Adventures of a Footloose Librarian in Iraq

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Entrance to my hotel
Basra International Hotel (ex Sheraton)
The only ATM machine I ever saw in Basra
Tea in the Lobby
View of Hotel from the Street
Shatt al-Arab
Fish and Fruit Souq
The Lion of Babylon
Basraland
Badr Shakir al-Sayyab
Masgoof Fish - An Iraqi Specialty
Headquarters of the Union of Basra Writers
Shanashil
Historic Shanashil
American culture is everywhere
Formalities Begin
Mixed classes
My opening lecture
Some faculty actually paying attention
With Library School faculty that had been with us in Jordan and the UAE
At the American Corner
Still mostly card catalogs...
Center for Basra Studies
Exhibition of Basra Culture
Eating Tashreeeb
The new College of Arts building
More formalities
Farazdaq Hall where I gave most lectures
The new student cafeteria
The Dept of Library Science
The electricity was actually working one day...
Evening sheeshah with my bodyguard
Who is actually a library school student!
A visit to the Iranian Studies Center at Basra University
Dinner at a Library Science Professor’s Home
Lecture at the American Corner
They love their photo opportunities
The Arabian Gulf Studies Center
Basra University Digital Library Project
Photo Opportunity with the Digital Library Staff
“Quality” is something talked about everywhere...
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