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Ethnicity, religion and political ideology were interconnected with each other. It became vague that who was enemy or who was ally. Enemy 's enemy might be an ally or another enemy. Enemy's ally might an enemy or another ally. Situation had changed from time to time. The intricate political situation was difficult to judge either enemy or ally.

But the Middle East in the late 1970s before Iran-Iraq War was a relatively calm era. Nobody might object to call 1970s a peaceful era. The wealth of oil in the Gulf oil-producing countries was one reason to insure the peace. Non-oil producing countries in Middle East shared the slice of oil wealth, too. The birth of authoritarian states in Syria, Iraq, Libya and several other countries was another reason. All of them were dictatorship states. To be honest, temporary peace in Middle East after the Ramadan War was brought by oil money and dictators.

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