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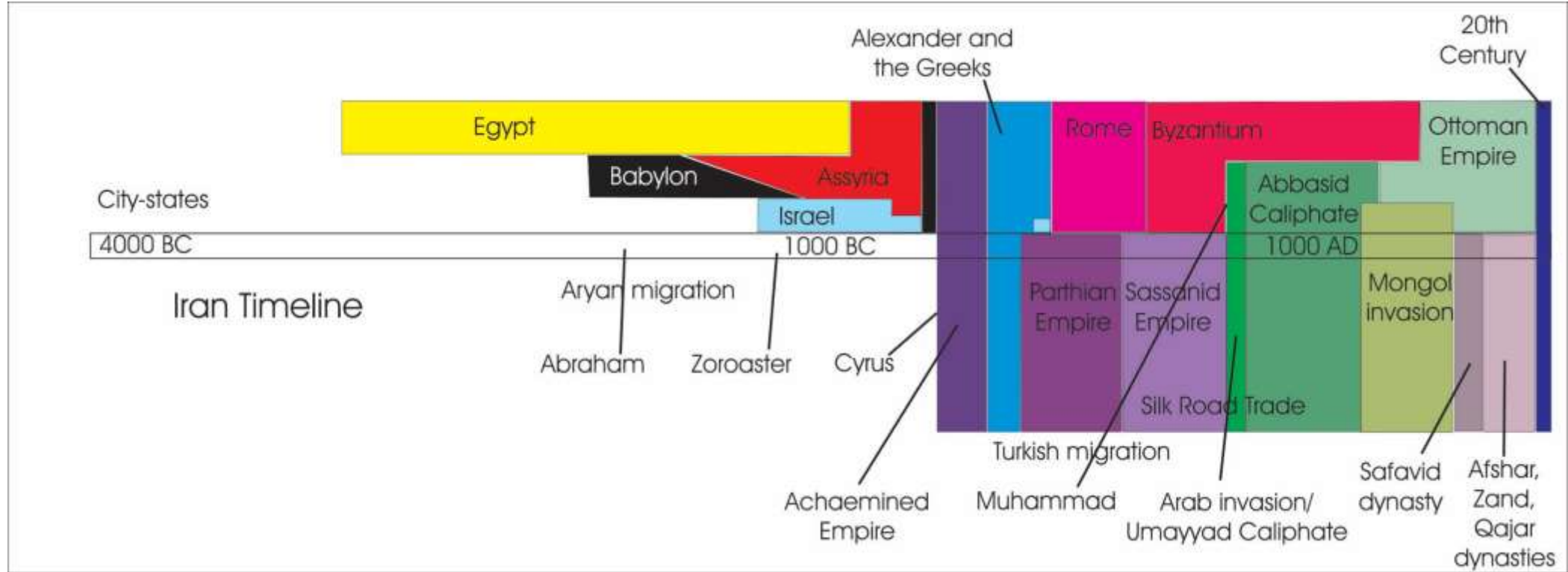
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The Safavid Dynasty





1500—Europeans begin colonizing the rest of the world.



Sheikh Safi ad-Din



1517 Selim the Grim brings the
Caliphate to Istanbul



Shah Abbas I

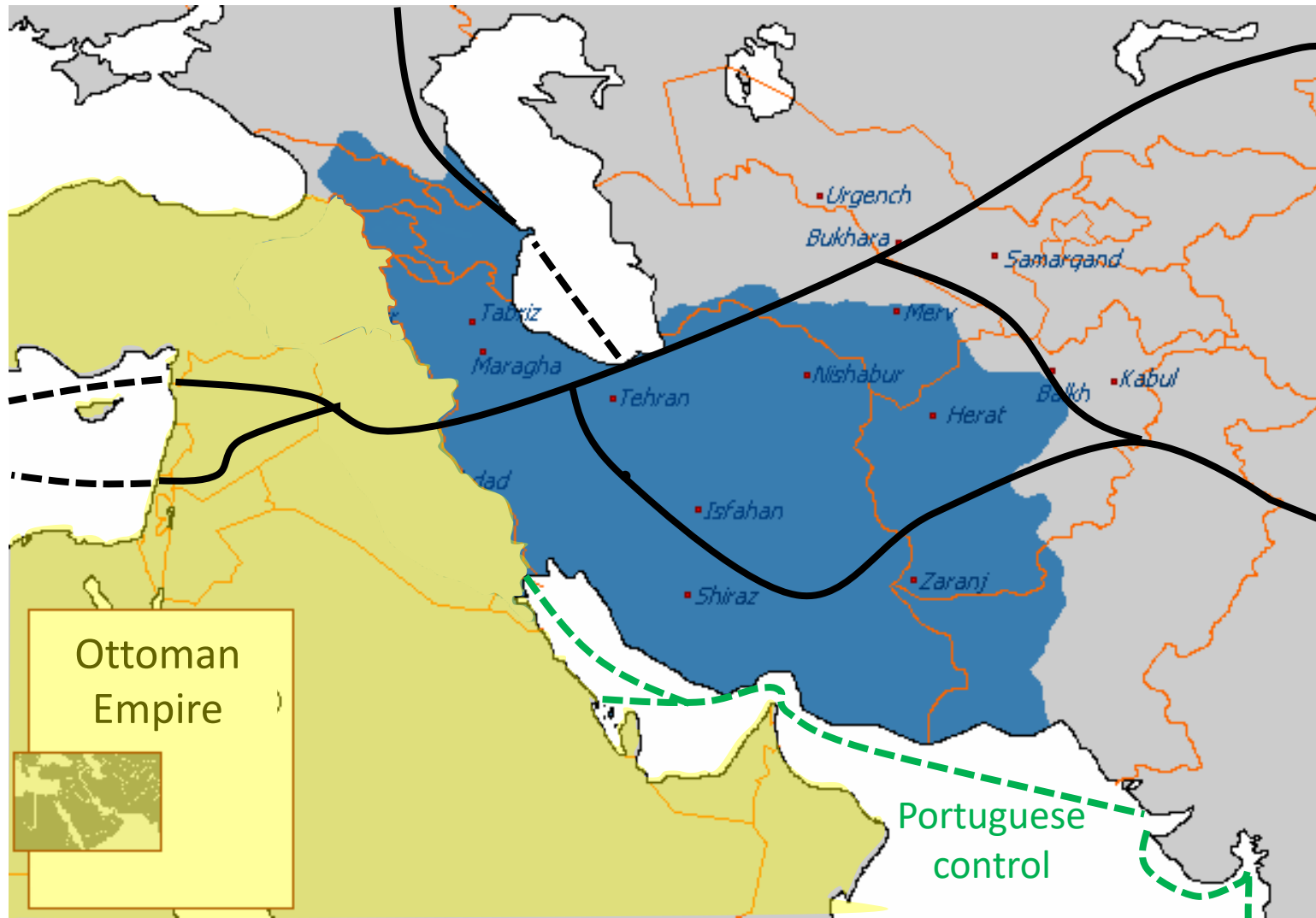
Armenia



Armenian craftsmen are brought in to rebuild Isfahan



Shah Abbas builds the Maidan



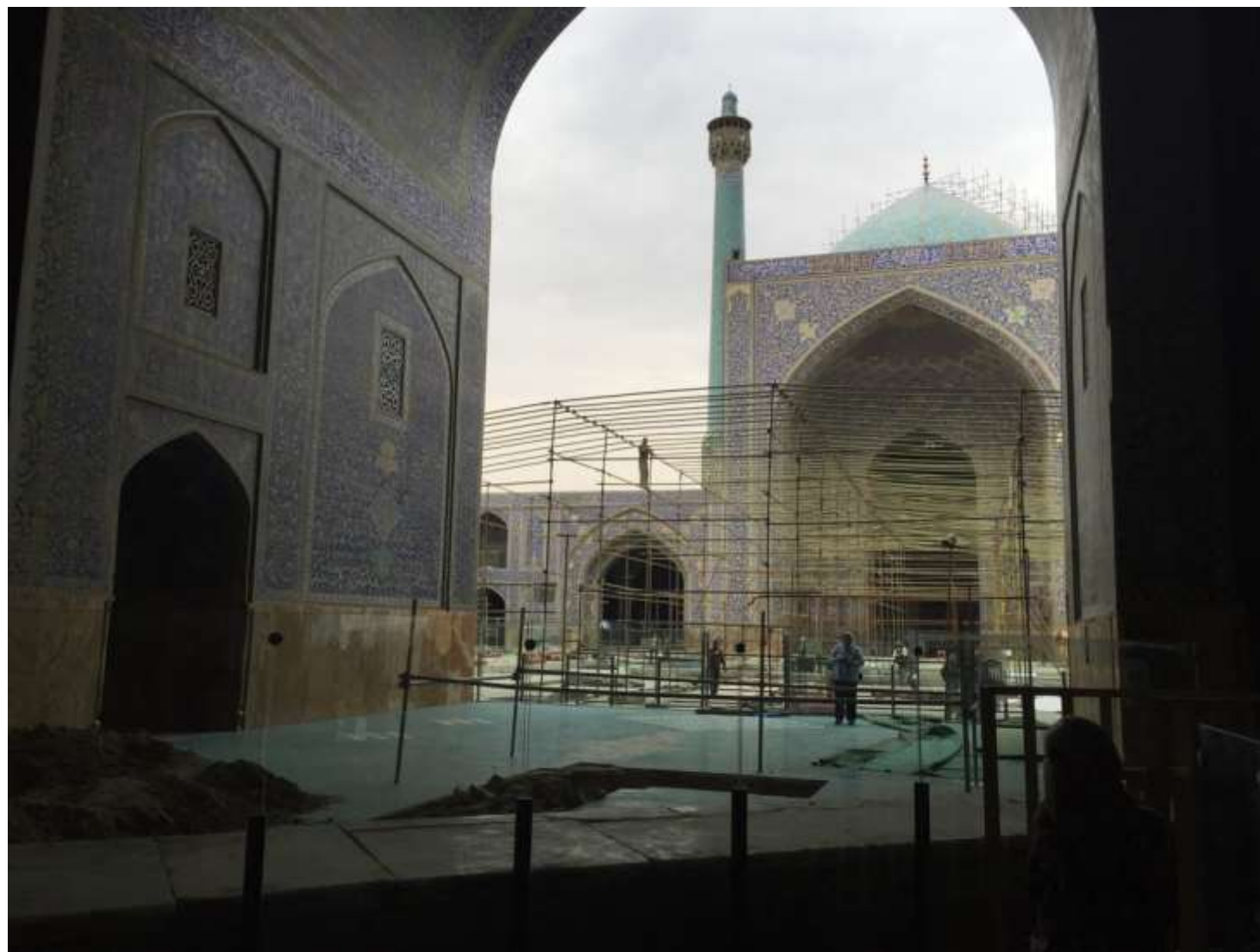
1600—Isfahan becomes capital of Iran,
and a center of world trade.





Masjed-e Shah
(Mosque of the Shah)











Ali Qapu Palace













Sheikh Loft Allah Mosque









Entrance to the Maidan bazaar









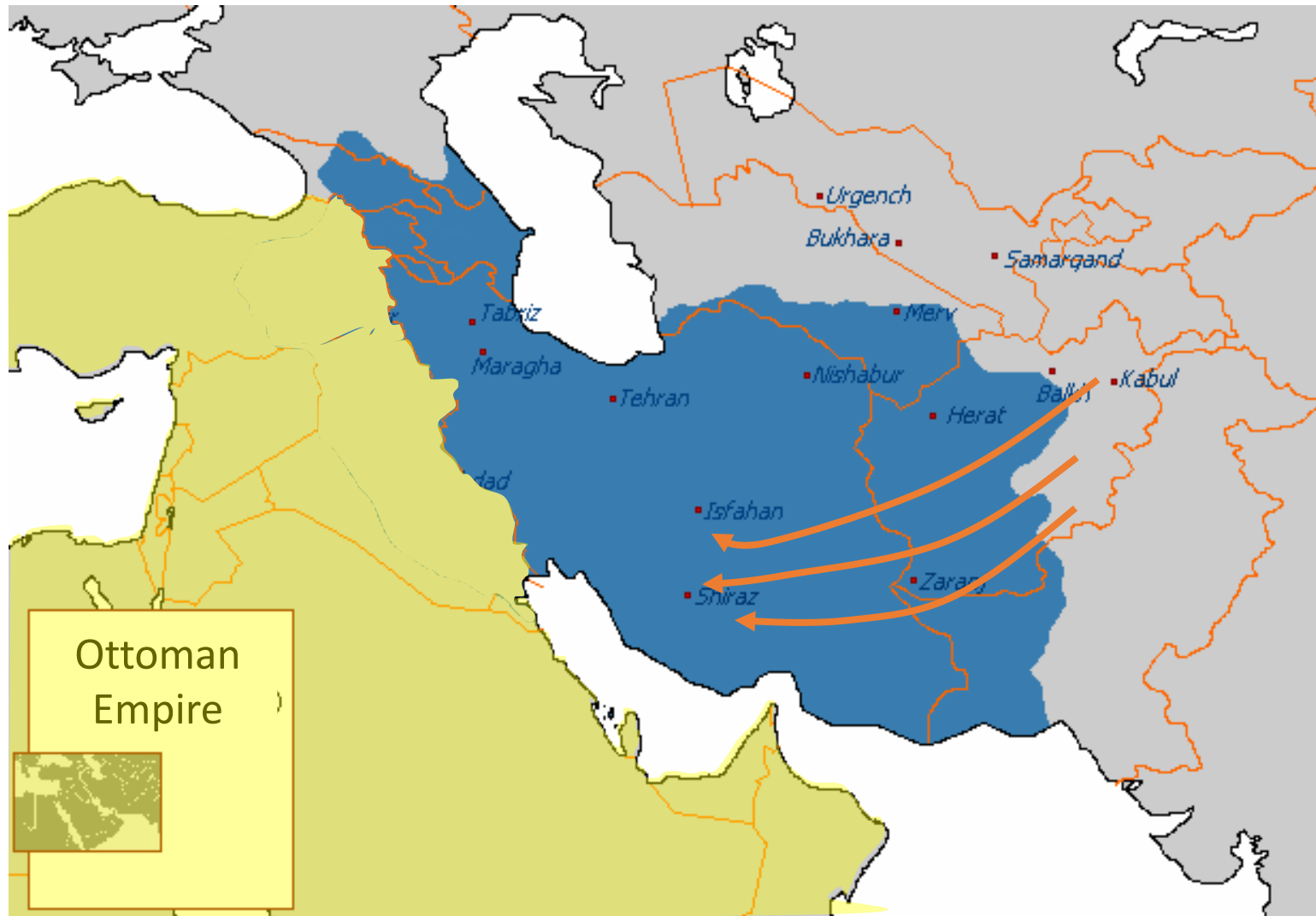


1624—Shah Abbas I takes Mesopotamia back from the Ottomans.

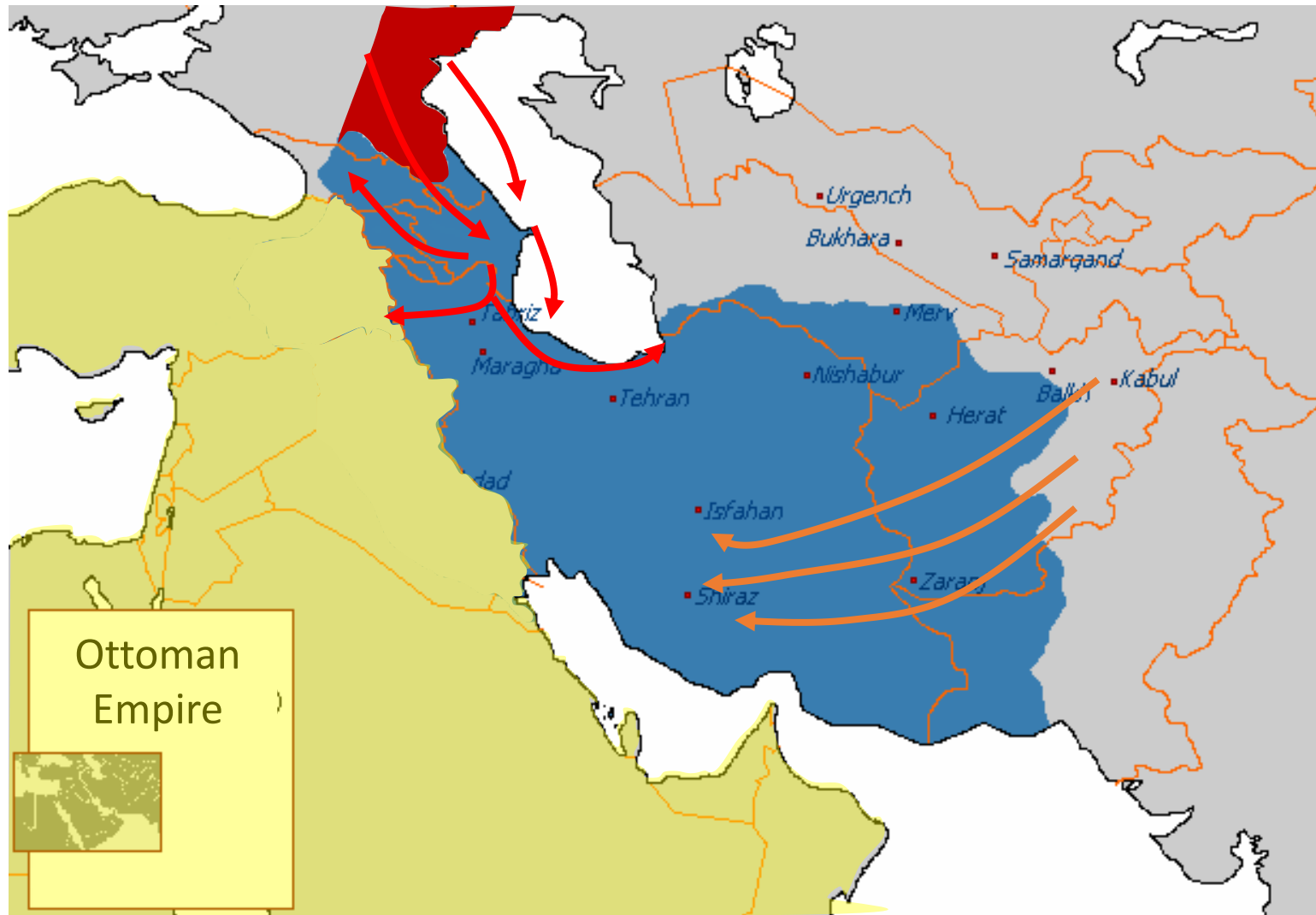


1639—Ottoman Sultan/Caliph Murad V
re-takes Mesopotamia.

Iran in the Great Game



1719—Afghans overrun southern Iran, sack Isfahan and massacre its residents.

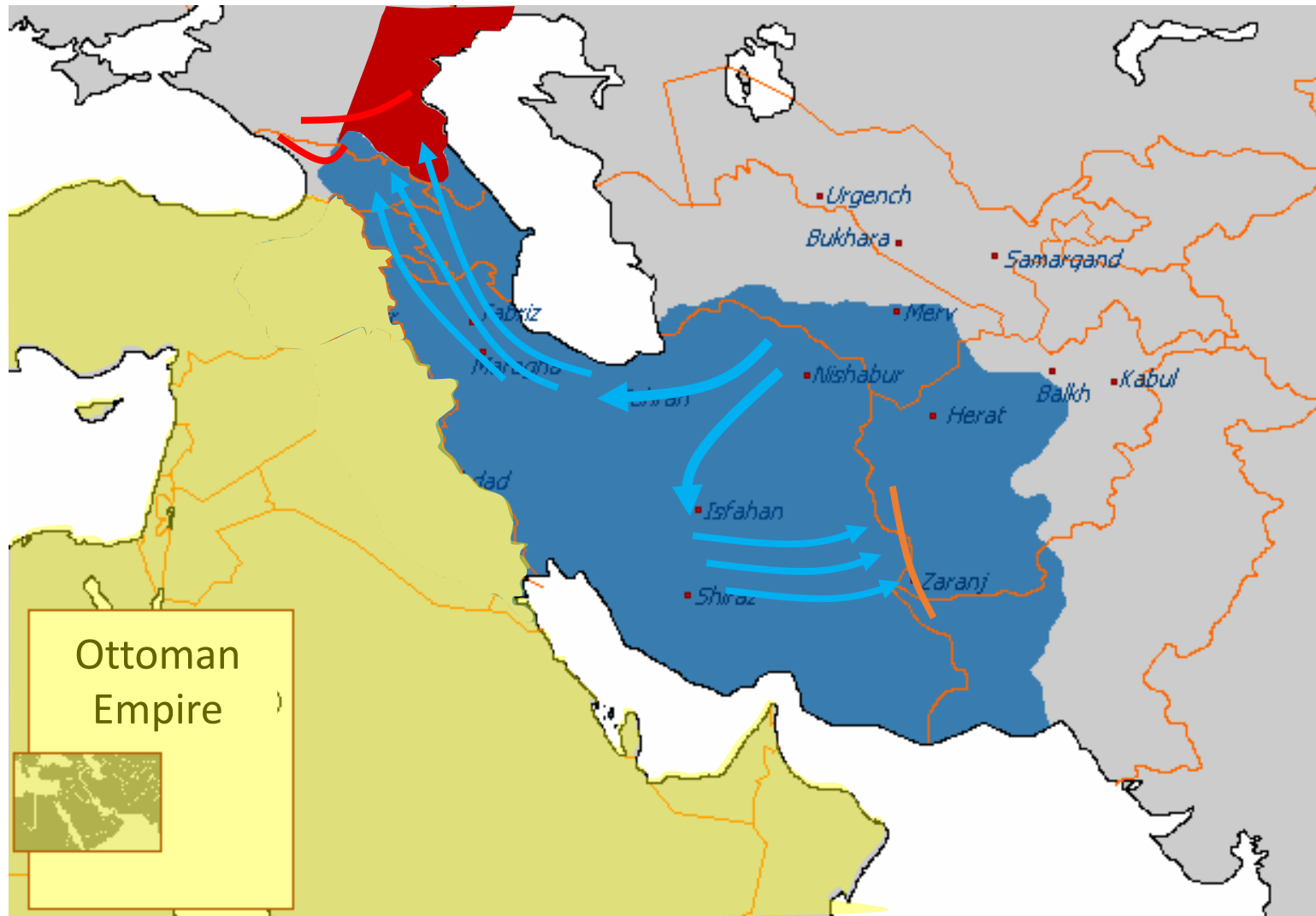


1722-1723—100,000 Russians under Peter the Great take Dagestan, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and the Caspian coast of Iran.

Armenia



1736 Afshar leader Nadar Shah defeats the Safavids



1736—Nadar Shah drives the Afghans and Russians back, signs defense treaties with Russia, against the Ottoman Empire.

Armenia



1750 Karim Khan declares himself
“Advocate of the People” (not Shah)











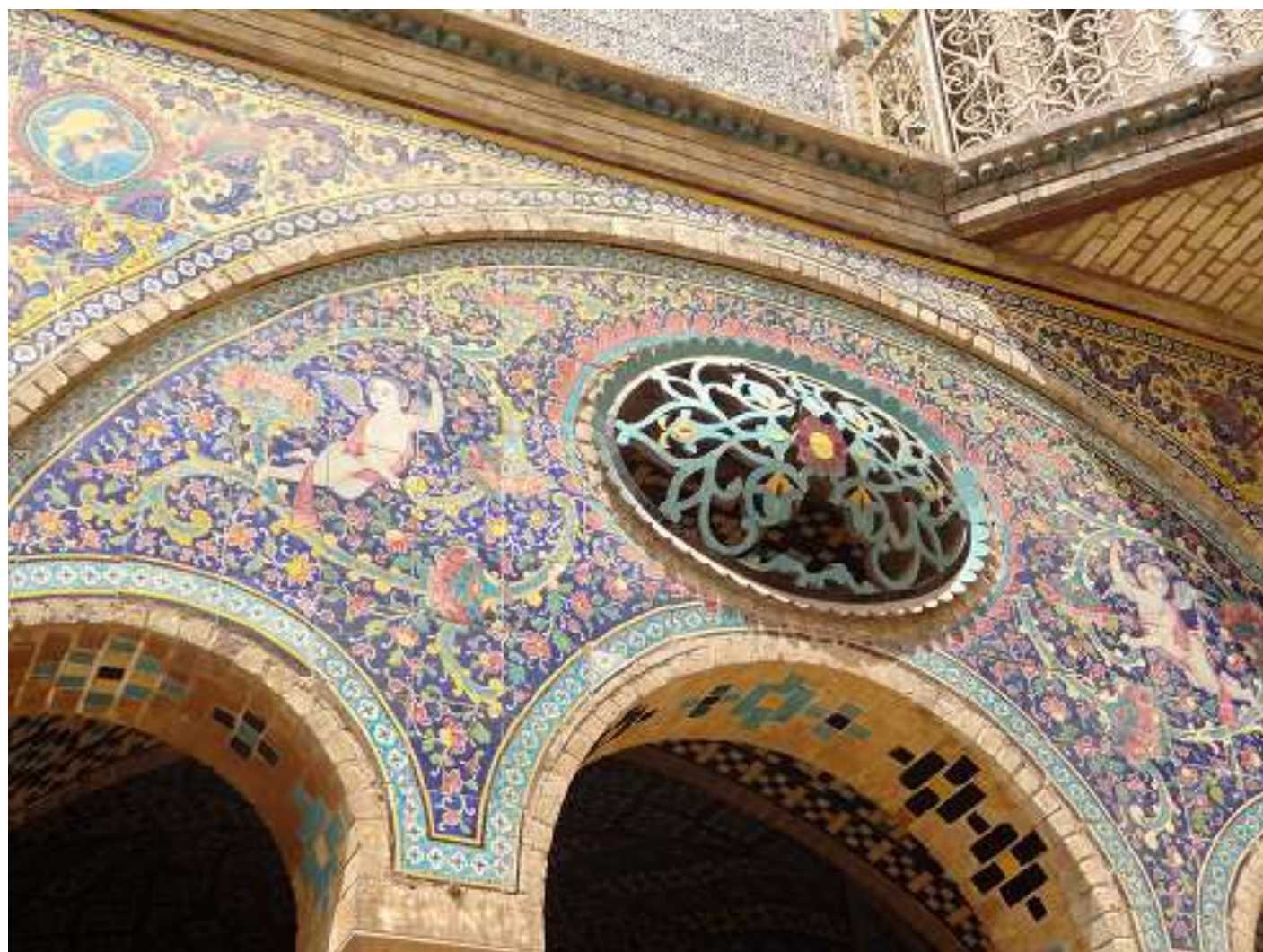


1796 Agha Mohammad Khan Qajar
takes over Iran.



Golestan Palace, Tehran











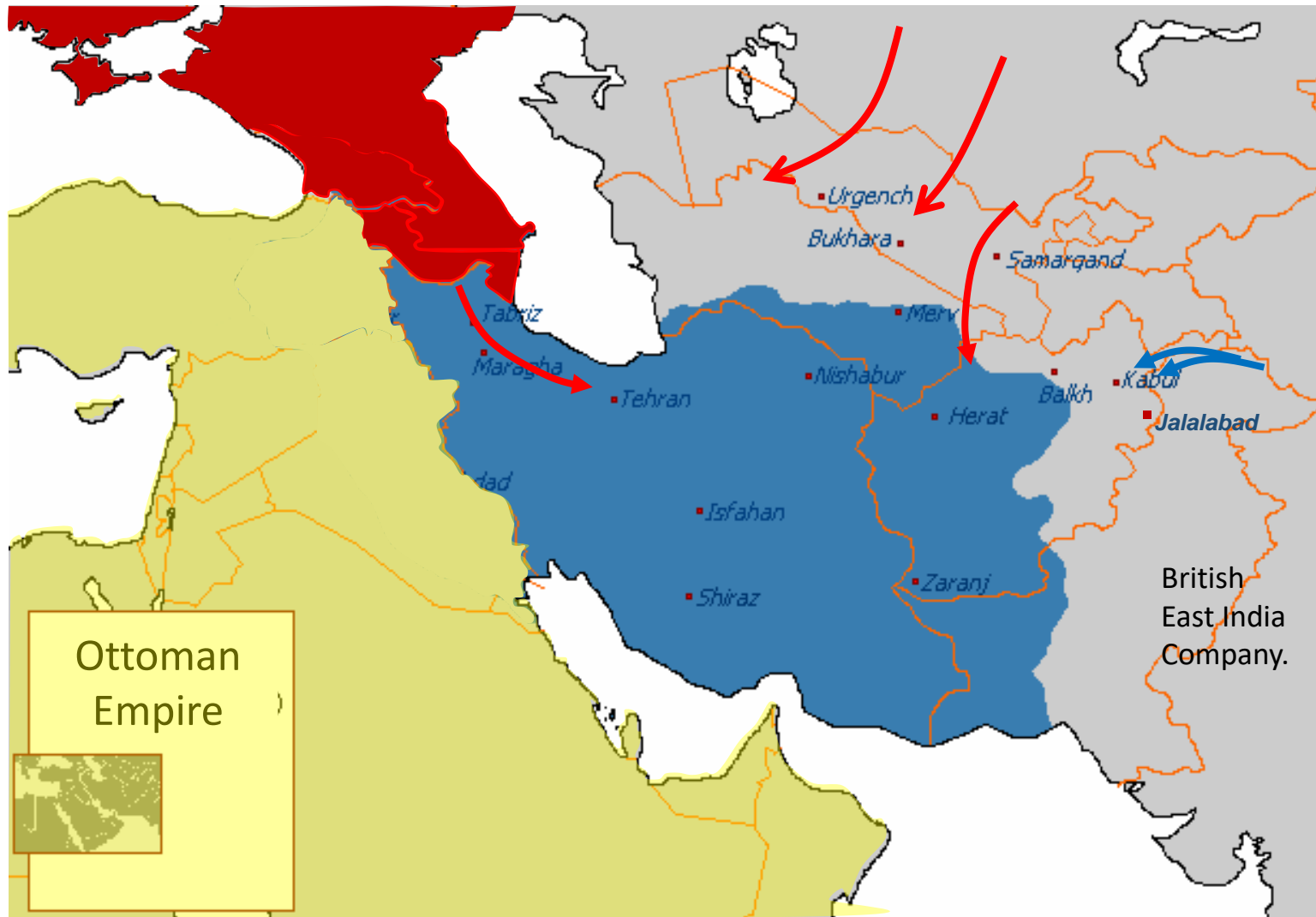




1804-1813—Russia takes Georgia
and most of Azerbaijan.



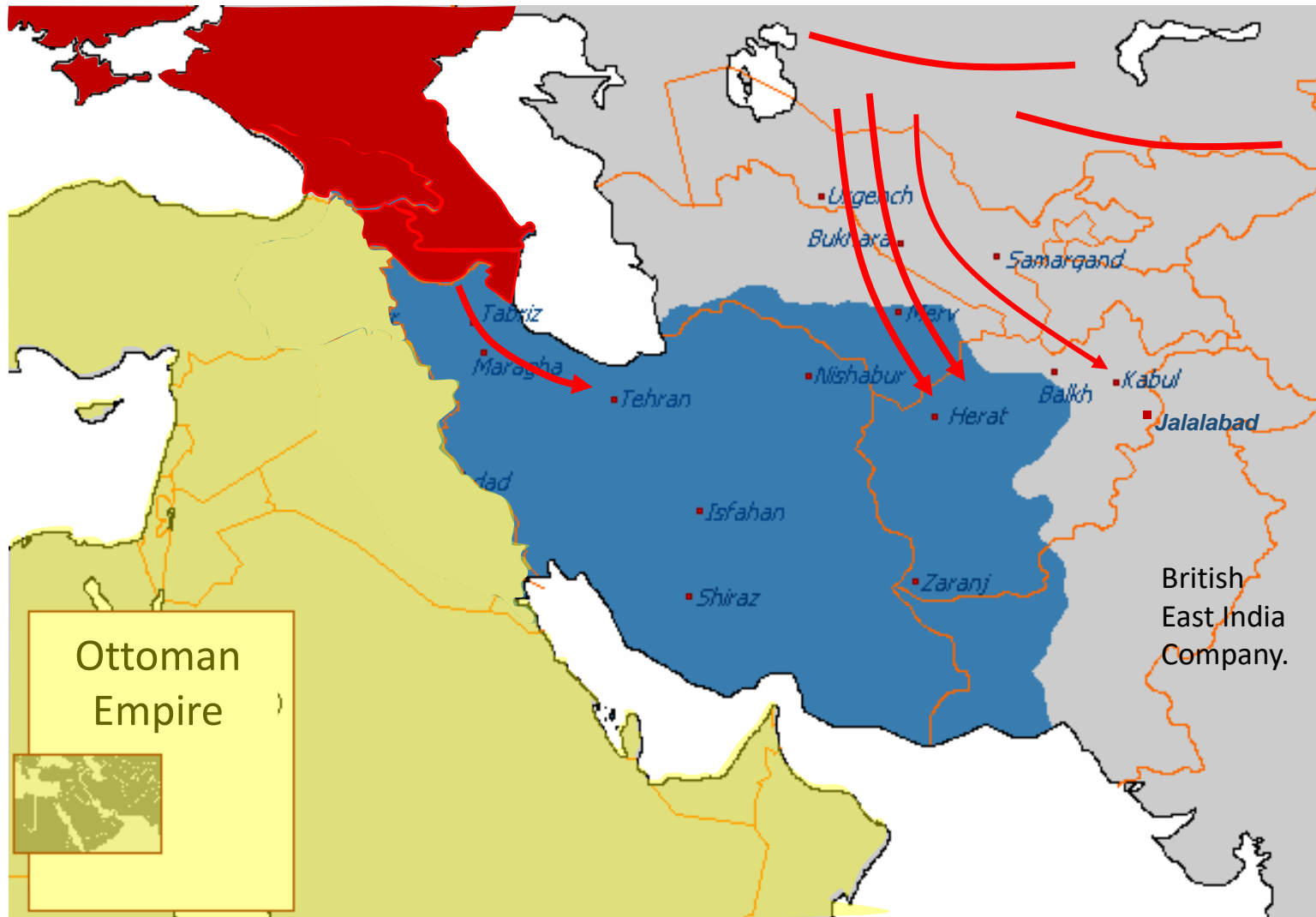
1826-1828—Russia takes eastern Armenia and the rest of Azerbaijan, occupies Tehran.



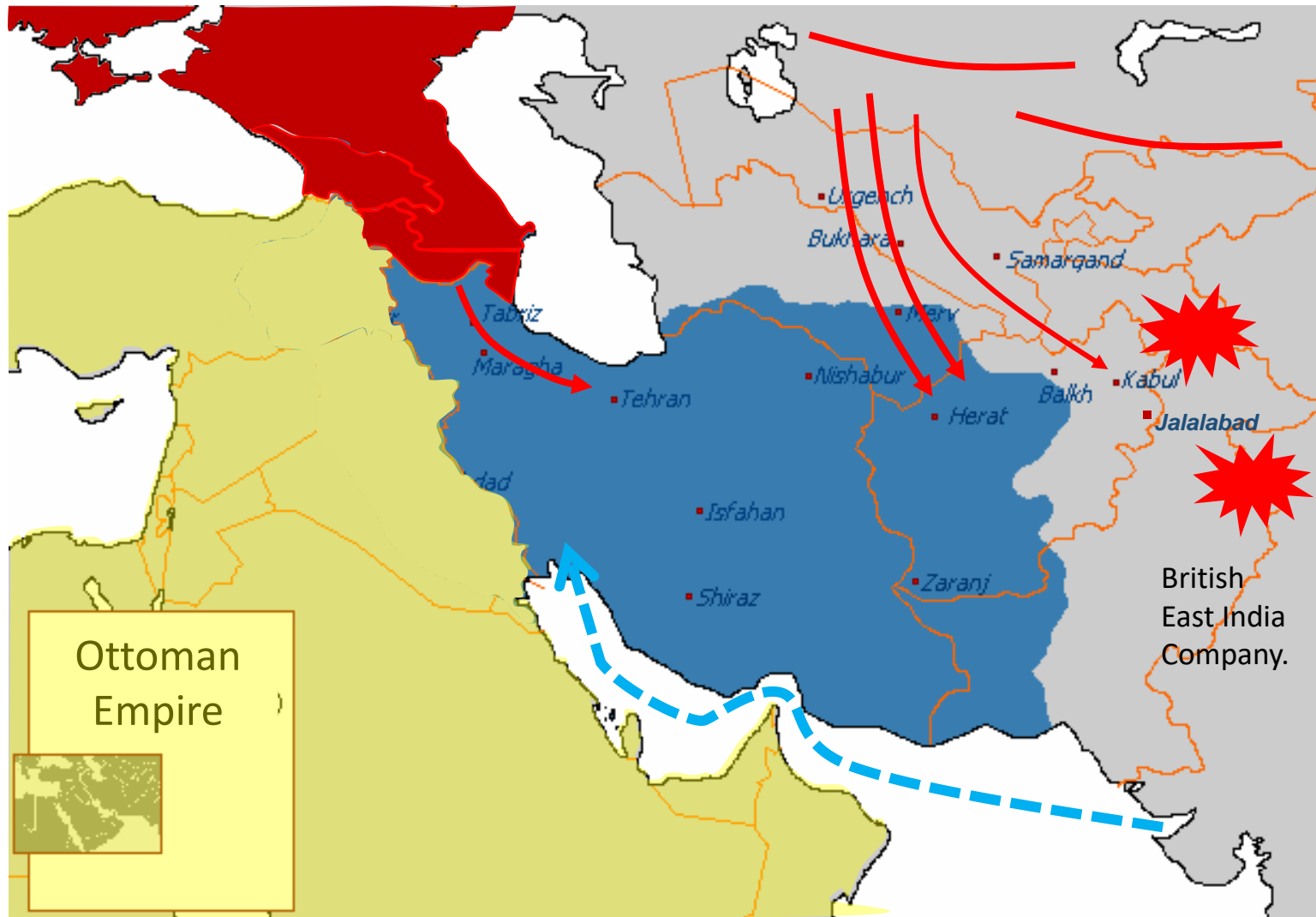
1839—British invade Afghanistan to keep it from falling to the Russians.



Remnant of an Army



Russians take control of northwest Afghanistan,
send diplomatic mission to Kabul.



1857—Sepoy Rebellion in India.
British declare war on Iran.



British force Iran to recognize
Afghanistan independence.



1881—Russians occupy Transoxiana
(Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan)



Nasir-al-Din Shah Qajar



Constitutional protestors
and Persian Cossack soldiers.



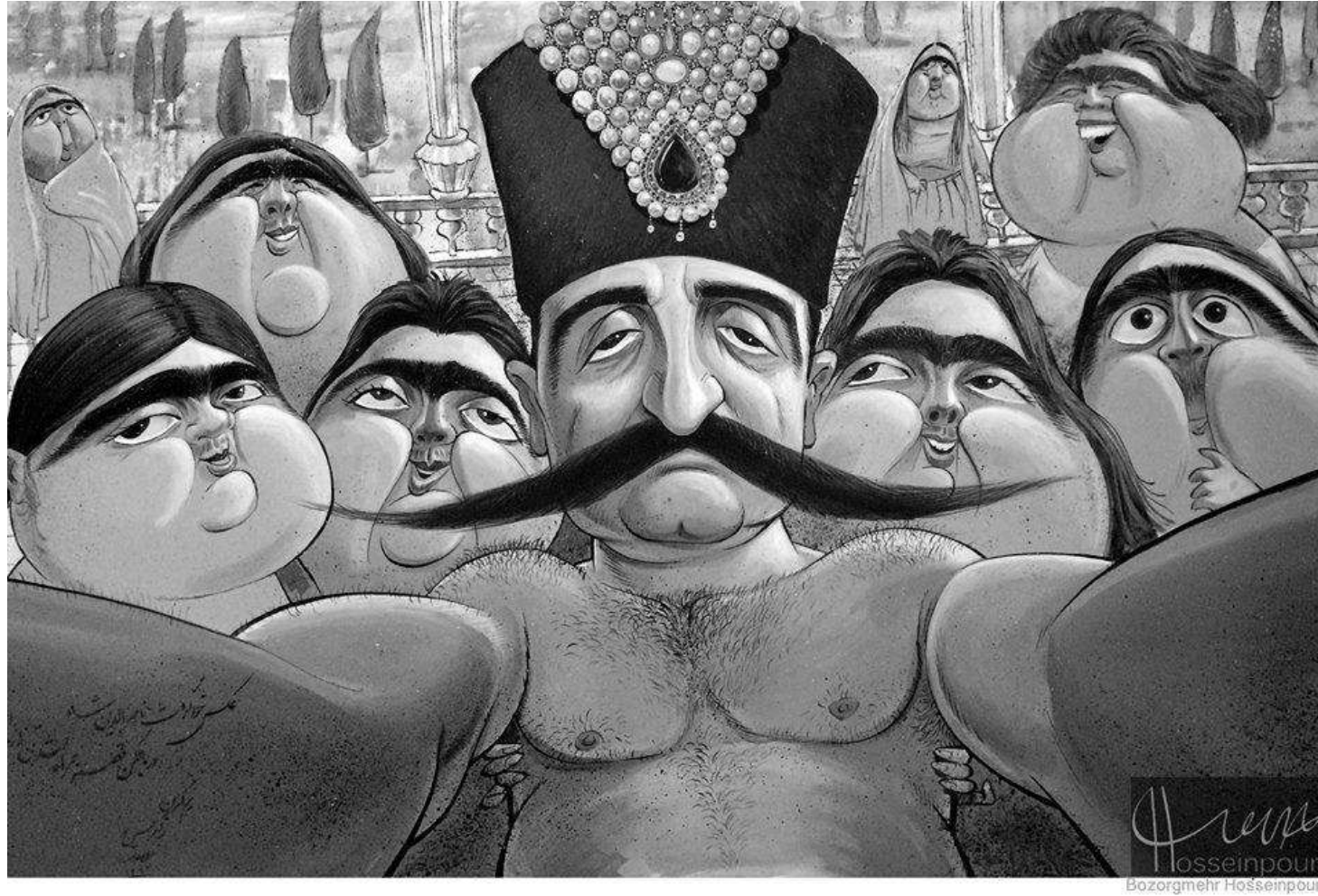
1907--Russians and British split Iran.



Nasir-al-Din Shah Qajar



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Iran and Oil



William D'Arcy.



1908—D'Arcy strikes oil at Masjid-i-Suleiman.



1908—D'Arcy builds a refinery at Abadan.





1909 Churchill sends British/Indian troops to occupy Khuzestan Province.



WWI: The Great War

France

German Empire

British Empire

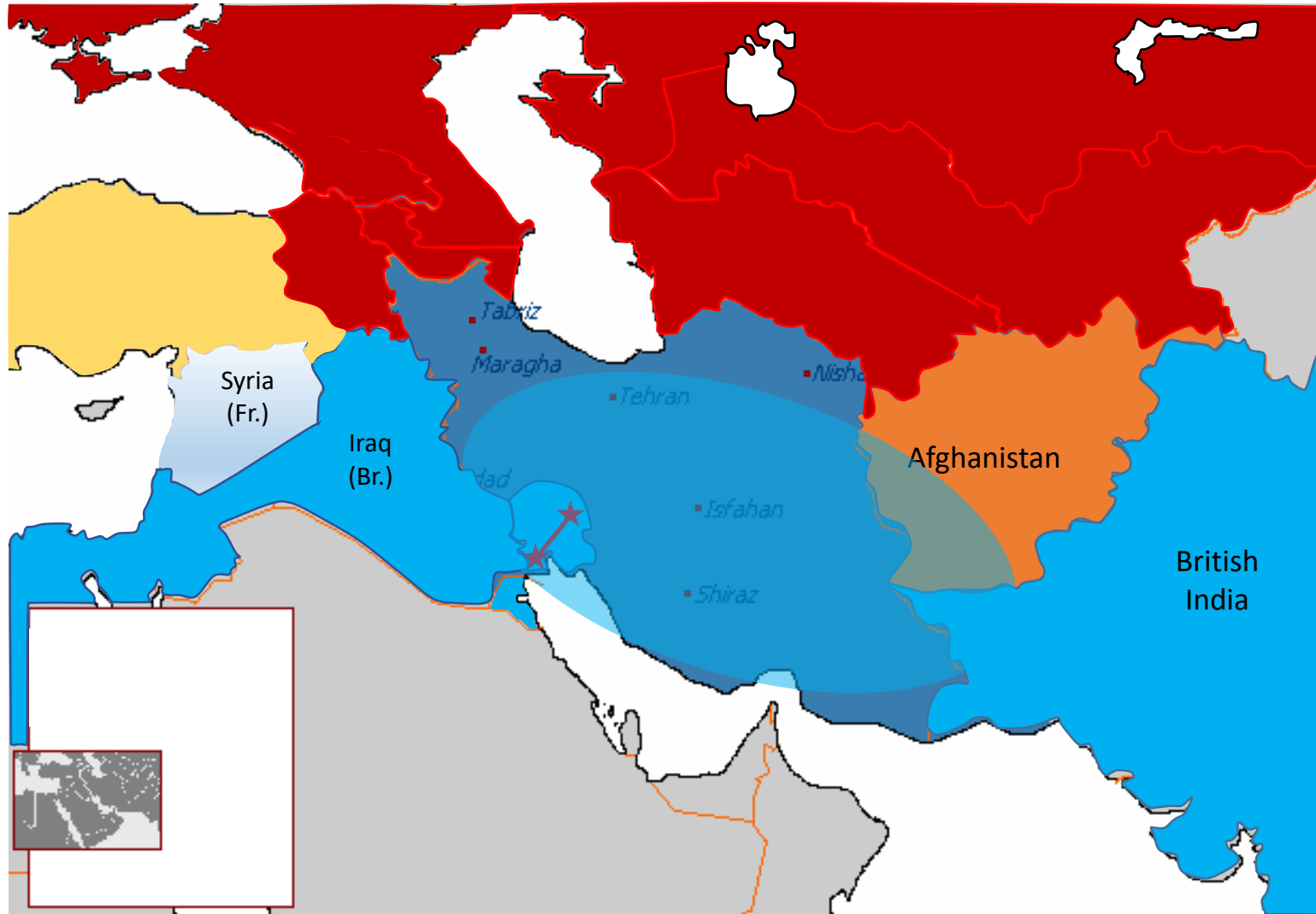
Austro-Hungarian Empire

Russian Empire

Ottoman Empire



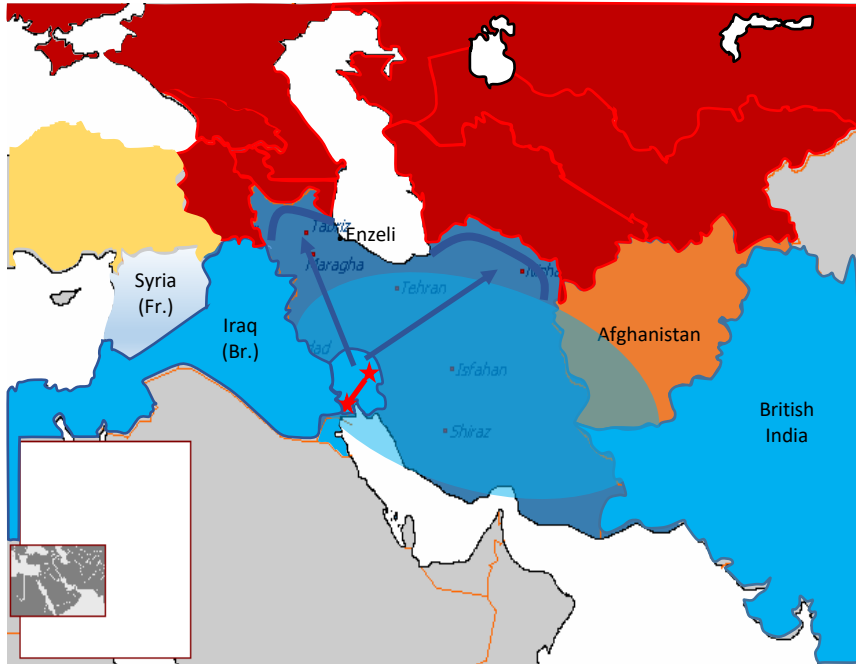
1915 Russians take over Armenia,
In preparation for attacking Ottoman Empire.



1919 WW I ends, Russians have withdrawn from Iran.
British and French divide the Ottoman Empire.

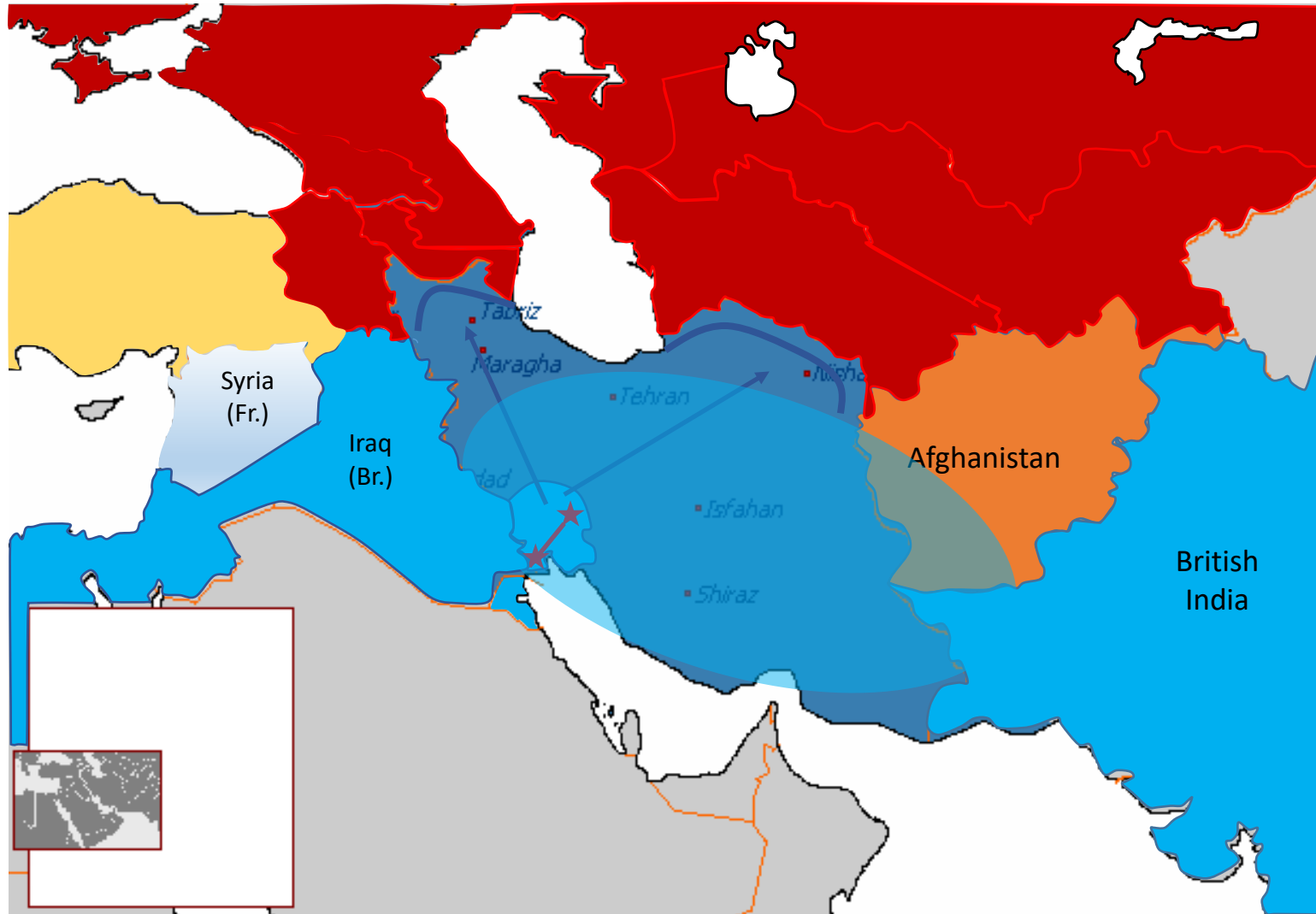


The Great Crescent

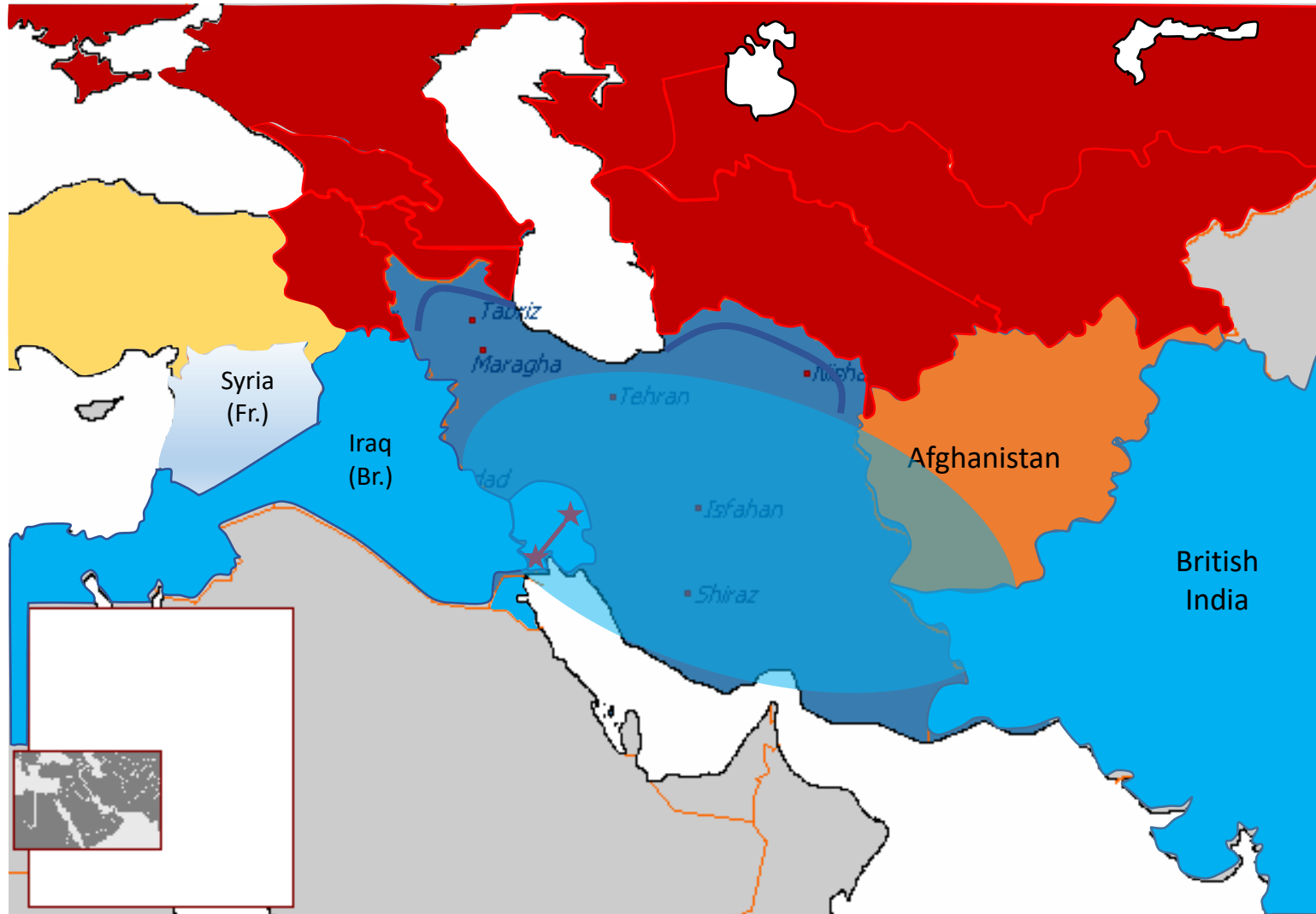


Anglo-Persian Agreement:

- British will protect Iran from the Russians
- British will build a railroad network in Iran
- British will administer Iran's finances
- British will take control of Iran's customs
- British will administer the Iranian military



1920 British have to defend Iran.



Colonel Reza Kahn given command of the northern Cossack Brigade at Tabriz.





Sadabaad Palace complex





Reza Shah Pahlavi's Palace



White Palace
(Palace of Muhammad Shah Pahlavi)



Reception Hall in White Palace



Sitting room in White Palace



Grand Dining Hall in White Palace



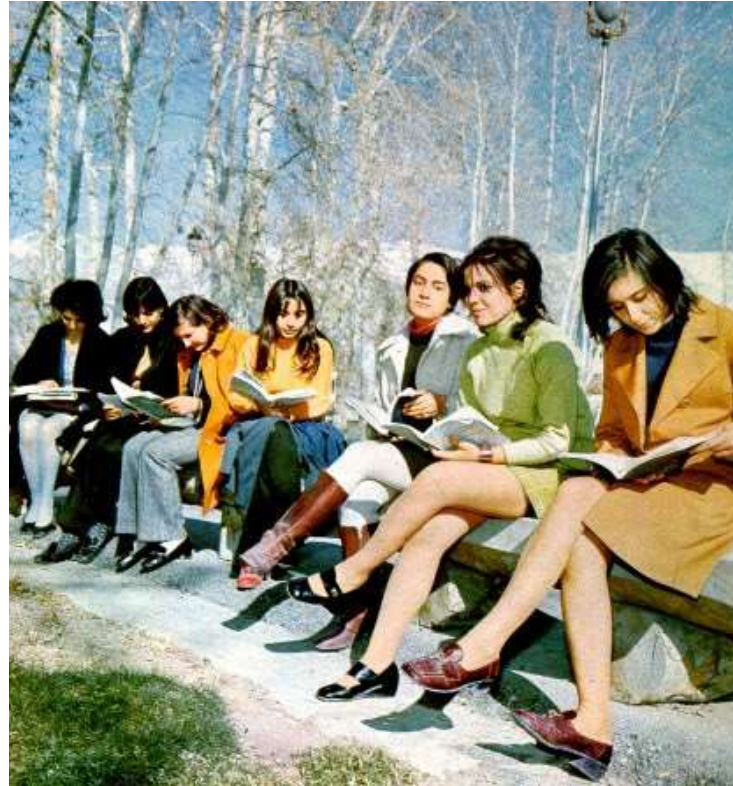
The royal kitchen



Pahlavi (Valiasr) Street, Tehran



Republic of Turkey



University of Tehran students, 1970

World War II



WW II: Reza Shah Pahlavi declares Iran neutral.



August, 1941 British and Russian forces again occupy Iran.



British and Russians force Reza Shah Pahlavi to abdicate in favor of his son, 21-year old Muhammad Shah Pahlavi.



Allied railroad route in Iran during World War II



Allied supply convoy in Iran during World War II



Red Army supply train in Iran during World War II



Qazi Muhammad



Jafar Pishevari

1945 Russians help establish the Azerbaijani People's Republic and the Kurdish Mahabad Republic.

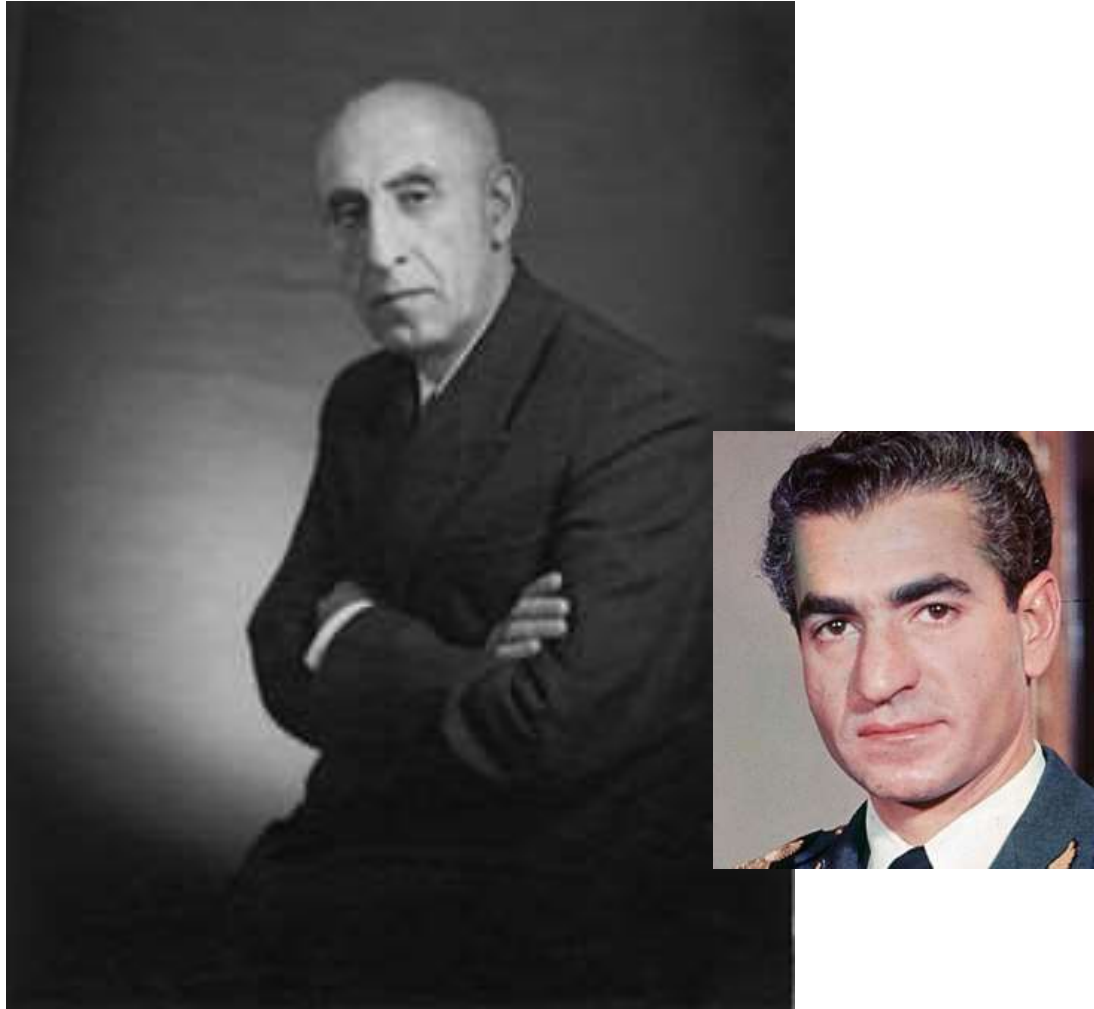
The Mossadegh Affair







Iranian Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh



Shah endorses Mossadegh's plan



HMS Mauritius



Dr. Mohammad Mosaddeq



Kermit Roosevelt





Overthrow of PM Mosaddeq and the Iranian Parliament, August 19, 1953



SAVAK



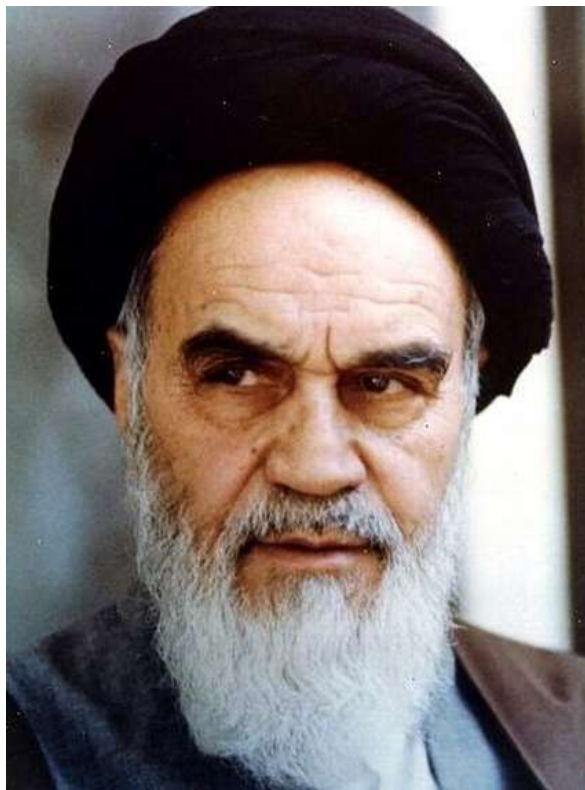
Evin Prison, aka "Hotel Evin," Tehran



SAVAK execution of anti-Shah Tudeh communists



Mohammad Shah Pahlavi



Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini



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