
IRAQ: THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN PAST AND PRESENT

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Who said history does not repeat itself? An example is Iraq, where there is a clear and uncontrollable sectarian struggle. The Sunnis mistake in Iraq was being lenient with al-Qaeda, which hijacked the resistance and contaminated it with spiteful sectarian slogans against all Iraqi Shiites.

Most Iraqi Sunnis were against al-Qaedas ideology, and are against that of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). However, their voices have not been heard due to the stupid US management of Iraq, which was pushed by experts in Washington toward a model of Iranian Islam □ US President Barack Obama has clearly revealed that.

For the new rulers in Baghdad, from Ibrahim al-Jaafari to Nouri al-Maliki and even Haider al-Abadi □ the worst being Maliki □ decisions are made in the interest of Iran and Shiite groups affiliated to it, which deepen sectarian grudges.

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Following Iraqi appeals for help from Safavid tyranny against Sunnis, Ottoman Sultan Sulaiman al-Qanuni led a huge campaign to liberate the country in 1533. He did so by 1534, and stayed there for months to organize matters, calm Sunni-Shiite tensions, and relieve Ottoman authorities from the Iraqi headache and Safavid threats.

Safavid-Ottoman wars from 1543-1547 ended with the drawing of boundaries of geographic

influence between the two, which included Iraq and other Arab territories. However, Iraq fell to the Safavids in 1623, and then to the Ottomans in 1638. History is repeating itself in a more hideous and stupid way.

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