

GLOSSARY OF ARABIC TERMS

(Note: the Arabic participles "al", "el", "er", "et", are equivalent to the English "the", and change their endings according to the word they are prefixed to.)

- 'ABAIEH: a thick cloak
A'DJAM: saints who shared attributes with demons
AHMADIYEH: forbearing
'AHWASH (sing. hosh): courtyards
'AID (also 'eid): feast
'AIN: spring
'ALALI (sing. 'allieh): elevated room used by wealthier peasants for sleeping and for receiving guests
'AMUMIEH (also 'UMUMIEH): communal; public
'AQD: roof
ARKAN: pillars
'ARUSE: bride
'ATABEH (pl. 'atabat): threshold
'AUNEH: communal help in house construction or harvesting
'AWLIA: saints
- BALAD: village or town
BAFTEH: white cloth
BANAT (sing. bint): girls
BANNA (pl. bannaieh): builder
BARAKEH: blessing
BED (also badd): olive press made out of stone
BEIT (pl. buyut): house
BEIT ESH-SHA'R: goat hair tents (bedouin)
BIADER (sing. baydar): threshing floor
BIR: cistern
BUR: uncultivable land
- DAKKAK (pl. dakkakin): stone dressers
DAR (pl. door, dur): house; sub-clan
DAWAWIN: see diwan
DIWAN (also liwan): men's reception room