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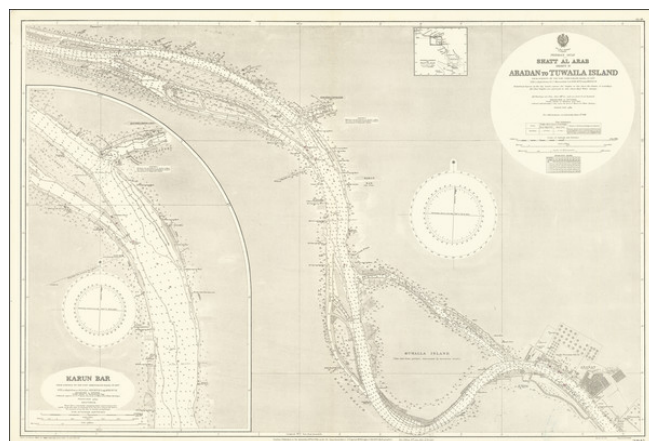
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Shatt Al Arab Sheet IV Abadan to Tuwaila Island From Surveys By The Port Directorate, Basra, To 1937

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Description:

The Largest Oil Refinery In The World

Detailed map of a section of the Karun River, on the Iran-Iraq Border, published by the British Admiralty.

The map extends to Abadan and the complex of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, which includes offices, bungalows, a hospital, docks, and other details. Opposite the town of Abadan, there is a Seaman's Institute, School, Central Stores and other signs of Britain's presence.

To the west, Sheikh Mustafa's House appears opposite Gatah Island and Muhalla Island.

The inset map shows Karun Run, including the area upriver from Khorramshahr, with another Anglo-Persian Oil Company installation, Dry Dock, Customs House, Quarantine Station and British Consulate. On the south side of Um Al Rasas Island, another Customs House, Cable House (Old Turkish Police Station), and Mubarrak House are located.

Abadan

In 1847, Persia acquired Abadan from the Ottoman Empire. From the 17th century onward, the island of Abadan was part of the lands of the Arab Ka'ab (Bani Kaab) tribe. One section of the tribe, Mohaysen, had its headquarters at Mohammara (now Khorramshahr), until the removal of Shaikh Khaz'al Khan in 1924.

On July 16, 1909, after secret negotiation with the British consul, Percy Cox, Sheik Khaz'al agreed to a rental agreement for the island, including Abadan. The Sheik continued to administer the island until



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1924.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company built their first pipeline terminus oil refinery in Abadan, starting in 1909 and completing it in 1912, with oil flowing by August 1912. Refinery throughput numbers rose from 33,000 tons in 1912-1913 to 4,338,000 tons in 1931. By 1938, it was the largest in the world.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company had been renamed the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company in 1935 (not reflected on the map), and in 1954 it was renamed the British Petroleum Company.

This update of the chart was issued during World War II when the nascent Middle East oil fields took on heightened geopolitical importance. The map was issued after the Anglo-Iraqi War of 1941.

Detailed Condition: