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Lambert conformal conic projection; standard parallels 17° and 33°

Indicated positions of boundary lines not demarcated on the ground are not necessarily definitive

اتجاهات جيولوجية مختلفة
خريطة رقم I-202 A
MISCELLANEOUS GEOLOGIC INVESTIGATIONS
MAP I-202 A

القسم الجيولوجي — GEOLOGIC EXPLANATION

Symbols queried where identification doubtful

الزمن الرباعي		Qes	**Eolian sand** — *See legend for description of sand terrain types*
		Qs / Qg	**Silt and gravel** — *Silt and associated fine sediments including caliche-like and gypsiferous deposits in undrained depressions, Qs; lag and other gravels of local origin, commonly the lag from originally extensive gravel sheets and trains, Qg; unconsolidated surficial deposits of silt, sand, and gravel may include unrecognized equivalents of other units of Quaternary age, Qu*
		Qg	**Gravel** — *Quartz gravel as sheets and trains with varying proportions of limestone and basement-complex pebbles; probably for the most part near its original relative elevation, Qg_2, shown as Qg_1 in eastern and northwestern parts of map where it discontinuously overlies Tsm. The Aṣ Ṣāḥn gravel plain in northwestern part of map includes basalt pebbles probably derived from the 'Amūd lavas in the Jauf-Sakākah and Wādī as Sirḥān quadrangles, and fairly abundant chert; may, in part, be of Tsm age*
	QUATERNARY	Qdc	**Calcareous duricrust** — *Discontinuous mantle of red, brown, gray, tan, and yellow, usually hard, sandy limestone; commonly contains imbedded fragments of underlying rocks; varies in thickness from a few centimeters to 3 or 4 meters. Coarse-fronted quartz sand grains are usually present, also a few fresh water mollusks. In many places the resistant duricrust carapace masks underlying rocks and, where extensive, hides underlying structure. Other occurrences: Qdc_1, smooth surfaces of duricrust gravel; Qdc_2, smooth surfaces of Qdc_1 mixed with other limestone, chert, and basement-complex gravel. Relict, dendritic pattern (see map legend) in the Al Hoḍḥāḍ area and northwest consists of elevated drainage and tributary channels capped by resistant, varying thickness of duricrust separated by numerous, small, low, closed, interchannel siltfloored deflation hollows. The remnant duricrust-capped ridges occur predominantly on Umm er Radhuma formation rocks; northwestward, to a lesser extent, on Aruma formation rocks*
		Tsm / Tsm ch	**Sandstone, marl, and limestone** — *Red, brown, and gray marly to calcareous sandstone, sandy marl with minor red sandy shale, siltstone and claystone, and sandy limestone; undifferentiated lateral equivalents of the Hofuf, Dam, and Hadrukh formations of the Northern Tuwaiq and Western Persian Gulf quadrangles. Individual beds are in part lenticular and discontinuous over wide areas; quartz conglomerate or sandstone usually occurs at base. In eastern part of map Tsm is discontinuously overlain by duricrust, Qdc_1, in places, not mapped. Tsm is partially masked by Aṣ Ṣāḥn-type gravel, Qg_2. South of Aṣ Ṣafrī, Tsm discontinuously overlies Umm er Radhuma formation, Tu. Chert concentrations, ch, in northern part of map*
	TERTIARY — Miocene and Pliocene		
		Tu / Tu ch	**Umm er Radhuma formation** — *Cream, tan, and gray limestone and fossiliferous limestone, dolomitic limestone, and dolomite; dark gray to black chert zones at many levels; local, thin calcarenite and siliceous beds, and fairly common, coarse, yellow calcite crystals. Chert concentrations, ch, in northern part of map; smaller occurrences not shown; partially silicified ridges, sr, on western part of map; smaller occurrences not shown*
	Paleocene and Eocene		
		Ka / Ka sr	**Aruma formation** — *Light-gray, tan and buff, locally fossiliferous limestone with interbedded marly limestone and marly dolomite; chalky limestone, dolomitic marl, and yellowish-brown shale in upper part. Siliceous beds and calcite-quartz geodal zones locally at several levels; prominent coral zone in upper part. Chert concentrations, ch, in northern part of map; smaller occurrences not shown. Partially silicified ridges, sr, on western part of map; smaller occurrences not shown. Of Campanian (?) and Maestrichtian age*
	Upper Cretaceous — CRETACEOUS		
		Kw	**Wasi'a formation** — *Gray, white, and brown, commonly purple stained, crossbedded sandstone with dispersed quartz pebbles; abundant ironstone pellets and concretions at several levels; blue-gray, and yellow silty-sandy shale interbedded in upper part. A distinctive marine golden-tan limestone and dolomite unit of Campanian age wedges out southeast of Darb Zubaydah*
	Lower Jurassic — JURASSIC	Jm	**Marrat formation** — *Golden-brown to tan limestone and tan to brown sandstone*
	TRIASSIC OR JURASSIC	J'lm	**Minjur sandstone** — *Light-gray, white, reddish-brown, yellow and purple stained sandstone with thin interbedded siltstone, shale, and yellowish-brown to reddish-brown sandy limestone*
	TRIASSIC	Tkj	**Jilh formation** — *Cream to tan oolite and impure limestone with minor red to gray friable sandstone interbedded with silty shale*
	PERMIAN	Pk	**Khuff formation** — *Gray and cream limestone, cream oolite, and red crystalline limestone; identification doubtful due to masking by surficial cover*
	DEVONIAN	Dj	**Jauf formation** — *White to yellow stained crossbedded sandstone thinly capped by gray-brown and reddish-brown sandy, fossiliferous limestone; locally oolitic*
	ORDOVICIAN, SILURIAN AND DEVONIAN	DSOt	**Tabuk formation** — *Gray, brown, and varicolored, locally crossbedded, slightly gypsiferous sandstone interbedded with gray, greenish-gray, and tan, locally gypsiferous and micaceous, silty shale*
			Geologic contact — *Dashed where approximately located; short dashed where indefinite*

MAP LEGEND

POPULATED PLACES
- City or town
- Village
- Village, name not given
- Fort, usually ruins

TRANSPORTATION
- Railroad with station
- Major road, unpaved
- Secondary road
- Road of questionable permanency
- Trail
- Landing field

HYDROGRAPHIC FEATURES
Only isolated wells are shown
- Dug well
- Drilled water well
- Spring
- Birkah, usually ruins
- Dahl *(see glossary)*
- Intermittent stream
- Swamp
- Khabrā' and wādī floor

HYPSOGRAPHIC FEATURES
- Generalized relief
- Relict drainage in bas-relief resulting from deflation
- Sand
  Dense stipple represents mobile sand cover consisting primarily of dunes, linear ridges, and other individual sand forms, that are shown where map scale permits; moderately dense stipple represents more stabilized continuous sand cover; open stipple represents discontinuous sand cover.
- Types of sand terrain
  Transverse. *Predominantly simple and compound barchan dunes in areas of more mobile sand, and/or simple rounded ridges, both oriented transverse to the prevailing wind direction.*
  Longitudinal. *Primarily dikdikh and various types of undulating sand sheets, in general characterized by elongation of the individual topographic forms parallel to the prevailing wind direction, often partially stabilized by sparse vegetation.*
  'Urūq. *Various forms of long, nearly parallel, sharp crested narrow sand ridges and dune chains separated by broad sand valleys usually including elements of type I and terrain. These are the resultant of a system of two dominant wind directions and are identical to the sayf dunes of North Africa.*
  "Sand mountains." *Dominated by large and massifs commonly the order of 50 to 300 meters above the substratum, often with superimposed dune patterns consisting of various types of complex barchans. Common forms are giant barchans spanning several kilometers from horn to horn; giant bisigmoidal and pyramidal sand peaks as well as other less common peak forms; and giant oval to elongate sand mounds.*

MISCELLANEOUS FEATURES
- Oil pipeline with pumping station
- Kilometer post
  Measured from Al Qaṭṭāmah
- Spot elevation
- Border survey triangulation station
- Ruins
- International boundary

إيضاحات — GLOSSARY

'Ayn	Spring, solution pit, or well
Bi'r	Dug well
Birkah(t); diminutive, buraykah(t)	Cistern
Dahl	Deep sink hole or solution cavity
Darb; diminutive, durayb	Road or trail
Faydah(t); pl.: Fiyāḍ	Closed basin with firm, flat, vegetation-covered mud surface, occasionally rocky and sandy
Hadhūl; pl., Hadhāl	Sha' īb including inverted drainage channels
'Irq; pl.; 'Urūq	Long linear sand ridge
Jabal	Hill or mountain
Jāl	Rocky escarpment, low cliff, or side of a valley
Jaww	Pronounced sandy-bottomed depression or basin with gentle slopes
Khabb	Hollow between dunes or 'irqs
Khabrā'	Closed basin with firm, flat mud and silt surface, commonly barren and lacking vegetation
Khashm	Headland or promontory along a cliff or mountain front
Khawr	Salty or brackish well; saline bay or inlet
Maḥaṭṭah(t)	Railroad station
Nafūd, (Nefud)	Large area of sand dunes
Nahr	Stream, river
Nāẓiyah(t); pl., Nawāẓi	dune
Qal'ah(t)	Fort
Qalīb; pl., Qulbān	Well, spring
Qārah(t)	Hill
Qaṣr	Fort, palace, or castle
Rijlah(t)	Stream, wādī
Rujm , Rijm	Rock, cairn
Sabkhah(t)	Silt, clay, and sand flats often with saline incrustations
Ṣaḥrā'	Desert
Sha'īb, Shi'b	Same as wādī
Shaṭṭ	Stream, distributary
Sawb , Sayb	Small sha'īb
Tall(i); plural of Tall	Hill, mound
Wādī	Valley or dry water course

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