

# The Middle East Online: Series 2: Iraq 1914-1974



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## SAMPLE SEARCHES

### Topic: Women's Rights

**Search Terms: Advanced:** "role of women" in All; Fuzzy search: low

**First hit:** "Speech by Saddam Hussein; economic and development planning in Iraq," 17<sup>th</sup> February 1974, FCO 8/2319 [Various including newspaper cutting].

The brief point in the third paragraph on page seven is illuminating in terms of Hussein's attitude towards women.

### Topic: Kurdish Independence

**Search Terms: Advanced:** "Kurdish independence"; Fuzzy search: low

Twenty-first hit (on 3<sup>rd</sup> page of results): "Amended draft, 'The Kurdish Problem in Iraq,'" 15<sup>th</sup> February 1963, FO 370/2718-0007 [Research memorandum, with various sources and including maps].

This document contains many references to Kurdish independence. See particularly point 11 on page 93, which highlights Qasim's policy towards the Kurds; "to recognize them as a distinct entity in Iraq but to insist that they were part of the Iraqi nation and must work with the Arabs for the common good."

### Topic: Popularity of the Communist Party (ICP)

**Search Terms: Advanced:** "communism"; Fuzzy search: low

**Fifteenth hit:** "Communist Party Policies and Activities," 19<sup>th</sup> December 1945, FO 624/72 [Memorandum from the ICP].

See page five, the section under "The Government Attitude towards vis-à-vis Communism and Communists" (near the bottom of the page).

### Topic: Saddam Hussein

**Search Terms: Advanced:** "Saddam Hussein"; fuzzy: low

Fourteenth hit: "Iraqi Vice-Pres. removed; position of Saddam Hussein assessed; further Cabinet reshuffle; death of President Nasser of Egypt noted," 4<sup>th</sup> February 1971, FCO 17/1244 [Various including Newspaper cutting].

See first and second paragraph of page 45 that describes the influence of Saddam Hussein as waning. Also, page 45 (point 4) describes a speech made by Hussein.

### Topic: The Importance of Oil

**Search Terms: Advanced:** "oil industry" and "future"; fuzzy: low

Tenth hit: "Draft memorandum for Anglo French Executive Committee for oil giving British views on proposed increase in Iraqi oil exports," 30<sup>th</sup> March 1940, FO 371/24557-0013.

Page six, the first paragraph under "5" is particularly relevant to the Iraqi oil industry.

**Topic:** Sunni/Shia relations**Search Terms: Advanced:** "sunni shia"; fuzzy: low

Fourth hit: "Review of events and changes within Iraq between 1955-1965," 12<sup>th</sup> January 1966, FO 371/180805-00002.

See page three, under "5," from "Despite a common education system and despite the inexorable world wide growth of secularism, Iraq is more divided than ever between Sunni, Shia and Kurd."

**Topic:** Pan-Arab vs. "Iraq First" Politics**Search Terms: Advanced:** "pan-Arab" in All AND "nationalism" in All; fuzzy: low

**First hit:** "Memoranda and interviews on proposed Pan-Arab Congress with list of principal members of Istiqlal Party," [Memorandum] 21<sup>st</sup> December 1932, FO 141/768/27.

See page three, the second paragraph, from the sentence beginning "Although for the next decade the chief task of the Iraqi government" (from a conversation with King Faisal).

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