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Muslims did not make a loud noise about the 1400th year of Hijri. They were more sensitive to monthly events such as Ramadan and Haji (Great Pilgrimage). They haven't so much interest to see the old year out and the New Year in. Therefore, changing of the year from 1399 to 1400 of Hijri did not be emphasized too much. But it would be meaningful that many events took place one after another in Middle East before and after the year 1400 of Hijri.

For example, in Hijri 1399 (1978-79 AD) Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin had concluded a historical Camp David Accords mediated by the US President Jimmy Carter. They won the Nobel Peace Prize for that year. Two countries signed the peace treaty in 1979 AD. But this brought about fierce rejection from other Arab countries. Egypt was expelled from the Arab League. Egypt lost the position as the leader in the Arab and Muslim world in return for bilateral peace with Israel.

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