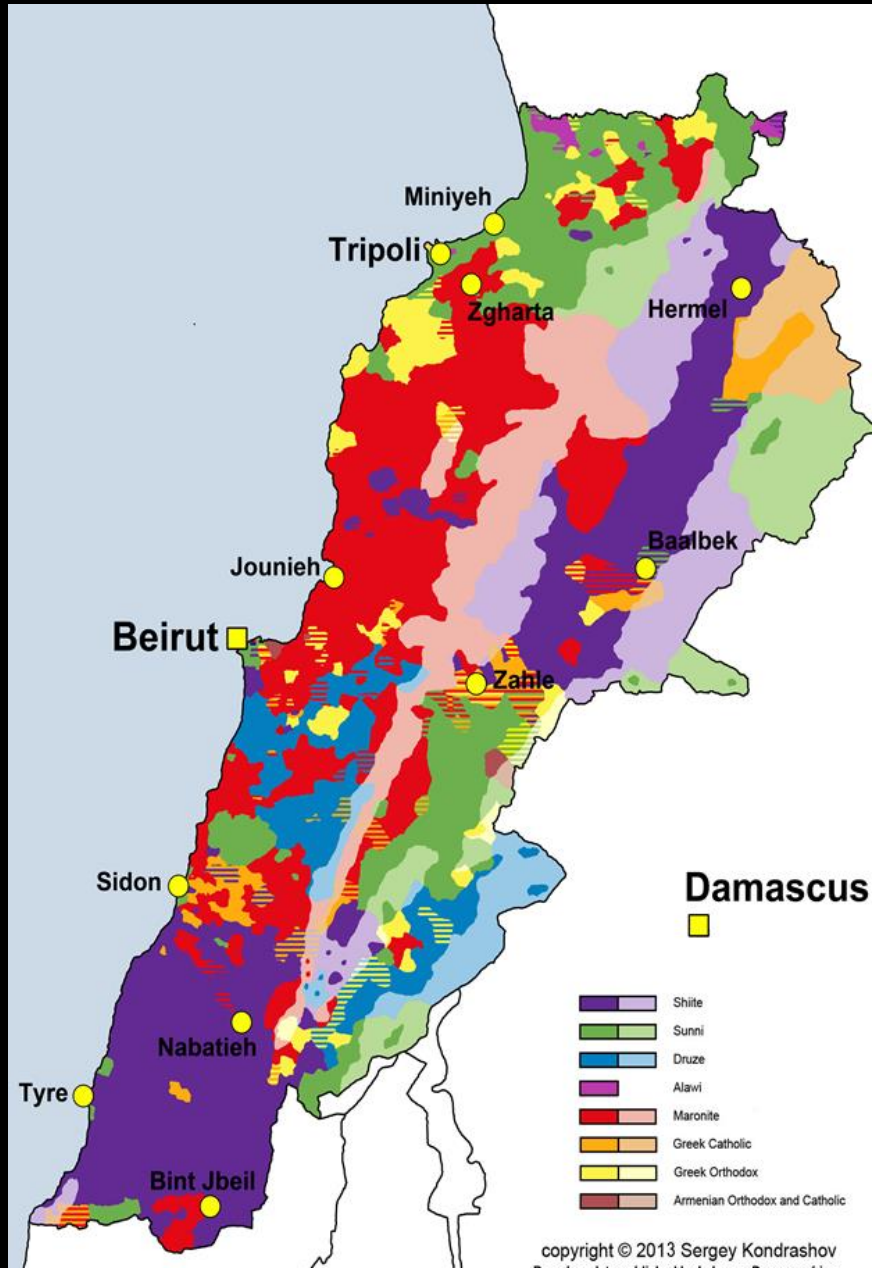


1960s-1970s Beirut, Lebanon

- Paris of the Middle East!
- French Colonial Influence
- Riviera Opulence on the Mediterranean
- MULTI-CULTURAL
- Multi-Religious
- Night clubs, Movies, Media

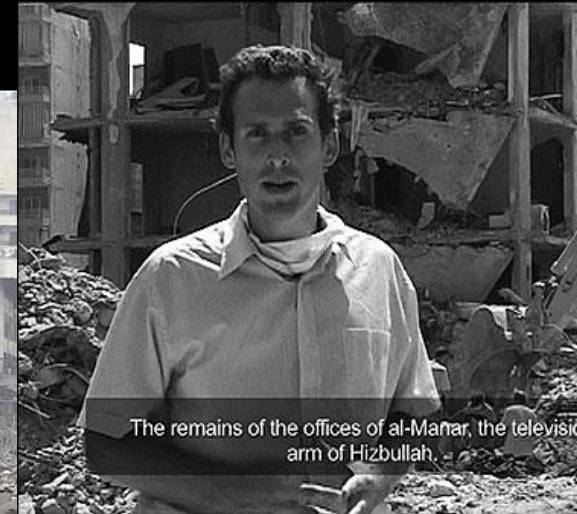


Beirut, Lebanon



Beirut, Lebanon Civil War (1980s)

- PLO – Palestinian Liberation Organization
- Israel
- Syria
- Saudi Arabia
- U.S.
- Russia (USSR)
- Palestine
- Hizbullah
- Egypt
- Turkey
- Iraq
- Iran



Beirut, Lebanon 2012

- Tourism
- Media
- Business



Beirut 2016 (Hub for Arts, Media, and Culture)

- Art
- Architecture
- Media
- Music
- Tourism



Beirut's Bright Future As A Tech Hub For MENA, If Its Politicians Will Allow It

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King Abdullah's Megacity: MEGAPROJECTS (Part 10)

Saudi Arabia's new desert megacity

By Sylvia Smith
BBC News, Saudi Arabia

20 March 2015 | Middle East



The entrance to Saudi Arabia's newest city

With a flourish of his hand, the uniformed security guard waves us down the private road that leads to the newest city in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The King Abdullah Economic City, (KAEC, pronounced "cake") is one of four new cities upon which the late monarch pinned his hopes for the future of his realm once the oil runs out.

Peppered with cranes, the city - or building site to be more accurate - lies one-and-a-half hour's drive north of Jeddah between the Red Sea and scrubby desert.

Its future depends on balancing the complex and evolving transport, health, education, housing and employment requirements of the city's projected two million residents.



United Arab Emirates: A chronology of key events:

1892 - Deal between the Trucial States and Britain gives Britain control over foreign affairs and each emirate control over internal affairs.

1950s - Oil is discovered.

1962 - Oil is exported for the first time from Abu Dhabi.

1971 December - After independence from Britain, Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Sharjah, and Umm al-Qaywayn come together as the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Sheikh Zayed Bin-Sultan Al Nuhayyan presides over the federation.

1971 - UAE joins the Arab League.

1981 May - UAE is a founding member of the Gulf Cooperation Council; its first summit is held in Abu Dhabi.

1991 - UAE forces join the allies against Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait.

2001 November - Government orders banks to freeze the assets of 62 organisations and individuals suspected by the US of funding terrorism.

2005 December - Sheikh Khalifa announces plans for the UAE's first elections. Half of the members of the consultative Federal National Council will be elected by a limited number of citizens.

2006 March - Political storm in the US forces state-owned Dubai Ports to relinquish control of terminals at six major American ports. Critics of the ports deal feared an increased risk of terrorist attack, saying the UAE was home to two of the 9/11 hijackers.

2006 March-June - Economic changes announced. They include bringing the days of the official weekend into line with Western nations, introducing laws to reduce the dependence on foreign workers and allowing labourers to form trade unions.

2006 16 December - First-ever national elections. A small number of hand-picked voters choose half of the members of the Federal National Council - an advisory body.

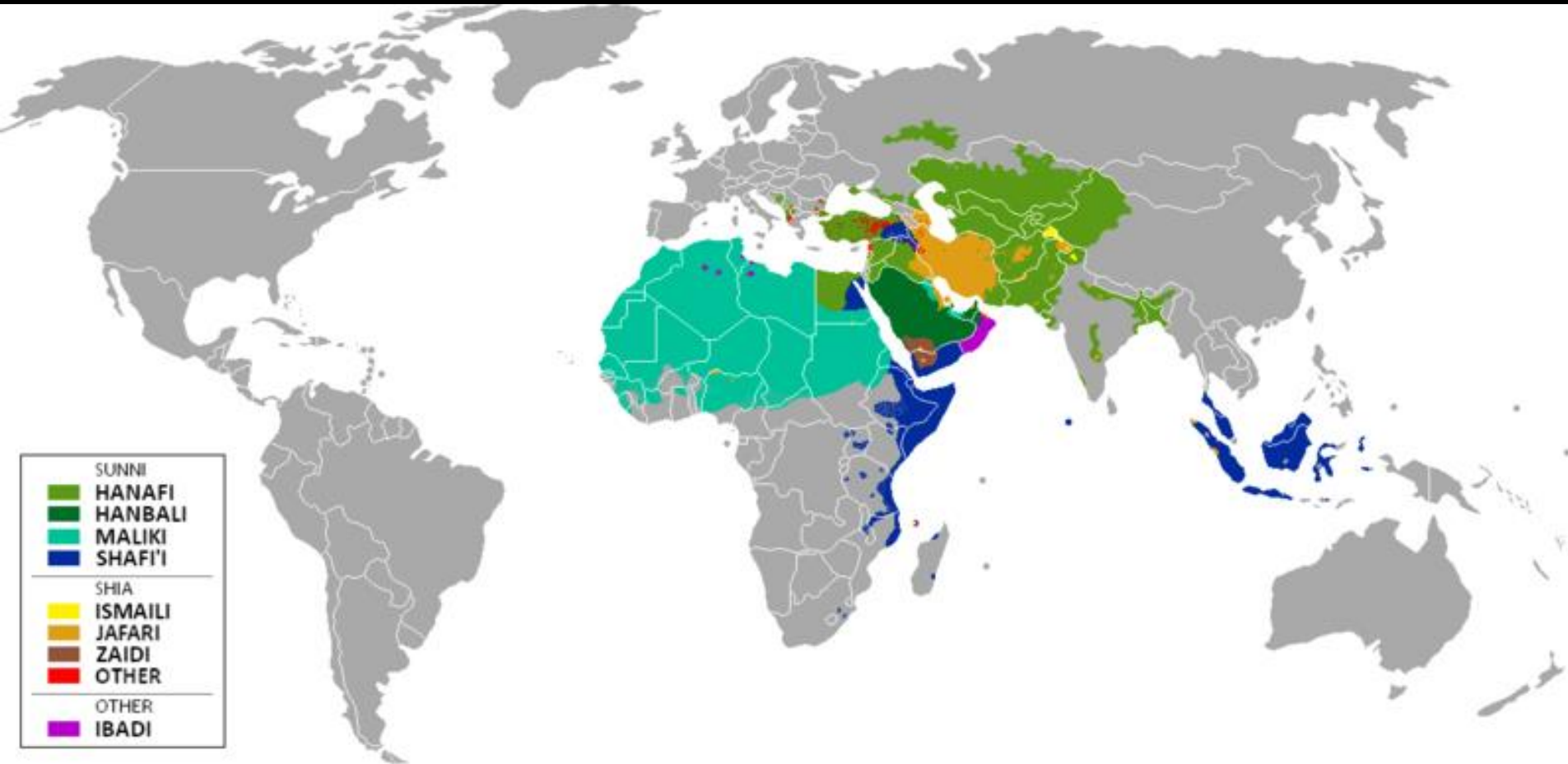
2007 April - UAE unveils a national development strategy aimed at making it a world leader.

2007 September - Dubai and Qatar become the two biggest shareholders of the London Stock Exchange, the world's third largest stock exchange.

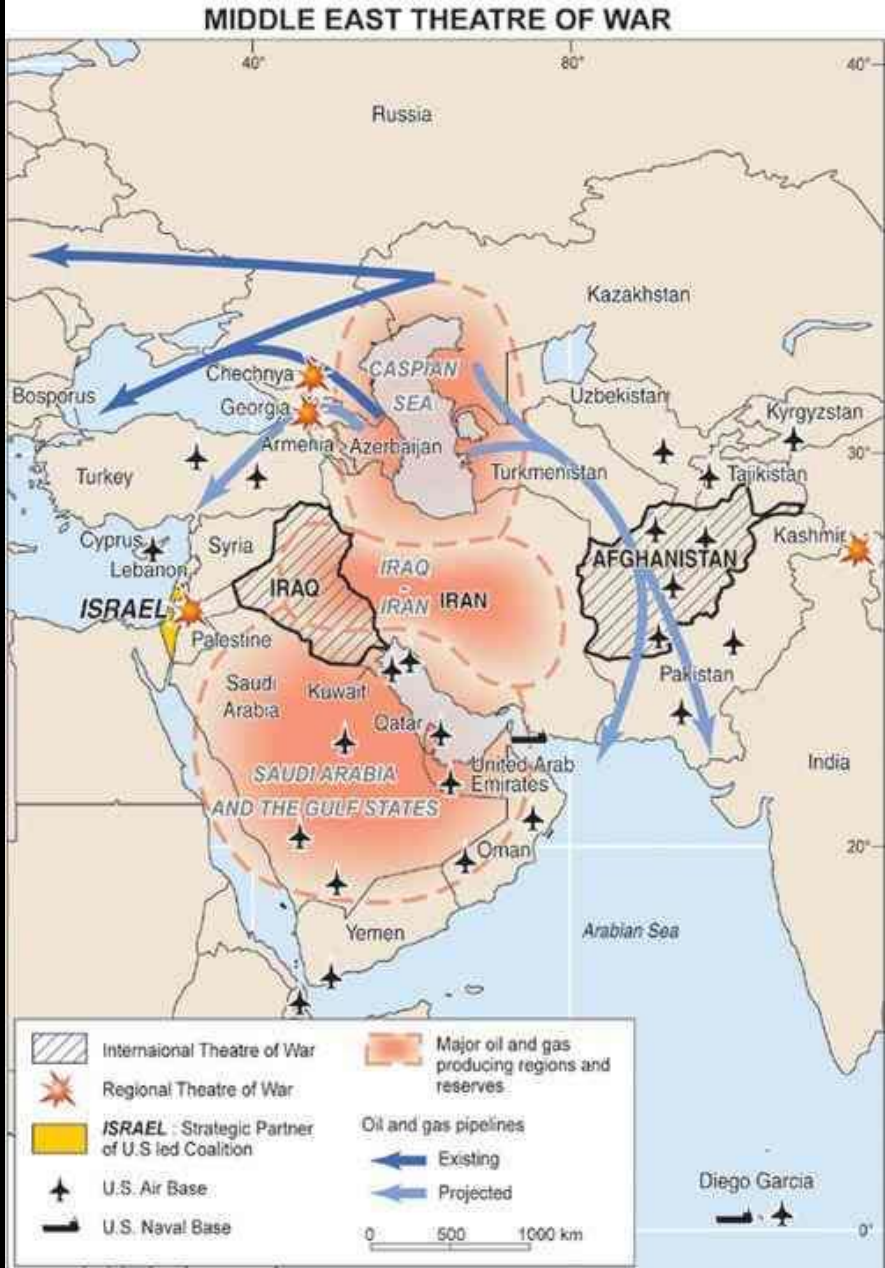
Israel, Palestine, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon



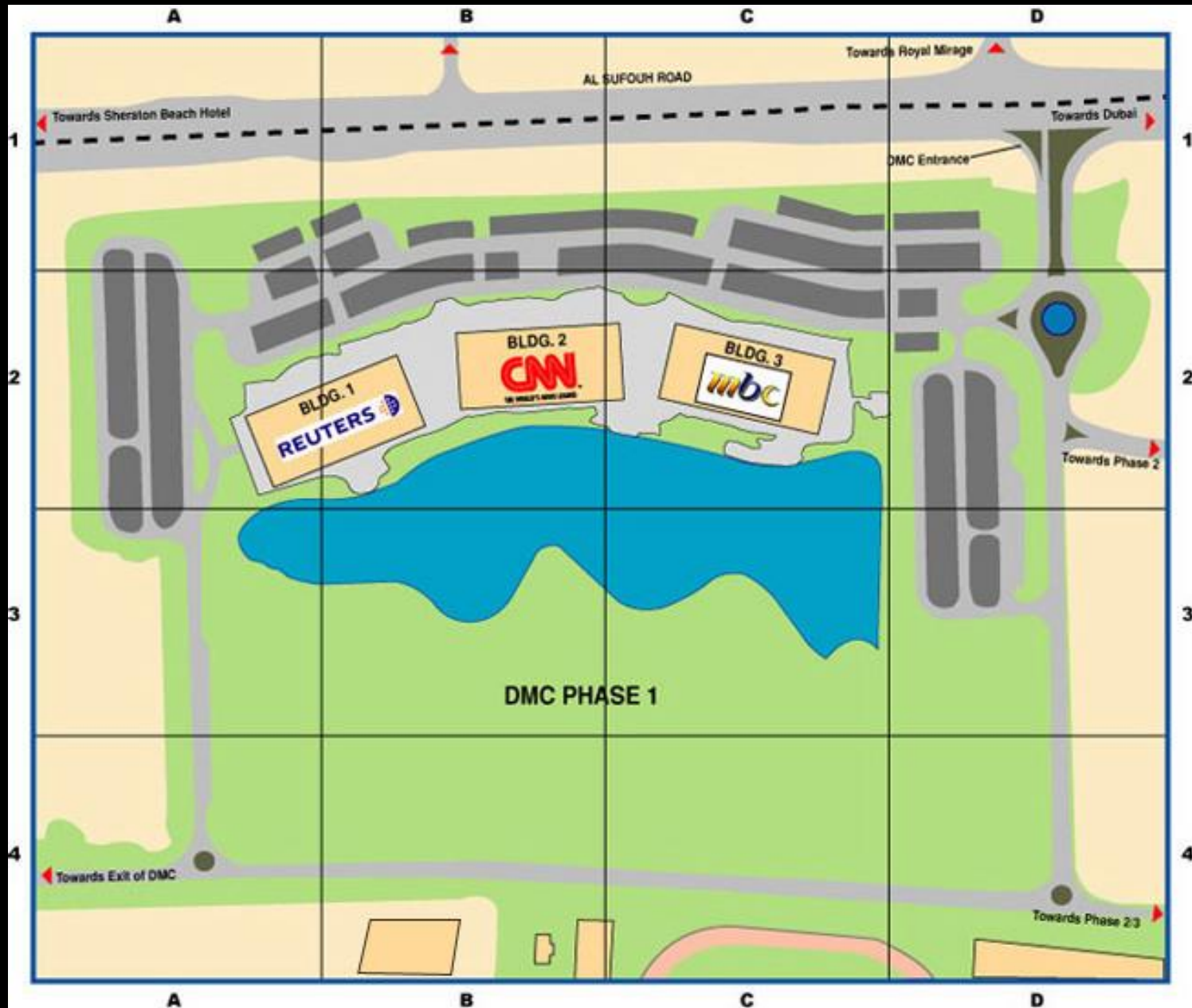
Denominations and Schools within Islam (Global Distribution) Sunni ~75% | ~Shia 20% | ~Suffi 5%



Middle East & US Military



Media City: Dubai



Dubai's Local Media

The Press

- [Al-Bayan](#) - private, Dubai-based Arabic daily
- [Gulf News](#) - Dubai-based, English-language
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- [Emirates Today](#) - English-language daily Television

TV

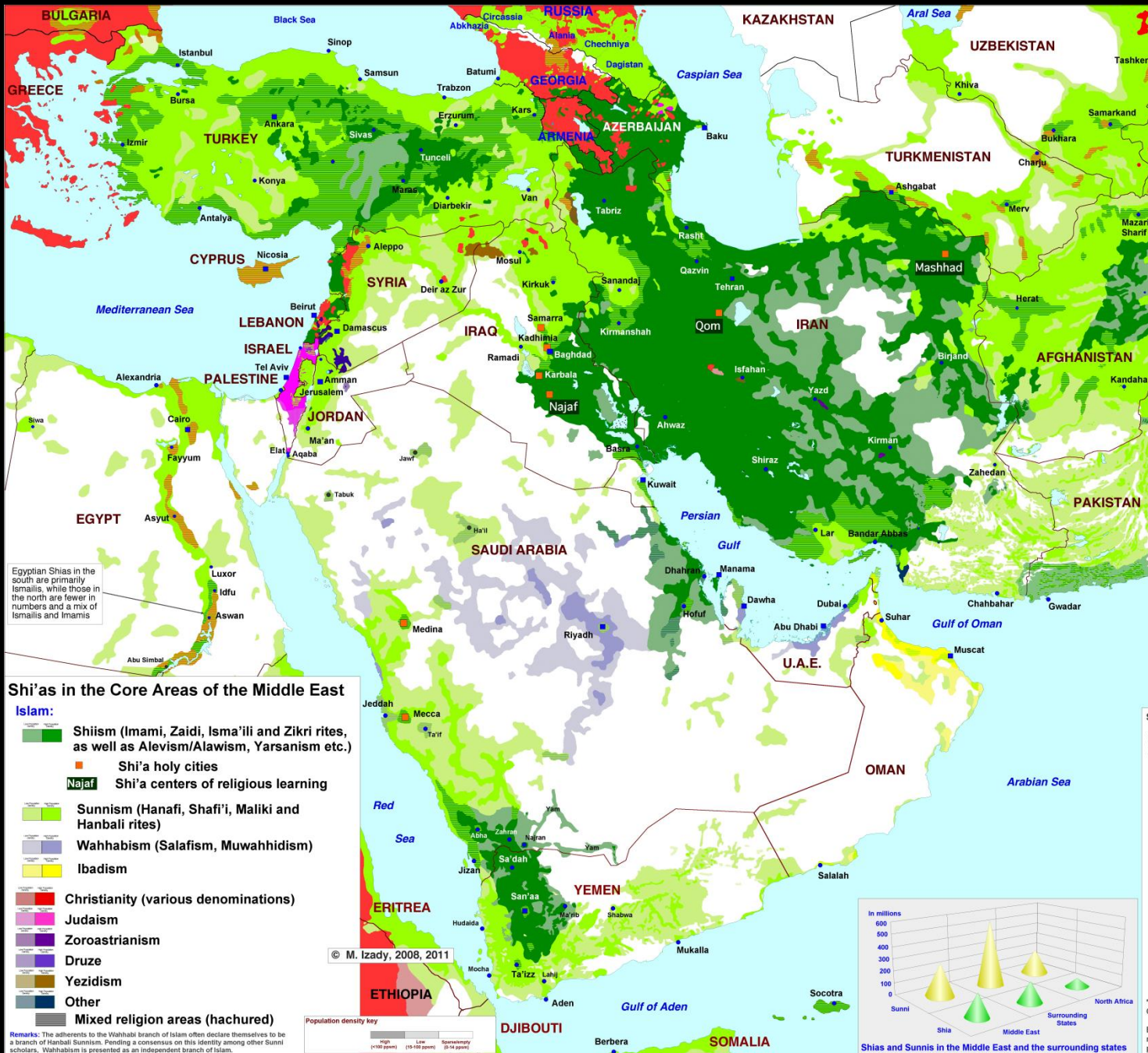
[Dubai Media Incorporated \(DMI\)](#) - pan-Arab broadcaster, operates Dubai TV, Dubai One

- [Abu Dhabi TV](#) - pan-Arab broadcaster
- [Ajman TV](#)
- [Sharjah TV](#)
- [MBC](#) - Dubai-based pan-Arab broadcaster
- [Al-Arabiya](#) - news channel operated by MBC Radio

Radio

[Abu Dhabi Radio](#)

- [Radio Asia](#) - commercial, broadcasts in Hindi, Urdu and Malayalam
- Ras al Khaimah Radio
- [Al-Arabiya FM](#) - commercial, Arabic pop
- [Dubai 92](#) - commercial, English-language pop
- [Noor Dubai 93.9](#) - commercial, "Islamic-oriented" news, talk
- [City 1016](#) - commercial, programmes in English and Urdu News agency
- News Agency
- [Emirates News Agency \(WAM\)](#) - official



Counting the Shia

Unless Shia form a large portion of the population of a given Muslim state, their numbers are not reported locally or even estimated by writers on Islamic matters. No resource, Western or Middle Eastern, for example, has ever reported any numbers for the Shia in North Africa. This is despite the strong political and numerical Shia presence there throughout medieval times and the persistent Mahdist movements there up to the present. It is worthwhile to remember that the most important center of Sunni learning, al-Azhar University in Cairo, was originally a Shia university, founded by the (Shia) Fatimid dynasty of Egypt. The present Alawi dynasty of Morocco has clear Shia roots, although its practices may now differ.

As a result, the number of Shia in the world is largely just an educated underestimate, ranging from a mere 3% (Wahhabi/Salafi web sites) to 10-15% (most Western scholars and newscasters). In fact this same rudimentary "10-15%" is still churned out by scholars writing of the poor condition of the Shia in Saudi Arabia and beyond. Somehow, this fictitious figure, born of guesswork and cliché, is accepted by those not inclined to do tedious research in the old, primary sources to arrive at least at a proper approximation.

But this gets worse. From Indonesia (and its Acehnese Shia history) and Uzbekistan (where the Shia ceremony of Ashura was celebrated with great fanfare until the Communist takeover), to Kenya and Tanzania (one of Ismaili Shia headquarters), no Shia inhabitants are reported at all, although this is largely due to careless not malice. Meanwhile in the core areas of the Middle East this under-reporting, or practically non-reporting (as in Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia) has been intentional and arises from the Sunni-Shia rivalry. Egypt still does not admit Shia students into the al-Azhar University: a university founded by the Fatimid Ismaili Shias in the 10th century when they also founded Cairo itself!

Liberation of the Shia-majority Iraq (containing the holiest places in Shiism), de-Russification of the Republic of Azerbaijan (with the largest proportion of Shia in any country), the steady rise of numbers and power of the Lebanese Shias particularly in its successful dealing with Israel, added to the new-found vociferousness of the Saudi Shia—have all contributed to this steady sea change.

As a consequence, the recent "rebirth" of Shia political power, has been viewed with astonishment if not dismay by the local Sunnis, Wahhabis/Salafis, and Western scholars accustomed to old figures and models based upon the same. To realize that for every three Sunnis in the region there are two Shias, is a rude awakening to most Sunnis and the negligent Western scholars alike. This becomes even more startling when realizing that in order to arrive at this ratio, one needs to also include secular Turkey and its huge population into the picture. Without this, the Shia would roughly match the Sunnis in their numbers in the very core areas of the Middle East! No surprise then, that given the aloofness of Turkey from the Middle Eastern affairs, the Shia are "on the march." Already the Shia constitute the absolute majority of the inhabitants of the Persian Gulf basin. The odd and strong correlation between the Shia-populated areas and oil and gas resources, from Baku to Dhanra, has heightened everyone's interest in this "rebirth" of the Shia in the Middle East (see the relevant map on the Gulf2000.Columbia.edu web site)

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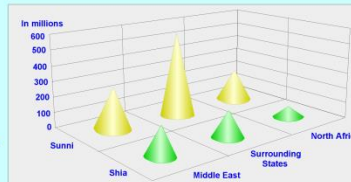
statistics:

Population figures are in millions and are based on 2008-09 estimates. The number of adherents to a given religion are counted by cultural and not confessional criteria.

	State total	Sunni	Shia	Other*
Egypt	77.4 mil	67.2	2.24	7.96
Iran	74.9	8.09	64.94	1.87
Turkey	71.6	57.35	14.1	0.15
Iraq	30.7	9.92	19.4	1.38
Yemen	23.6	12.36	11.05	0.19
Syria	21.9	15.98	3.29	2.63
S. Arabia	28.7/17.3	9.0	4.33	3.97
Israel	7.3	1.17	0.03	6.13
Jordan	6.3	5.76	0.03	0.51
Lebanon	4.2	1.22	1.93	1.05
(Palestine)	3.7	3.14	neg	0.56
Oman	2.8/1.95	0.27	0.1	1.67
Kuwait	2.9/0.92	0.69	0.20	0.03
UAE	4.6/0.76	0.29	0.08	0.39
Bahrain	1.05/0.53	0.12	0.39	0.03
Qatar	0.97/0.32	0.11	0.06	0.15
M.E. Totals	343.28	192.67	122.14	28.47
		56.1%	35.6%	8.3%

* "Others" include Muslim Wahhabis, Ibadis and Ahmadis, as well as the Christians, Jews, Baha'is, Druze, Zoroastrians, Yezidis and animists.

Expatriate workers—often outnumbering the native populations of the most of the GCC states are not included in these figures. Here, two population figures are provided for each state to reflect this.



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The Gulf state of Dubai has unveiled plans for the world's tallest building



Qatar:

Private/Public Dress Codes



REFLECT YOUR RESPECT

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PLEASE DRESS MODESTLY*
IN PUBLIC PLACES

*BY COVERING FROM SHOULDERS TO KNEES



FASHION

EMBROIDERY The patterns on the chest, sleeves, sides and back are structured in very specific ways and vary depending on the town or area of Palestine the dress was made



Palestinian

The traditional cross-stitched and heavily embroidered dress is worn to mark special occasions

'ASBA The headscarf is wrapped around and tied at the back of the head like a wheel, then folded over the front to create a decorative drape



Jordanian

The Jordanian kaftan has detailed patterns on the neck, sleeves and hem but not down the centre

SHAYLA Traditionally made from very sheer lightweight material, the black shayla affords modesty but is practical in the high temperatures of the desert



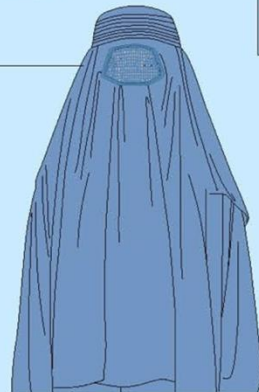
Khaleeji

Most nationals from the Gulf wear loose-fitting black abayas, sometimes with subtle decoration

Know your thobe

Spot the difference between the region's women with our handy guide

CHADRI This face veil covers the entire head except for the eyes, which are covered by a net



Afghani

Blue is the most common colour for the full body covering worn almost exclusively in Afghanistan

ILLUSTRATOR — Liz Ramos-Prado

JILBAB Long buttoned overcoats are often slim-fit to provide covering as well as style



Turkish

In Turkey colourful silken scarves tied beneath the chin are usually worn with the jilbab

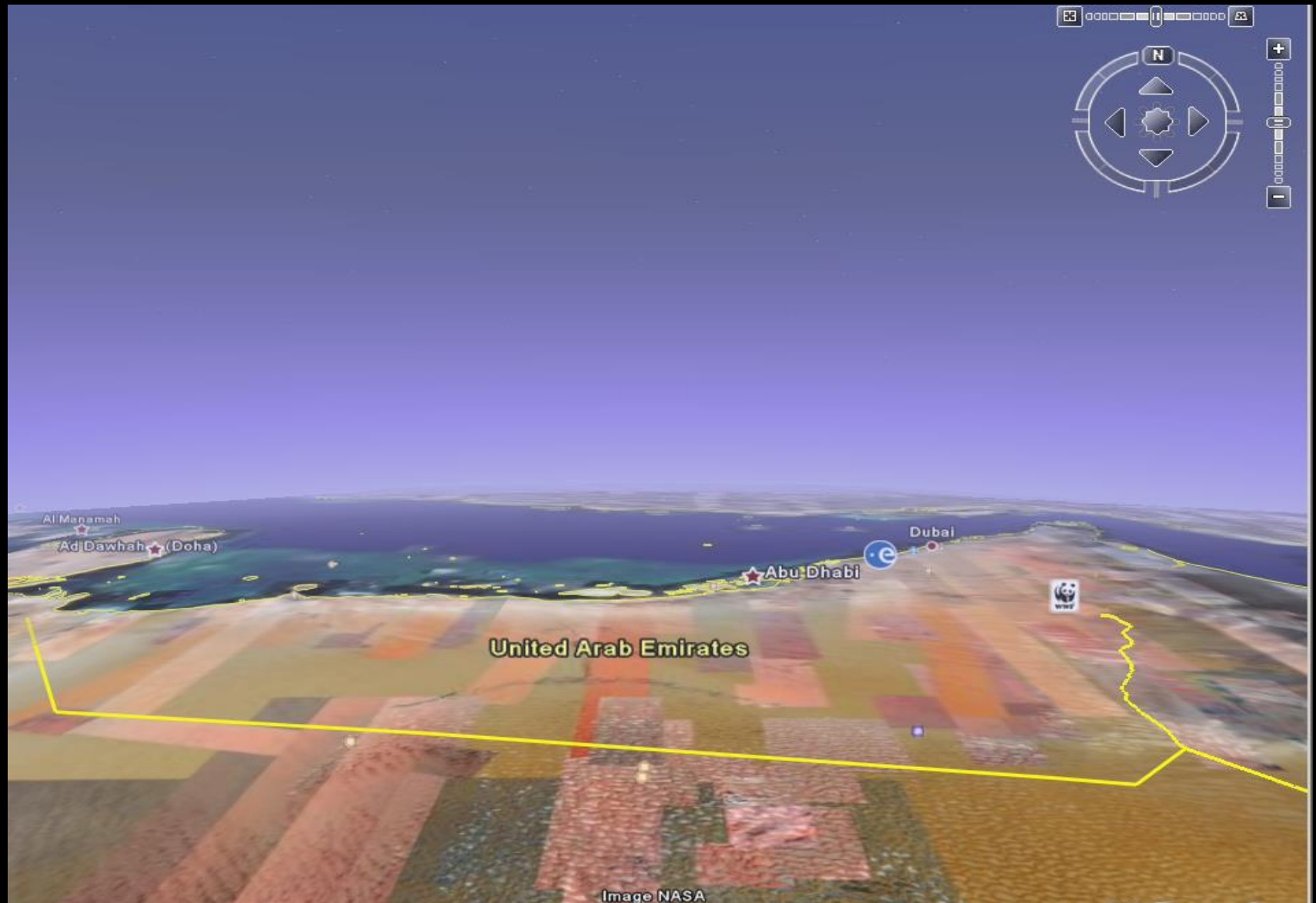
JALABIYA The full-length hooded garment also has belt strings to tie at the back to give the option of adding more shape



Moroccan

The robe with pointed hood can be made to be ornate and formal or kept comfortable and casual

Dubai—Geo Cross-Section



Dubai—Satellite Image

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