

**”INDEMNITY AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT”:
PRISONS AND PRISONERS IN HASHEMITE IRAQ
DURING THE COLD WAR**

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Abstract: While Egypt has served historians as a model for history of prison modernization in the Arab world, Cold War Iraq is instructive. Under that country’s Hashemite monarchy, while the legal basis for political convictions was slim, prominent political figures served multi-year prison sentences; as a result, the politics of penitentiaries were a key topic for liberal political activism against the monarchy and its servitors. A strike at the Baghdad central penitentiary serves as an example.

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