

NOTES AND COMMUNICATIONS

ARABIC LITERATURE OF AFRICA (ALA): VOLUMES PUBLISHED IN 2003

Eight years after the last publication of an ALA volume—ALA II on the Writings of Central Sudanic Africa—two more volumes have just come out, from Brill of Leiden:

Volume 3, Fascicle A, *The Writings of the Muslim Peoples of Northeastern Africa*, compiled by R.S. O’Fahey, 174 pp., published in March 2003.

Volume 4, *The Writings of Western Sudanic Africa*, compiled by John O. Hunwick, 814 pp., published in May 2003.

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More volumes are still being planned:

Volume 5: *Writings of the Sudan in the Twentieth Century*

Volume 6: *Writings of the Western Sahara*

Volume 7: *Hausa and Fulfulde Writings of Central Sudanic Africa*

It is not clear when any of these volumes will be ready for publication, but hopefully at various times of the coming ten or fifteen years.

Ulrich Rebstock has volunteered to assist with compilation of volume 6. It is to be hoped that volume 7 will be prepared by Hamidu Bobboyi and Muhammad Sani Umar.