## THE TRAGEDY OF THE MIDDLE EAST

**BARRY RUBIN** 



## CONTENTS

	Preface	<i>page</i> viii
I	The Triumph of the "Old Middle East"	I
2	Paradigm Lost	33
3	The Regime's Success, the Nation's Disaster	70
4	Syria: The Test Case for Reform	97
5	Iran: The People versus the Will of God?	117
6	Force and Violence in Middle Eastern Politics	138
7	The Battle for the Soul of Islam	168
8	The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Foundation Stone or Millstone?	193
9	The Truth about U.S. Middle Eastern Policy	227
10	The Uncivil Society and the Wall of Lies	258
	Index	28т