



Scrawled shortcuts through the research maze...

## **Iran or Iraq?**

### **Iran Today: An Encyclopedia of Life in the Islamic Republic**

Khamenei, Khomeini, Khatami, Ahmadinejad—don't call the whole thing off, get some background on the modern Iranian state here.

**Reference DS 253.I69 2008**

### **Historical Dictionary of Iraq**

The Ba'ath party has nothing to do with water... If your knowledge of Iraq covers only Saddam Husayn and perhaps the Kurds, look here to sort out Shatt Al-Arab from Al-Basra and Faysal I from Muqtada al-Sadr.

**Reference 956.7 G411h**

### **Historical Dictionary of the Kurds**

You know about Kurds in Iraq, but did you know that the great warrior Saladin was one? This volume's Introduction also provides a historical framework.

**Reference 956.67003 G977h**

### **The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World**

What's the Islamic Republican Party? How about a *maya*? Struggling with the difference between Sunni, Shi'ah, and Sufi? Look here for brief backgrounds on both Iran and Iraq, as well as on Islamic cultural concepts.

**Reference DS 35.53 .096**

### **Encyclopedia of Women & Islamic Cultures**

'Cherchez la femme'? Find out what women's lives are like in Islamic cultures, including Iran and Iraq, here. Caution: not all subjects are covered for all areas.

**Reference 305.4869703 E56e**

### **Index Islamicus**

Find academic articles on all aspects of Islam and the Muslim world.

**Under "Religion and Theology" on the Resources by Subject page.**

### **Ethnic NewsWatch**

In their own words: see specialized news coverage from Arab & Islamic minorities as well as Jewish/Israeli sources.

**Under "News" on the Resources by Subject page.**

### **Atlas of the Middle East**

Is Shahr Park in Baghdad or Tehran? Confused when listening to NPR reports? Need help finding your way around Iranian and Iraqi geography? See here:

**Atlases 912.56 N277**

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