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One of the less noticed aspects of the Arab uprisings is the emergence of many Arab Facebook pages of atheists and agnostics. A few pages existed before 2011.

The following pages list some atheist Facebook pages from the Arab world. This overview delineates a field of research.

There are pages on persons:

Abdallah al-Qasimi

Joined Facebook January 2011; 15.743 likes.

There are pages focussing on a state or region:

Egyptians without Religion – Misiriyyun bidun diyana

Joined Facebook in December 2012; 1.328 likes.

al-Ilhad wa'l-la-din fi'l-urdunn (Atheism and Agnosticism in Jordan)

Joined Facebook September 2012; 2.247 likes.

Jam'iyyat al-mulhidin al-sa'udiyyin (Society of Sa'udi Atheists)

Joined Facebook November 2011; 58 likes.

Jam'iyyat al-mulhidin al-'umaniyyin – Atheists of Oman

Joined Facebook February 2013; 8 likes.

Kuffar Tunis wa-zanadiqatuha (The Unbelievers of Tunisia and its Heretics)

Joined Facebook June 2011; 2.078 likes.

Kuwaiti Atheists

Joined Facebook March 2011; 251 likes.

Lebanese Atheists

Joined Facebook in January 2013; 4.138 likes. The pages are predominantly in English, some postings are in Arabic.

Issues discussed are gender equality, the confessionalized personal status law of Lebanon, civil marriages, child labor, inflation, Syrian refugees, paradise and the virgins of paradise, Lebanese politics, esp. related to confessionalism (*ta'ifiyya*), remarks on Catholicism, anti-religious statements, a YouTube video on the role of force in the process of imposing ignorance, on a Lebanese singer turned Salafist and killing Lebanese soldiers; many illustrations focus on niqab.

There are many references to Internet sites of the Lebanese writer and activist Joumana Haddad.



Maghreb Atheists Republic – al-Jumhuriyya al-maghribiyya al-mulhida

Joined Facebook September 2011; 256 likes.

Misri mulhid – Egyptian Atheist

Joined Facebook January 2012; 1.490 likes.

Mulhidi al-khalij – Gulf atheist

September 2011; 1.268 likes.

Mulhidin Bilad al-rafidayn (Atheists of Mesopotamia)

Joined Facebook in March 2012; 682 likes.

al-Mulhidin al-'iraqiyyin (Iraqi Atheists)

730 members.

Closed group.

al-Mulhidin al-jaza'iriyyin – Les Athées algériens Algerian Atheists

Joined Facebook June 2011; 927 likes.

Mulhidin Misr 'ala Facebook (Atheists of Egypt on Facebook)

Joined Facebook 2012; 3.721 likes.

al-Mulhidin al-misriyyin (Egyptian Atheists)

Started at Facebook December 2012; 1.777 likes.

al-Mulhidin al-sudaniyyin (Sudanese Atheists)

Joined Facebook March 2013; 291 likes.

al-Mulhidin al-tunisiyyin – Athées Tunisiens

Joined Facebook March 2011; 9.102 likes.

al-Mulhidin al-yamaniyyin (Yemeni Atheists)

Joined Facebook October 2012; 91 likes.

Mulhidun libiyyun (LibyanAtheists)

Joined Facebook August 2012; 208 likes.

Mulhidu Lubnan – Atheists of Lebanon

Joined Facebook October 2012; 125 likes.

al-Mulhidun al-sudaniyyun (Sudanese Atheists)

Joined Facebook in February 2012; 2.086 likes.

Some atheist Facebook pages refer to a local context.

Mulhidin Jami'at Asyut (Atheists of the University of Asyut)

Joined Facebook in February 2013; 79 likes.

Three postings, all on February 25. One a general statement to be proud to be an atheist (English), another a statement about god created according to humans imagination, and a cartoon on parents forcing religion on their child.

Al-Mulhidun al-maghariba – Les athées marocains

Joined Facebook September 2010; 923 likes.

Mulhid Sa'idi (Atheist from Upper Egypt)

Joined Facebook in July 2013; 196 likes.

Shabakat al-mulhidin al-suriyyin – Syrian Atheists Network

Joined Facebook February 2012; 1.886 likes

Shabakat al-mulhidin wa'l-la-diniyyin al-suriyyin li-da'm al-tha-wra al-suriyya

Joined Facebook December 2011; 6.408 likes.

Sudanese Atheists Revolution

Joined Facebook June 2010; 419 likes.

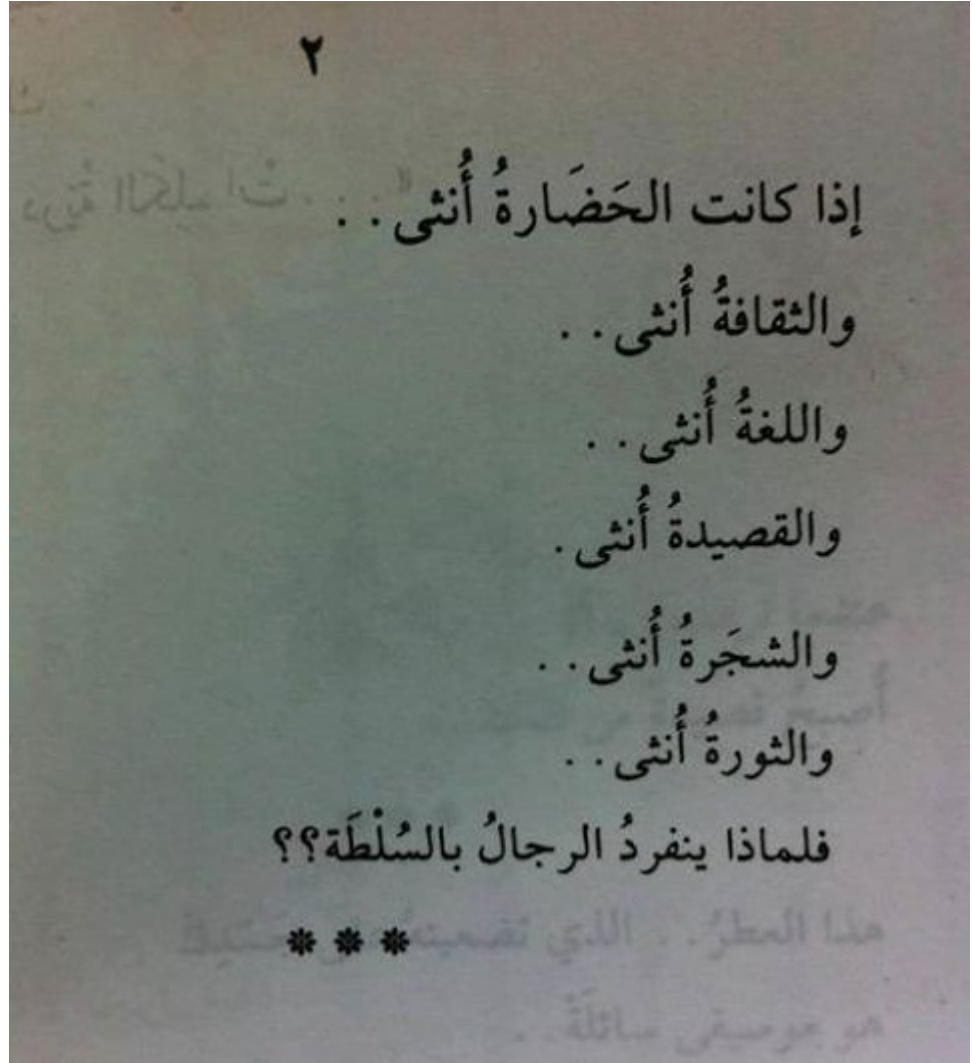
Syrian Atheists

Joined Facebook March 2012; 12.174 likes.

Tajammu' Mulhidin al-'Iraq (Bloc of Atheists from Iraq)

1.919 members.

Closed group.



*When civilisation is female,/culture is female,/language is female/
/poem is female,/tree is female,/revolution is female, then:
Why are only men in power?*

Yemen Atheists

Joined Facebook August 2013; 2 likes.

There are other Facebook pages not referring to a geographic area:

Ana mulhida... ana hurra (I am a female Atheist... I am free)

7.883 members.

Closed group.

al-'Aql din (The Brain is a Faith)

Joined Facebook September 2012; 27.181 likes.

Arab Atheist Broadcasting

Joined Facebook November 2011; 2.435 likes.

al-Asdiqa' al-mulhidin – Atheist Friends

Joined Facebook March 2013; 832 likes.

'Ayiz atazawwaj mulhida (I want to marry an Atheist)

Joined Facebook April 2013; 1.441 likes.

Harakat al-ikhwan al-mulhidin (Movement of the Atheist Brothers)

Joined Facebook June 2011; 1.480 likes.

I am an Atheist – Ana mulhid

Joined Facebook ; 4.228 likes.

al-Ilhad (Atheism)

Joined Facebook October 2012; 1.977 likes.

Innani ana allah (I am God)

Joined Facebook November 2011; 625 likes.

Ittihad al-mulhidin al-'arab – Arab Atheists Union

Joined Facebook November 2012; 927 likes.

Ittihad al-mulhidin wa'l-la-diniyyin al-'arab (Arab Atheists and Ir-religious Union)

Joined Facebook August 2012; 3.020 likes.

Jama'at al-ikhwan al-mulhidin (Community of the Atheist Brothers)

Joined Facebook December 2012; 1.042 likes.

Jama'at al-ikhwan al-mulhidin (Community of the Atheist Brothers)

Joined Facebook July 2013; 618 likes.

La ilaha ila l-'aql wahdahu la-sharika lahu (There is no god, but the brain alone, nothing equal to it)

5.121 members.

Closed group.

Ma'an li-malyuniyat al-mulhidin al-'arab (Together for a Million Arab Atheists)

Joined Facebook June 2011; 53 likes.

Majallat al-mulhid al-'arabi (Journal of the Arab Atheist)

1.552 members.

Closed group.

Majmu'at al-mulhidin al-'arab (Group of Arab Atheists)

Joined Facebook November 2012; 887 likes

Maktabat al-mulhidin l-'arab – Arab Atheists Library

Joined Facebook in January 2013; 5907 likes. The group declares itself as open not only for atheists, but for everybody who is interested in a well balanced view of the issues discussed in the books linked to in this group. The books offered are from Arab authors or translated.

Mulhid wa-aftakhir (Atheist and I'm proud)

3125 members

Closed group.

al-Mulhida al-muhajjaba (Veiled Female Atheist)

Joined Facebook April 2012; 1.917 likes.

al-Mulhidat wa'l-mulhidin (Female and Male Atheist)

Joined Facebook in March 2013; 215 likes.

al-Mulhidin (The Atheists)

Joined Facebook October 2012; 29 likes.

al-Mulhidin al-'arab (ArabAtheists)

Joined Facebook February 2012; 129 likes.

al-Mulhidin al-'arab – ArabAtheists

Joined Facebook September 2012; 2384 likes.

al-Mulhidin al-'arab min ajli ma'rifat al-haqiqa bi'l-'aql wa'l-man-tiq (Arab Atheists for Grasping the Truth by Reason and Logic)

Joined Facebook July 2010; 653 likes.

Al-Mulhidin wa'l-mufakkirin al-'arab (Arab Atheists and Thinkers)

Joined Facebook September 2012; 4.303 likes.

al-Mulhidin wa'l-muhashshishin (Atheists and Hashish-Users)

Joined Facebook November 2011; 231 likes.

The postings contain mostly photos, videos, and statements mocking religion or statements about atheism.



„An atheist is an apostate. We fear his logic. Therefore it is necessary to kill him“ The signboard on the left reads: „Fatwa Shop“

Mulhidun (Atheists)

Joined Facebook November 2012; 2.595 likes.

Al-Mulhidun bi-la hudud & Mulhidun wa-law kariha al-mu'minun
(Atheist without frontiers & Atheists, even if the believers don't like it)

Joined Facebook March 2012; 5.238 likes.

al-Mulhidun didd al-adyan (Atheists against Religion)

Joined Facebook in August 2011; 11.131 likes

Mulhid mantiqiyy (Logical Atheist)

Joined Facebook September 2011; 4.710 likes.

Qur'an al-mulhidin al-'arab (The Quran of the Arab Atheists)

Joined Facebook November 2010; 1.864 likes.

Shabakat al-mulhidin al-'arab (Arab Atheists Network)

Joined Facebook March 2013; 1.022 likes.

Shabakat al-mulhidin al-'arab – Arab Atheists Network

Joined Facebook June 2013; 644 likes.

Tajammu' al-mulhidin al-'arab (Bloc of Arab Atheists)

Joined Facebook April 2013; 8 likes.

Warshat 'amal Majallat al-mulhidin al-'arab

12 members.

Open group.

Yaumiyat fatat mulhida

Joined Facebook November 2011; 5.490 likes.

Since the Arab (speaking) world is not an ethnically homogenous world:

Kurdên Xwedê ne nas – Mulhidun Kurd (Kurdish Atheists)

Joined Facebook February 2013; 2669 likes

There are agnostics and irreligious, too:

Khawatir la-diniyy khaliji (Passing Thoughts of an irreligious person from the Gulf)

Joined Facebook August 2013; 64 likes.

al-La-diniyyun fi Jami'at al-Azhar (Irreligious at al-Azhar University)

Joined Facebook in July 3, 2013; 16 likes

Marocains irréligieux – Maghariba la-diniyyin

Joined Facebook June 2011; 3.817 likes.

Shabakat al-la-adriyyin al-'arabiya (Arab Network of Agnostics)

Joined Facebook August 2013; 68 likes.

Sudaniyyun la-diniyyun (Irreligious Sudanese)

Joined Facebook in July 2012; 2.811 likes

Sudaniyyun la-diniyyun – Irreligious Sudanese (Sudanese Agnostics)

Joined Facebook in July 2011; 12.131 likes

Sudan: non-religious out loud – Sudan la-diniyyun 'aliyyan

Joined Facebook in July 2011; 803 likes

al-Tahaluf al-mulhidin al-'arab – Arab Atheists Alliance

Joined Facebook December 2012; 578 likes.

Tawanisa al-la-adriyyin – Tunisiens Agnostiques

Joined Facebook June 2011; 1.154 likes.

Tawanisa la-diniyyun – Tunisiens irréligieux

Joined Facebook April 2010; 14.384 likes.

Tunisiyyun la-diniyyun – Tunisiens irréligieux

Joined Facebook in April 2013; 263 likes

There is the blog of a journal, too:

<http://aamagazine.blogspot.co.at/>

Some Facebook pages are hacked:

Daulat al-mulhidin (State of the Atheists)

959 members.

Closed group. Hacked by HaMa HaCker, dispalying the shahada in the header.

Ittihad al-uluhiyyun wa'l-mulhidun li-shimal ifriqiyya wa'l-sharq al-awsat (Union of the Deists and Atheists of North Africa and the Middle East)

1.140 members.

Open group. Group description hacked by Mena EL Masery of Hacker Muslim.