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The siege of mecca the forgotten uprising in islams holiest shrine and the birth of al qaeda on november 20 1979 worldwide attention was focused on tehran where the iranian hostage crisis was entering its third week the same morning the first of a new muslim century hundreds of gunmen stunned the world by seizing islams holiest shrine the.

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The insurgents aired their demands from the mosque's loudspeakers throughout the streets of Mecca, calling for the cut-off of oil exports to the United States and the expulsion of all foreign civilian and military experts from the. In days that followed, people across the Muslim world responded to Khomein's description of the events at Mecca, without a clear and adamant denial from Saudi Arabia. Packed with vivid, previously undisclosed details, it illuminates a little-known hostage crisis in the closed-off heart of the Muslim world that helped give rise to Al Qaeda.

### The Siege of Mecca

His grandfather had ridden with in the early decades of the century and other of his family members were among foremost of the.

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Snipers were blasted out of the nests high in the minarets.

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Learning that news of the Grand Mosque takeover had been leaked, the Saudis were outraged. He described the Pope's visit as part of the infidel

plot at Mecca and the Pope as masquerading as a man of faith.

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