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INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

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Faruq Abu Jaber

Status: Private
Total number of Islamic MSS: 7 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This collection is uncatalogued and covers language (3 MSS), and religion (4 MSS) including Ḥadīth and fiqh.

Dr Ra’uf Abu Jaber

Status: Private
Total number of Islamic MSS: 9 (Arabic).
Description of collection: This collection is uncatalogued and covers science (1 MS.), logic (1 MS.), and Qurʾān (7 MSS – 5 complete and 2 incomplete).

Dr Maḥmūd al-Ghūl

Status: Private
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MSS are (i) Fihrist Miṣḥāṯ al-khizāna, by ‘Abd al-Qādir al-Baghdādi, on Arabic grammar, 247pp., 1363 AH; (ii) Al-Risāla al-Hārāmīya, by MāḥFI. B. Ḥakīm, on medicine, 42pp., date unknown.

Dr Salāḥ Jarrār

Status: Private
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MSS are on jurisprudence, philosophy and qirāʿāt, and are dated 804 AH, 872 AH, and 935 AH respectively.
Jordan University (Al-Hāshimiya Hall)

Date of establishment: 1975
Status: Public
Total number of Islamic MSS: 75 (62 Arabic; 1 Persian; 12 Turkish).
Description of collection: This collection is mostly uncatalogued. The oldest MS. is dated 707 AH. The subjects of the Arabic MSS are as follows: Arabic grammar (9), literature, including rhetoric (18), Hadith (12), fiqh (12), tafsīr (1), qiraṭ of the Qurʾān (1), history and biographies (4), logic (2), law (1), astronomy (2), medicine (3).

Unpublished catalogues:
1 page each of Arabic and English. Deposited in the Süleymaniye Library, Istanbul. A rather poor short listing of 9 Turkish MSS, bound with a list of Turkish MSS in Qatar. The two lists, typewritten carbon copies donated by the Arab League and now bound together, are preceded by a pencilled “title page”: Ürdun [etc] Katar üçkeleri küitifhanelerinde bulunan Türkçe yazma eserler a listesi. Geldiği tarih 14.9.1972. (The Süleymaniye call mark is: Basma Bağışlar no. 4155.)
Source: Birnbaum, p. 703.

Al-Majmaʿ al-Maliki li-Buhūth al-Ḥadāra al-Islāmiyya
(Muʿassasaṭ Al al-Bayt) (Royal Academy for Islamic Civilization Research (Al Albaan Foundation))

Date of establishment: 1981
Status: Governmental
Total number of Islamic MSS: 9 (8 Arabic; 1 Persian).
Description of collection: This collection is uncatalogued. It comprises 2 Qurʾāns and 6 other MSS on religion. The oldest is dated 1081 AH. The most important MSS are:
(i) Al-Qurʾān al-Karīm. Copied by  Hibīz  Uthmān al-Ḥalabī in 1282 AH.

Markaz al-Wathāʾiq waʾl-Makhtūṭāt (Centre of Documents and Manuscripts)

Date of establishment: 1973
Status: Public—part of Jordan University
Conditions of access: The Centre is open to Jordan University students, visitors, scholars and researchers. It has fixed office hours from 08:00 to 15:00 daily, except Thursdays and Fridays.
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 500 (Arabic), plus microfilms & lithographs.
Description of collection: This collection is kept in ordinary cupboards. It is uncatalogued. The MSS are kept together with more than 500 lithographed works, which are catalogued in 2 volumes. Most of the MSS are written in a Maghribī script, and date from the 11th and 12th centuries AH. The Centre intends to begin cataloguing these MSS soon. The following 5 texts are representative of the whole collection:

(i) Baghyat al-ulūlāb fī sharḥ munyat al-ḥisbāb. By Abū ʿAbd Allāh Sayyid Muḥammad ibn Ahmad ibn ʿAlī, copied 852 AH, on arithmetic.
(ii) Al-Idrāj (part 3). By Al-Kīlaqī, 427H., copied 1098 AH, on Islamic history.
(iv) Al-Majmūʿ (Parts 2–4). By Abū ʿAbd Allāh Ahmad ibn Yahyā ibn Muḥammad ʿAbd al-Wāḥid, copied 1132–1133 AH, on fiqh (maʾānmālīt).

There is also an extensive collection of microfilms of Arabic MSS in various libraries in the world.

Published catalogues:
Describes some MSS microfilmed & held in the Centre.

Detailed catalogue of Centre’s holdings of Arabic MSS on microfilm, giving locations of originals.

**Mudiriyyat al-Wathāʾiq wa-ʾl-Maktabāt** (Directorate of Documents and Libraries)

*Date of establishment:* 1977
*Status:* Public
*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 15 (14 Arabic; 1 Turkish).
*Description of collection:* This collection is uncatalogued. The Arabic MSS are 4 Qur’an, 7 on religion, 2 on medicine, 2 on mathematics and astronomy and 2 on history.

**Mr Abdul Munim Nuweiran**

*Status:* Private
*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 1 (Arabic).

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**Yarmuk University Library**

*Date of establishment:* 1975
*Status:* Public
*Total number of Islamic MSS:* 1 (Arabic).
*Description of collection:* This MS. is on history, with no date of transcription.

**BIBLIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX**