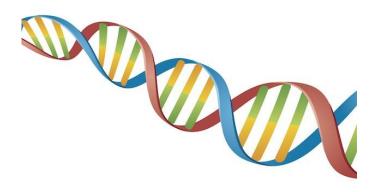
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006. Three identities in the Middle East (1/3)



There are three identities prevailing in the Middle East. They are "blood(ethnicity)" identity, "religious" identity and "ideology" identity. Three identities are defined as follows;

Firstly, "blood" identity is a biological identity, contemporary, called as DNA. This is given naturally when we were born as a human being. The blood identity is same as race. The largest race group in the Middle East is "Arab", but in the Middle East some other ethnic groups coexist. They are the Turks or Persians. (Although there is "Jewish", but Jewish is not race in biological meaning).

Blood identity means blood relationship. Blood relationship starts from birth. The first and closest blood relationship is shown between parents and children, and between brothers and sisters. It is called "family". When expanding relationships to uncle, aunt and cousin, it is called "relatives". "Clan" is wider concept than "relatives". "Tribe" overwhelms "clans". "Ethnicity" is the largest concept of "blood".

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