

# Oman: The Islamic Democratic Tradition

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Israeli Merkava. The focus of many Arab nations on sheer numbers of equipment and personnel distorts their capabilities, as do the training of regular and reserve forces. Cordesman points this out, as well as the value of combat experience.

There are some problems with this work, mostly editorial but also in the narrative. On the editorial level is the labeling of the Yom Kippur War of October 1973 as the October War of 1967 (p. 178) and the statement that one of Lebanon's strategic challenges is "Reducing the risk that Jordanian territory or airspace could be involved in any exchange between Iran and Israel..." (p. 266). Careful proofreading should have caught these. Careful writing would have questioned the statement (p. 178) that "...Egypt's naval forces are much larger than those of Israel..." while the following narrative and the detailed charts about the two navies (pp. 126-27, 179-81) show that the numbers of Israeli submarines and surface ships are greater than those of Egypt. This should only be taken as a caution for readers to consult other sources for evaluation of the force strengths of the opponents in this conflict before coming to definitive conclusions. These challenges are mitigated by detailed endnotes that guide readers to important sources. Two things would have enhanced the use of this work. First is a glossary of terms and anachronisms for deciphering the bureaucratic language that permeates the book. Second would be an index to help readers focus on parts of the book that interest them, beyond the titles of the chapters.

Overall, this is a valuable reference book for those interested in the Arab-Israeli conflict, with the caveats noted above. As with all reference books it will have short shelf life before supplanted by newer references. Readers should look forward to Cordesman and his publishers for updated information.

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**Oman: The Islamic Democratic Tradition**, by HUSSEIN GHUBASH. Translated from French by Mary Turton. New York: Routledge, 2006. 252 pages, maps, glossary, notes, bibliography, index. US\$115.00 (Cloth) ISBN 0-415-375678-1

Unlike some Middle Eastern states, Oman has made significant progress in human rights and taken initiatives in supporting international mandates to stop the use of landmines, to protect refugees, and to oppose the use of child soldiers in conflict. The geographic setting and natural resources of this country have allowed Oman to evolve into a strong stable regime in the Middle East, and observers speculate about Oman's potential to become a strong presence in the region; and some argue that it has potential to play a regional leadership role. However, there are skeptics of Oman's ability as a regional leader, since nations (like Saudi Arabia and Egypt) have already established themselves as a strong presence in the Middle East. To further consider the matter of Oman's development and role in the region, one should consider Ghubash's thought provoking book, *Oman: The Islamic Democratic Tradition*.

In the first section of this work, Ghubash discusses the start of Omani history and the impact of the Portuguese conquistadors in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. For over 150 years, Omanis were at the mercy of their colonial rulers. With the movement in Great Britain to find a shorter route to India in order to gain a stronghold in the silk supplies, Oman fell victim to a Portuguese-British "colonial wrestling match," which Great Britain eventually won. The UK transformed the Persian Gulf into protectorate states, leaving it isolated from the rest of the world. As a result many Arab tribes suffered harsh

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