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In common, the dictators in the Middle East were from the lower class. They joined in military academy and achieved excellent performance. They climbed up the ladder to officers in the army. At that time only wealthy people were able to go to college in Arab countries. The poor young guys who had a strong desire to study aimed for a military academy. Excellent but ambitious guys gathered at the military academy. They learned state-of-the-art technology and know-how in the academy. The outstanding students were sent to USSR for further studying. In USSR, socialistic ideology influenced and inspired the young officers from Arab countries. Arab nationalism was integrated with socialism. Arab officers advocated anti-capitalism and anti-imperialism.

Arab officers studying in USSR, however, felt somewhat strange about the socialistic ideology. They had already been infected with Islam from childhood. Therefore, they were not completely infected with socialistic ideology. They could not accept the atheism in the communist society. Though young Arab officers were rationalist, they were religious Muslims too. They gradually graduated from the socialism and atheism.

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