SYSTEM OF TRANSLITERATION

The following table gives Roman equivalents of the Arabic and Persian letters used in the text.

', b, p, t, th, j, ch, ħ, kh, d, dh, r, z, zh, s,
sh, ś, ṣ, ţ, z, 'ı, gh, f, q, k, g, l, m, n, w, h, y,
ā, ā, ē, aw, ay, iy

The Arabic definite article and the Persian ezāfe are always represented by al- and -i respectively. Words commonly cited in English (e.g. Damascus, Jerusalem, Mecca, sultan, amir, qadi) are generally not transliterated except to express such official posts as Şāhib Dimashq and Nā'ib al-Quds.

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