



MARSH IRAQ REVISITED: A DRIVING FORCE OF IRAQI MODERN HISTORY



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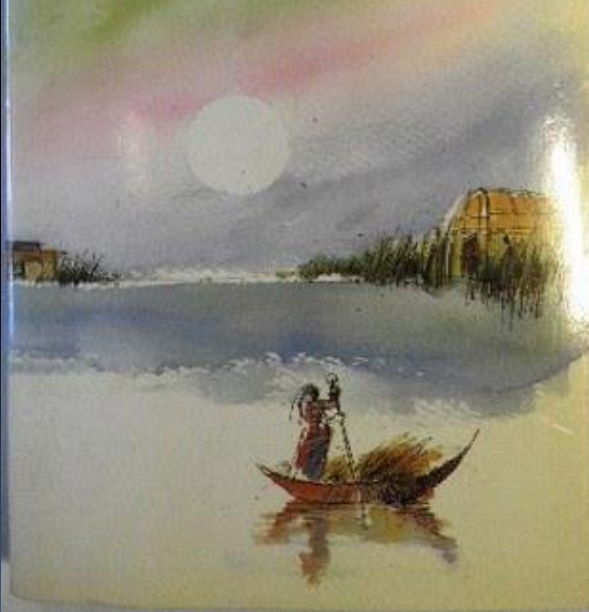
50s-60s: European adventurers
and photographers were attracted

WILFRED THESIGER
**THE MARSH
ARABS**



GAVIN YOUNG

*Return to
the Marshes*



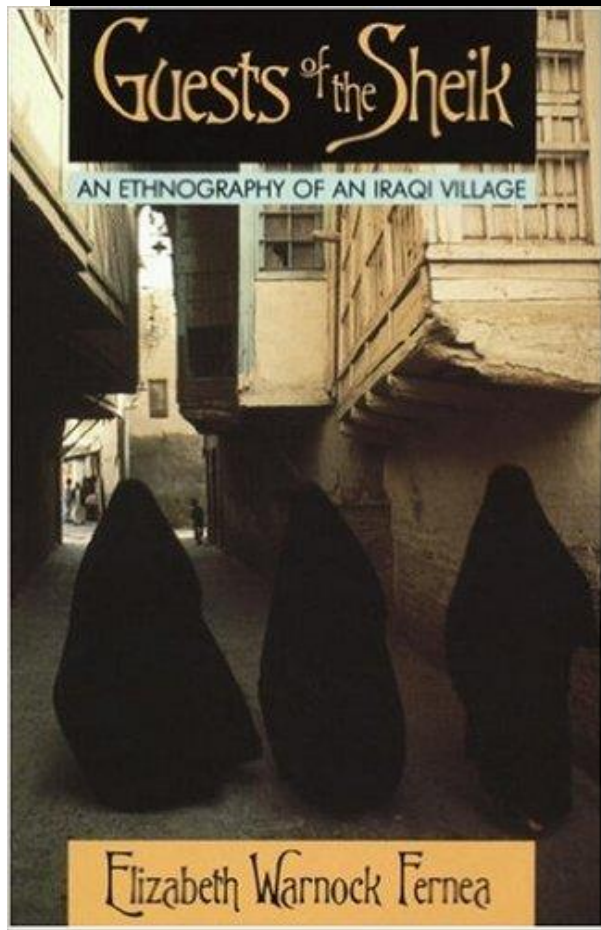
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**A Reed Shaken
by the Wind**

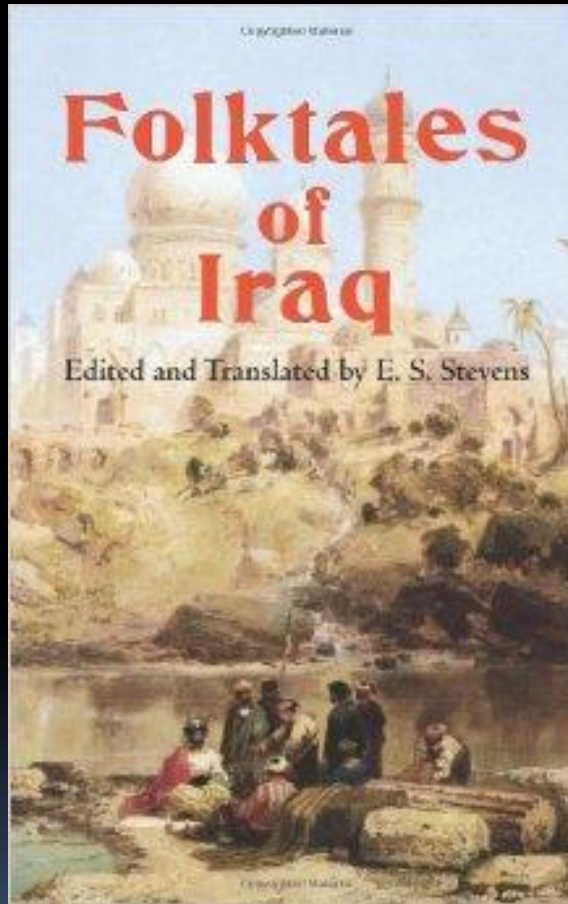
Travels among the Marsh Arabs of Iraq
GAVIN MAXWELL



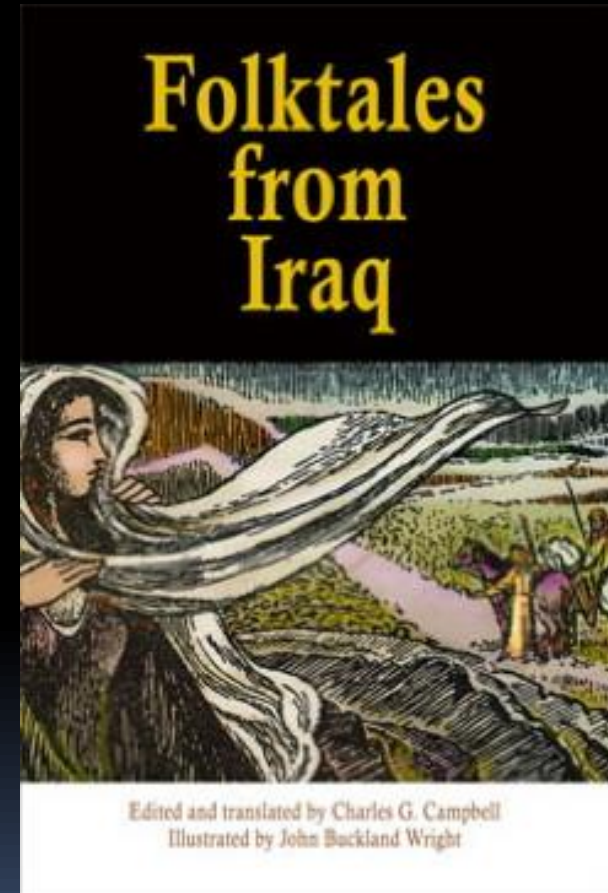
... and anthropologists and ethnographers



Al-Nahra, Diwaniya, 1960s

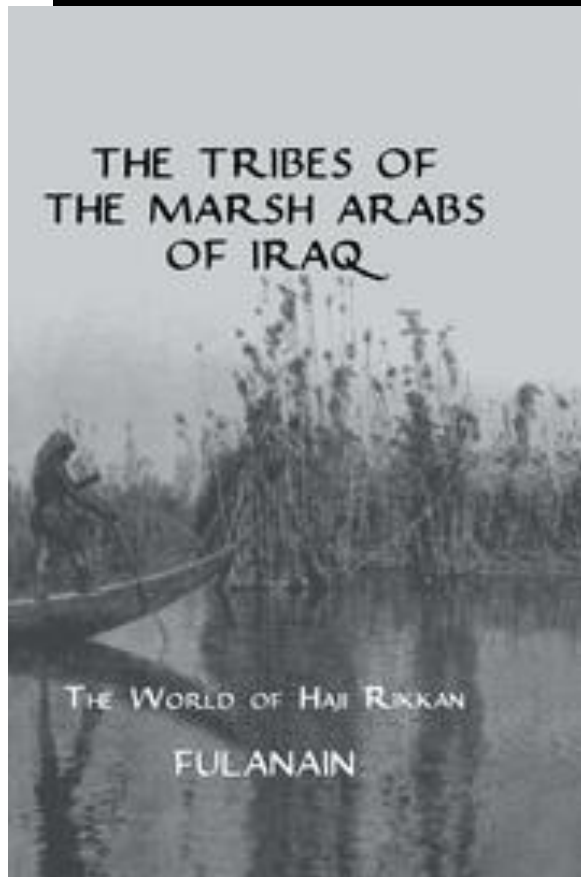


Originally published 1931

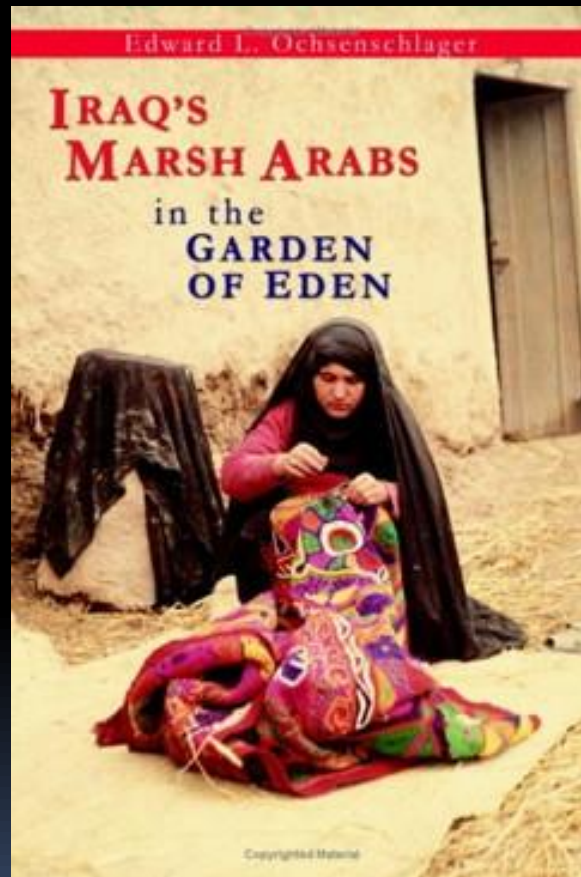


Folktales among Shi'i
tribes in the south,
Collected in 1940s

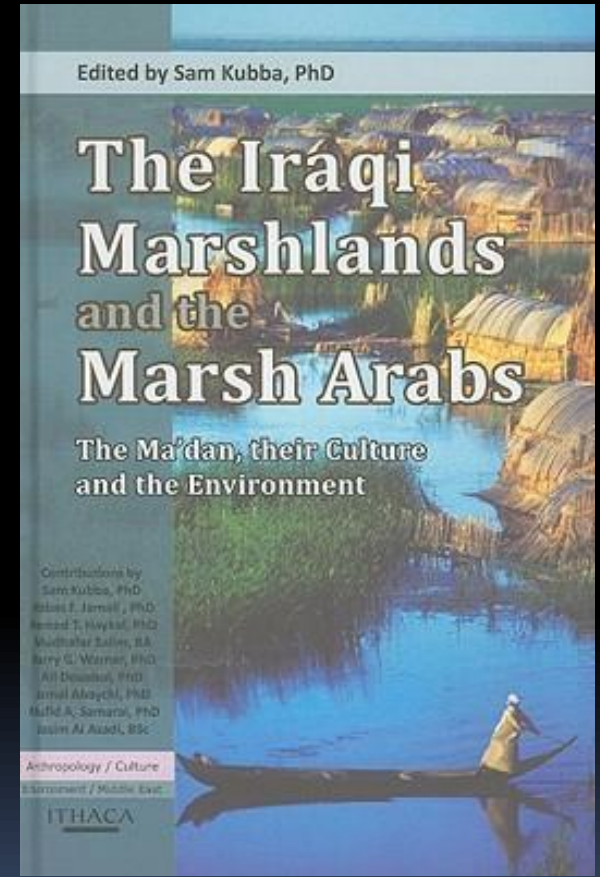
Marshes revisited and reprinted after 2003



Reprinted in 2004,
Originally published
in Arabic 1966

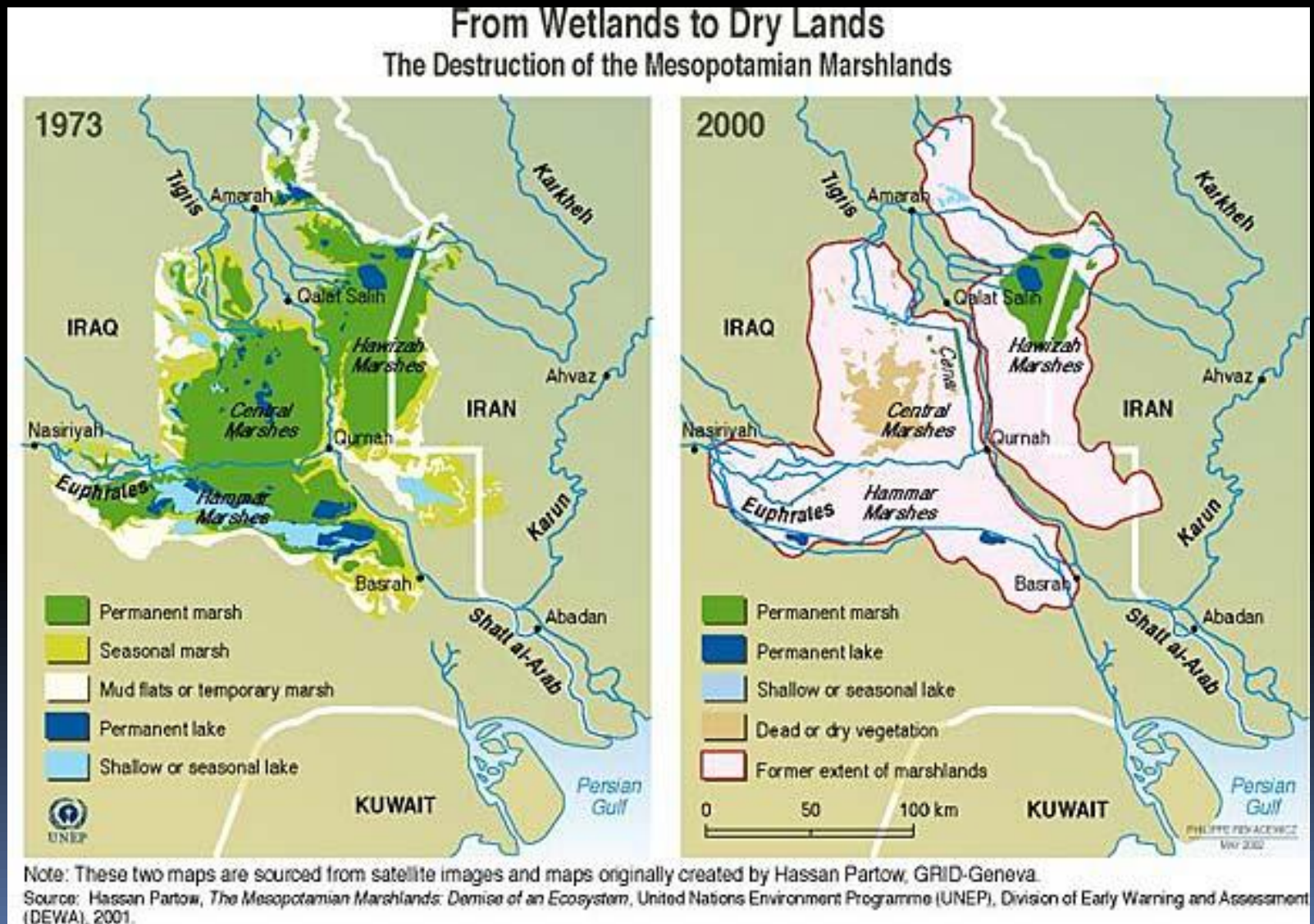


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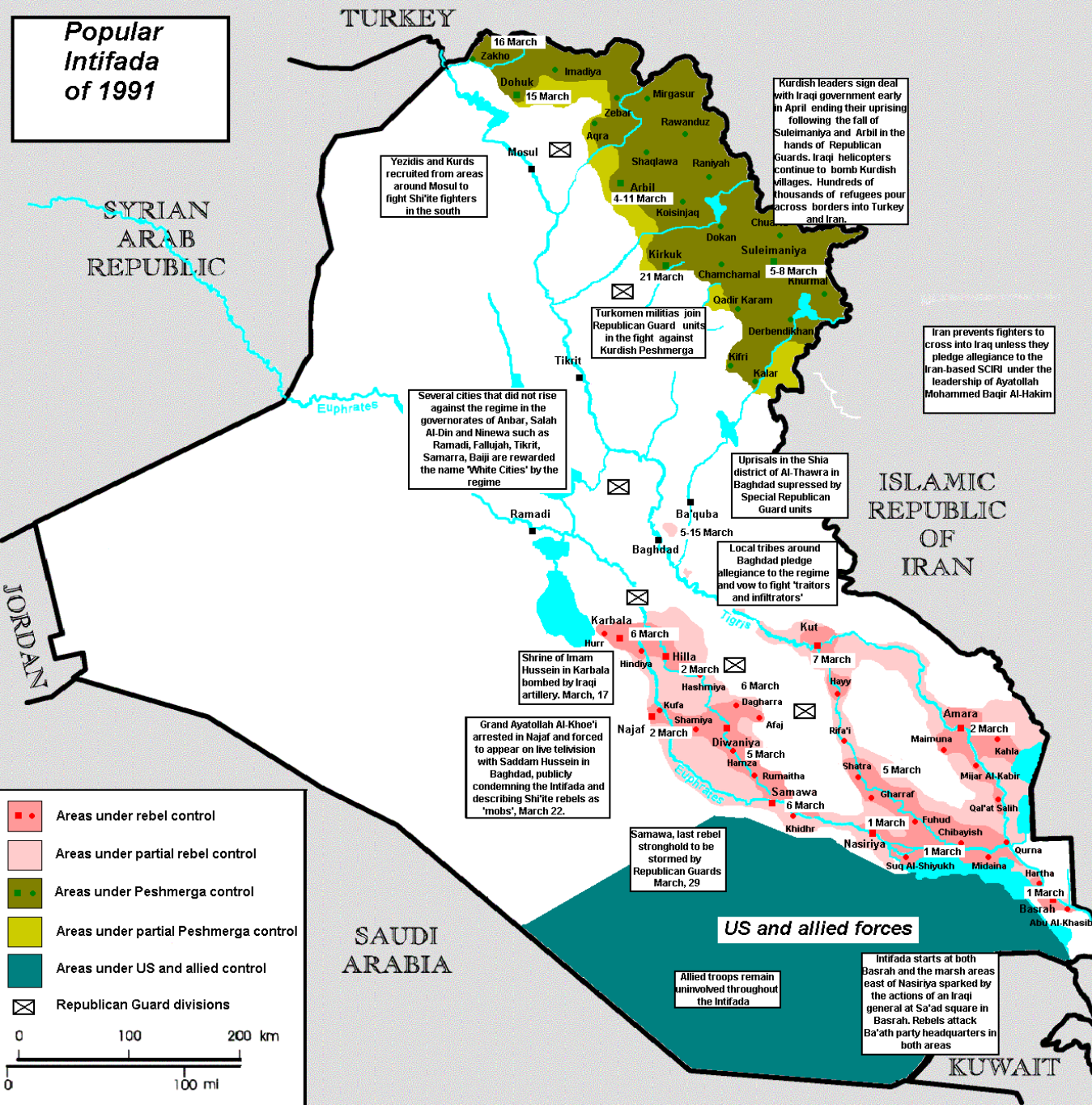


2011

Oppressive Policy against Marsh areas after 1991 intifada (under Saddam)



**Popular
Intifada
of 1991**

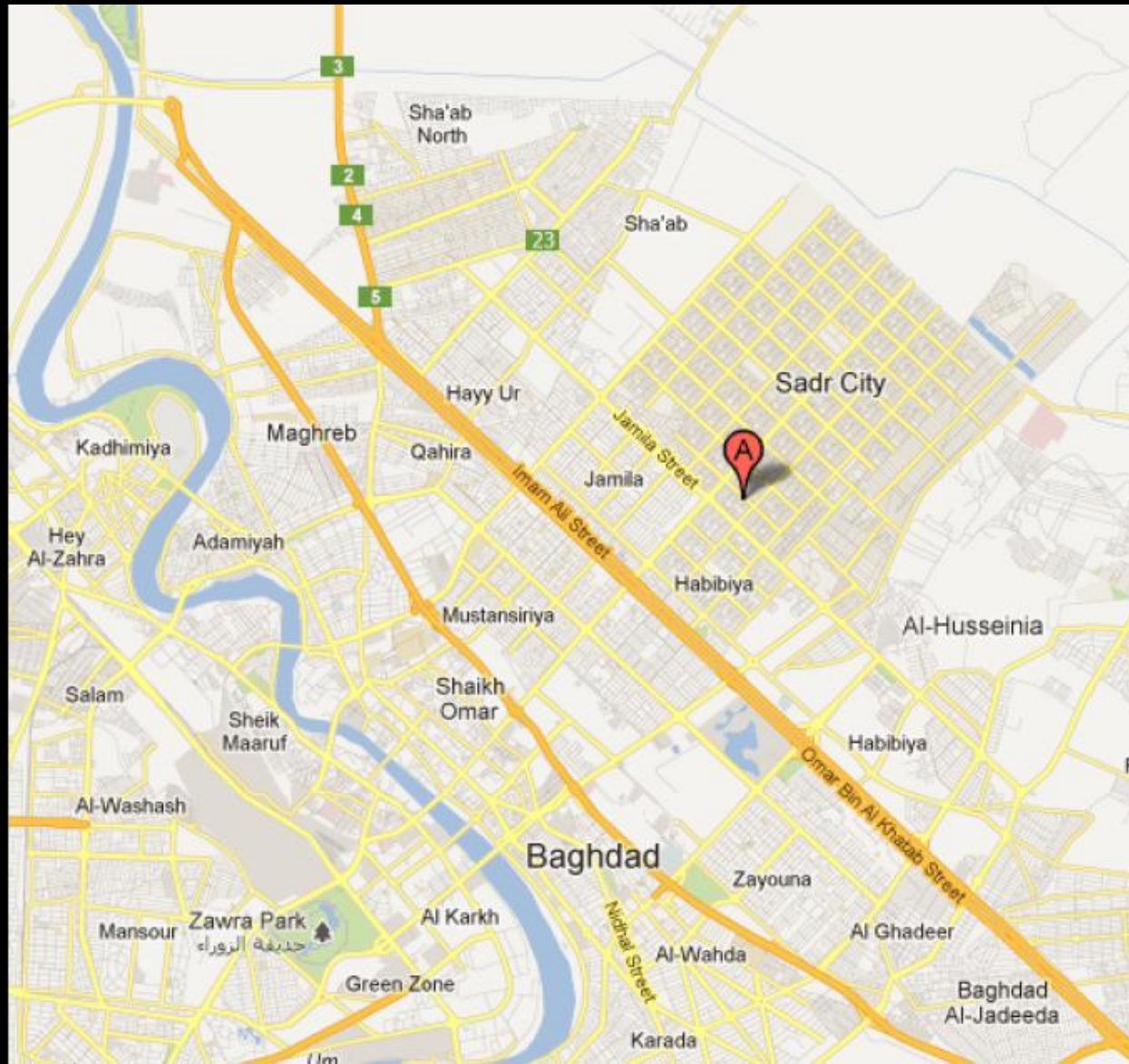


1991
Intifada:
first
country-
wide
uprising
against
Saddam's
regime

https://wn.com/1991_uprising_in_iraq

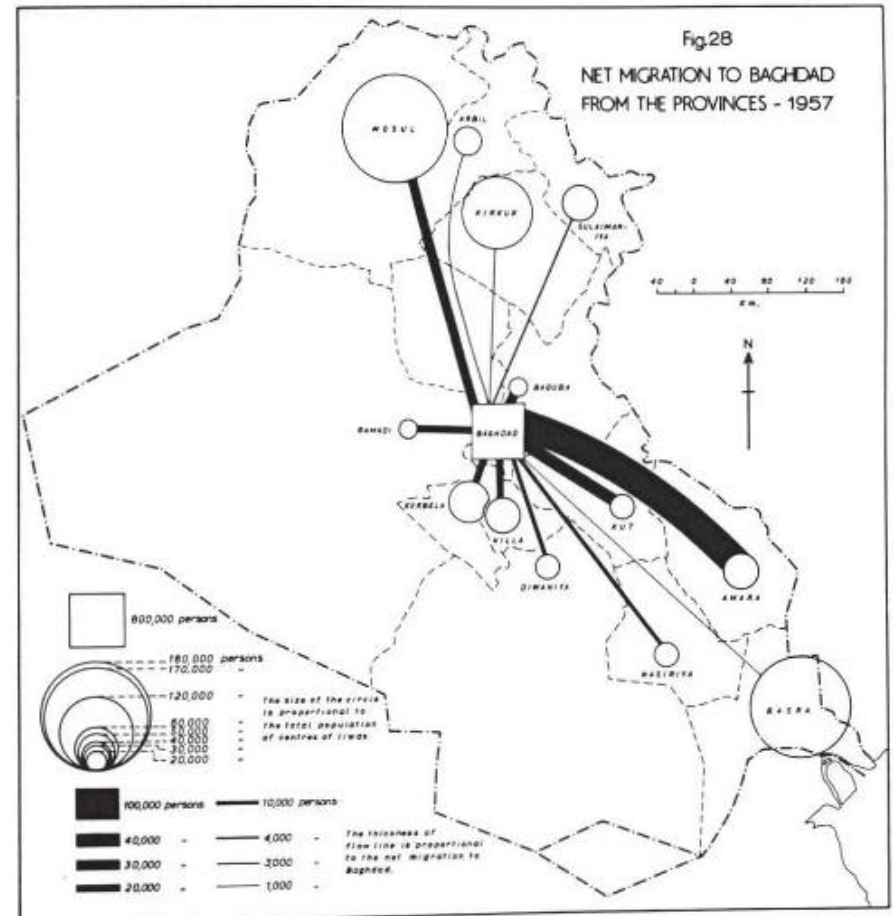
From Marshes to Baghdad: migrants make history

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Migration flow to Baghdad (1957)

(by Makki Azeez)



Maysan-born Migrants living outside of Maysan

	Share of those who migrated from Maysan among Maysan-born population (A) [%]	Major govenorates to which they migrated (number of migrants)	Share of those who migrated to Baghdad among (A) [%]
1947	25.6	Baghdad (54,000), Basra(28,400), Babil (7,300)	53.0
1957	36.2	Baghdad (114,700), Basra(42,600), Babil (12,300)	63.3
1965	32.6	Baghdad (123,700), Basra(17,700), Babil(6,300)	76.5

Population of Baghdad

Year	Population	Share of migrants among the total increase in Baghdad
First half of 19th C.	27,000 (by Hanna Batatu)	
1947	500,000	39%
1957	800,000	
1965	1,500,000	28%
1977	2,600,000	
1987	3,840,000 (census)	

Expansion of Baghdad 1900-1970

(Abdulsalam Farman, "Urban Housing in Iraq with Special Reference to Baghdad", Univ. of Sheffield, 1977)

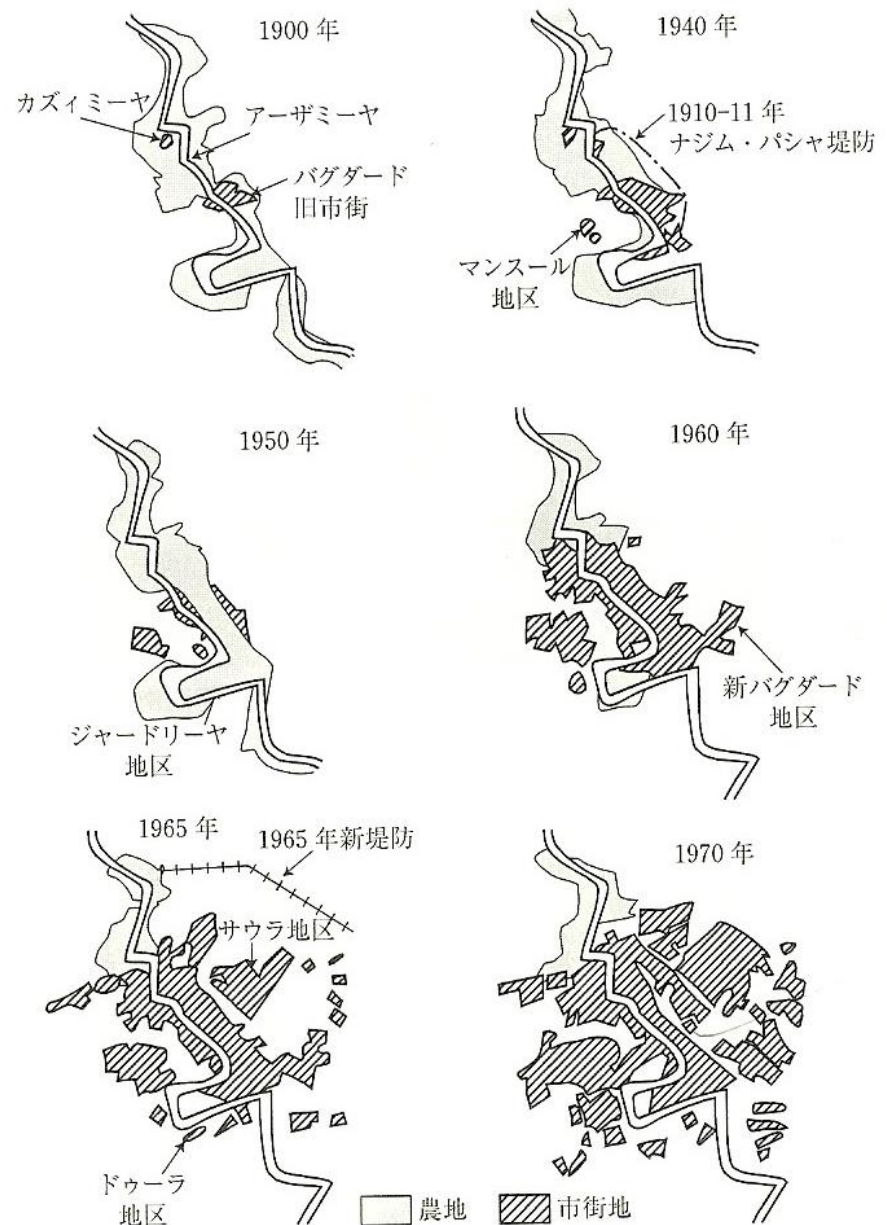


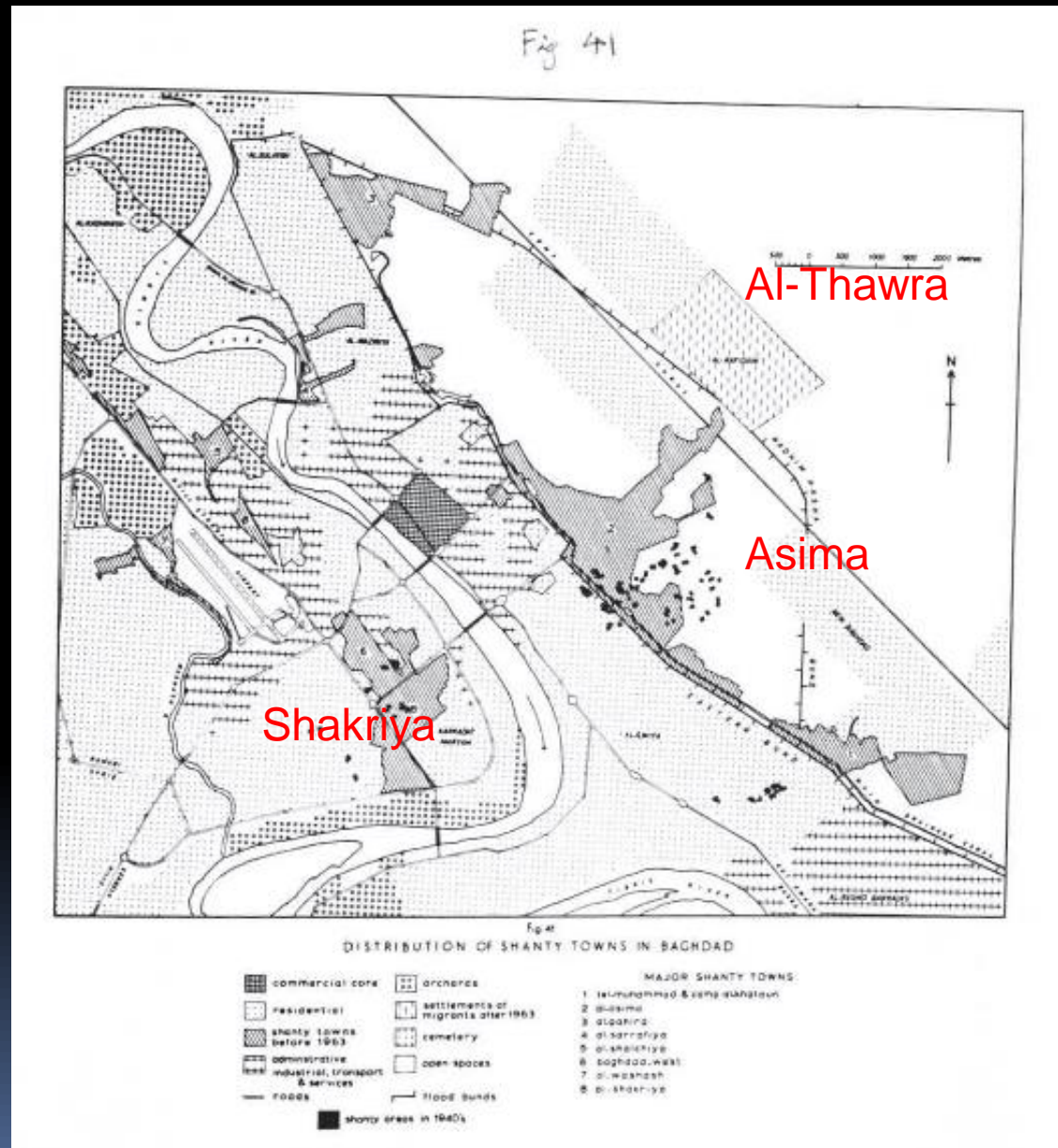
図4-2 バグダード市街地の拡大

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How the migrants settled in Slums

(by Makki Azeez)

■ Slum before 1940
■ 1940-63



Urban planning from the 50s to 70s

- 1954 Completion of a water control system in Tharthar Lake
- 1955 Demolish slums in Rusafa and Karkh (master plan initiated by the British)
- 1958 master plan by the Greek Doxiadis Company

=> Thawra Town (under PM Qassem [1958-63])

- 1969-73 Housing construction project, led by UN mission
- 1969, 1974 Master plan by Polservice (Poland)
- 1976-80 Housing Planning led by German consultants

=> Saddam City (Saddam Hussein, 1979-2003)

=> Al-Sadr City (2003-)

2003- al-Sadr City



Left: My visit to Sadr City in 2003
Right: suddenly rally started by Sadrist



News picture