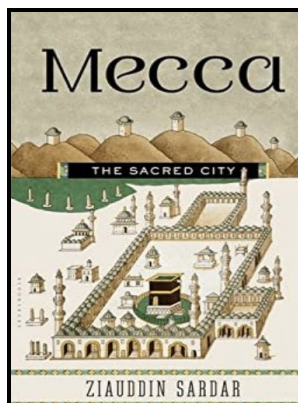


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The party, however, denied any involvement in the seizure of the Grand Mosque. On 9 January 1980, 63 rebels were publicly in the squares of eight Saudi cities , , , , , and. Ikhwan brethren , perhaps in the 1920s.

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Pilgrims remained trapped, with Saudi troops firing at anything that moved. Bin Baz found himself in a delicate situation, especially as he had previously taught al-Otaybi in. Bin Baz Abd-al-Aziz ibn Abd-Allah ibn Baaz in 1992 would be appointed Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Head of the Council of Senior Scholars and president of the administration for scientific research and legal rulings.

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